

**INFORMAL REPORT BY THE WTO SECRETARIAT TO THE AID-FOR-TRADE SESSION OF THE
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THE AID-FOR-TRADE INITIATIVE

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Frans Lammersen, Principal Administrator, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD, highlighted 10 years of significant achievements of the Aid-for-Trade Initiative. Noting the effectiveness of Aid for Trade in general and regional programs in particular, he suggested possible areas for future work. The Aid-for-Trade work program should continue to break down silos between the trade and development communities. As such, he suggested that future efforts focus on improving connectivity, driving down trade costs to help the poor connect to markets, and boosting sustainable investment to help deliver on the SDGs.

All in all, the Workshop was very informative. It provided participants a solid overview of the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Agenda as well as food for thought on possible areas for future work in Aid for Trade.