

Aid for Trade

Towards a new work programme

2014-2015



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Overview

- Bali Decision on Aid for Trade
- Members' statements (4th Global Review and Bali Ministerial)
- Ideas emerging from discussions



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Bali Decision

- “We welcome progress on Aid for Trade and take note of the deliberations and outcomes of the 4th Global Review of Aid for Trade held on 8-10 July 2013. We recognize the continuing need of Aid for Trade for developing countries, and in particular of LDCs.”
- “We reaffirm our commitment to Aid for Trade and reiterate the mandate given to the Director- General to pursue actions in support of Aid for Trade. The new Aid-for-Trade Work Programme should be framed by the post-2015 development agenda”.



Members' statements

4th Global Review – 41 statements closing plenary (many group statements).

9th Ministerial Conference*

- 18 Ministers cited AfT by name (predominantly LDCs, mentioned together with EIF)
- 57 Ministers cited assistance and capacity building (mostly in trade facilitation context)

*Written statements received



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Issues arising – 4th Global Review

Suggested areas of focus		
Renew mandate in Bali	Post-2015 agenda link	Engage South-South partners more
Target support on LDCs	Focus on business & investment climate	Sustainable development
2 suggested LDC targets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one-third of all AFT 80% in grant form 	Use aid to catalyze investment	Infrastructure development
Supporting EIF role	Engagement of private sector	Regional dimension
Support for graduating LDCs	Follow-up work on value chains	Monitoring - flows
Other categories of Members – SVEs, LLDCs/SIDS	Focus on issue of value addition	Measuring results
Link to cotton	Focus on services	Holistic approaches



Issues arising – MC9

Suggested areas of focus	
Support TF implementation	AfT for accession
Overviews of TF assistance and pledges of support	GVCs – environmental goods and climate mitigation
Strengthen AfT	Infrastructure development
Reinforce and extend EIF beyond 2015 - LDCs	
Caricom Regional AfT strategy	
AfT for economic diversification	
Support intra-african trade	



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Context for new work programme

- Implementation of Bali Package
- Post-2015 development agenda
- Further work on connecting to value chains
- Regional strategies/work – AFTA, Caricom etc
- Evaluations (AfT strategies, EIF, ITC etc)

Value added by AfT initiative

- Advocacy: resource mobilization, mainstreaming, national and regional strategies
- M&E: flows, mainstreaming, results
- Promoting dialogue between trade & development communities – private sector development
- Outreach activities – MDBs, UN, G-20, RECs, private sector, academia, civil society
- Forum for discussion

New Work Programme - Suggestions from discussions

- **CTD AfT sessions**
- **Workshops**
- **Outreach activities**
- **Monitoring and evaluation exercise**
- **Biennial Global Review Cycle – July 2015**
- **Working title: "Reducing trade costs for inclusive, sustainable growth"**