

Key elements of OECD and WTO road map on Aid for Trade

OECD-WTO Monitoring

Spring– summer 2008

1. Design and consult on the Questionnaires
 - Update donor and (especially) partner-country questionnaires.
 - Explore ways of increasing partner-country involvement (including by raising awareness, streamlining surveys and improving incentives).
2. Benchmarking Indicators
 - Development of independent indicators to benchmark progress in building trade capacity
 - Hold an Expert Symposium on Evaluation.
3. Complementary activities
 - Examine how WTO Trade Policy Reviews could be further adapted to Aid-for-Trade monitoring, building on existing work.
 - Establish an Aid-for-Trade "knowledge network" – i.e., using information technologies to establish contact points, highlight activities, share best practices, etc.

Fall-Winter 2008: Dissemination and Data Collection

- Send questionnaires in September with a December deadline for answers
- Collect data on global aid for trade flows and on trade capacity

Winter 2009

- Process data and prepare monitoring report for the Global Review on Aid for Trade

Spring 2009

- 2nd WTO Global Review on Aid for Trade, Geneva

WTO: National and Sub-regional Reviews - 2008-2009

- WTO and relevant partners (regional development banks, national governments and regional institutions) to hold a series of selected National and Sub-Regional Aid-for-Trade Reviews in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Asia and the Pacific. These Reviews would be focused, technical, and results-oriented, with the aim of assisting in advancing – and then monitoring – the implementation of concrete national and sub-regional strategies. The results would be profiled at the next Global Review.
- Encourage early establishment of Regional Aid-for-Trade Networks – comprised of key stakeholders (RDBs, OECD, World Bank, UN economic commissions, WTO, lead donors, etc.) – as recommended by last year's regional reviews, to assist countries and sub-regional in identifying priorities, drawing up plans and mobilizing resources

OECD: Global Forum on Aid for Trade – November 2008, Paris

- The conference will bring together policymakers and academics to discuss the 'why and what' of the steps that the development community can take to enhance the developing economies' supply-side capacities and infrastructure so as to better exploit the opportunities created by the integrating world economy. Issues for discussion will include the impact of trade on growth and poverty reduction, how to design and implement aid for trade programmes, the value of south-south cooperation and evaluation challenges.