

POLICY DIALOGUE ON POST-WTO ACCESSION IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY/ROAD-MAP

Module VI: Wrap up: Post-Accession Support

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EIF: From Phase One to Phase Two

EIF Trade for LDC Development Phase One 2008-2015

- *Relevance and solid results; strong performance in setting trade priorities, mainstreaming trade and building trade policy and institutional capacity*
- *Challenges: in some countries in-country capacity to implement trade policies still insufficient; modality of capacity building not always effective; not yet LDC wide effective donor coordination & sufficient resource mobilization; need for flexibility and simplification of processes.*

Adjustments for EIF Phase Two 2016 2022

- *Increased flexibility and simplification of process*
- *Focus on leveraging; tailor made approach to donor coordination*
- *Wider coverage for trade policy capacity building including private sector, regional trade and GVCs*



WHAT DOES THE EIF WANT TO ACHIEVE?

Result/outcome (1) EIF countries own and implement a trade agenda conducive to sustainable pro-poor growth

Result/outcome (2) EIF countries increase their competitiveness and presence in international markets



HOW DOES THE EIF WORK?

1. FRAMEWORK: link up EIF countries with

- *Aid for Trade and related initiatives (e.g. eTrade for All, UN Cluster, Trade Facilitation facility, STDF) and*
- *initiatives that are relevant for trade (e.g. agriculture, telecoms)*

2. FUNDING: Trust Fund for

- *diagnostics, institutional and productive capacity building & project preparation*
- *direct funding and blending/leveraging.*



EIF PARTNERSHIP

1. **LDCs:** 40+ Owners & Beneficiaries
2. **DONORS:** 24 EIF donors (current)
3. **AGENCIES:** Specialized expertise & limited own funding (**IMF, ITC, UNCTAD, UNDP, World Bank WTO; UNIDO, UNWTO; STDF, FAO, ESCAP...**)

Aid for Trade (AfT; resources) -> Trade related Technical Assistance (TRTA, 'software') & infrastructure, inputs, etc. ('hardware').

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EIF countries increase their competitiveness and presence in international markets

Output	Activities
Support producers/traders, particularly women/youth to participate in EIF CB initiatives	Awareness and outreach, training, skills development,
Support EIF countries to boost productive capacities and access international markets	Training on best practices in value chains (particularly for MSMEs); technology transfer and adaption; infrastructure, inputs
Support EIF countries to leverage additional funding	Outreach, consultations,



AFGHANISTAN POST-ACCESSION

WTO /ITTC, partners: Specific to agreements
Others: Often part of a larger AfT/TRTA project, link to IPoA (LDCs), SDGs (universal).

Partner/ Agency	Activities
EU/ITC	Post-Accession as part of 'Trade related assistance for Afghanistan''
USAID	TBC
EIF/Gov & TBD	Post-Accession as part of EIF project; mainstreaming?strengthening MOCI?
Other (existing)	?
Others (possible; demand essential)	

FOLLOWING BEST PRACTICES FOR POST ACCESSION

- Post Accession Forum Breakfast: UNTAD/WTO, Afghanistan & Liberia, others (China, ITC, EIF) + other interventions (donors, agencies, TBD)
- WTO publication on best practices
- Take away from presentations by Lao PDR and China:
- Top level leadership and clear political will
- ***Keeping the reform momentum***
- ***Keep accessions negotiators involved***
- ***Strengthen***