

Foreword

This report is published in the context of the joint OECD-WTO Aid for Trade Monitoring and Evaluation exercise, which underpins the WTO's 8th Global Review of Aid for Trade on “Empowering Connected, Sustainable Trade” (July 2022). This is the eighth volume of the *Aid for Trade at a Glance* series.

The Monitoring and Evaluation exercise relies on both quantitative and qualitative data. Qualitative information is primarily derived from the 2021 joint WTO-OECD surveys of donors, partner countries, South-South partners and Regional Economic Corridors. Responses are analysed in detail in the companion publication of the WTO, *Aid for Trade Global Review*. The quantitative data is primarily extracted from the OECD Creditor Reporting System (CRS) database, an internationally recognised source of data on official development assistance (ODA) and other official flows (OOF) to developing countries.

This report focuses on the evolution of Aid for Trade disbursements and commitments to developing countries since the inception of the initiative in 2006, with a focus on the period 2018-2020. It thus complements and updates the previous edition of *Aid for Trade at a Glance*, which covered flows up to 2017. The period covered in this report was marked by the COVID-19 pandemic, which significantly affected international trade, investment and development co-operation. The report provides the first statistical update of Aid for Trade flows for the year 2020, shedding light on the impact of the crisis, and how it relates to the overall themes of the 2022 Global Review.

Chapter one presents key facts and figures. Chapter two sets the scene and analyses the evolution of Aid for Trade flows during the COVID-19 pandemic. It highlights how Aid for Trade was affected, and how it was used to respond to the crisis. Chapter three explores the role of Aid for Trade over the period against the key themes of the 2022 Global Review: the environmental transition, digital connectivity and women's economic empowerment. It provides an update on Aid for Trade flows targeting these areas in the broader context of the COVID-19 recovery, and assesses its potential role in preparing for future challenges. Chapter 4 provides 53 recipient country profiles with key figures. Finally, Annex A presents a statistical note, while Annex B provides detailed and disaggregated statistics on global Aid for Trade flows.

Acronyms and abbreviations

AAAA	Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development
AfCFTA	African Continental Free Trade Area
AfDB	African Development Bank
AFESD	Arab Fund for Economic & Social Development
AsDB	Asian Development Bank
AU	African Union
BADEA	Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa
CABEI	Central American Bank for Economic Integration
CEB	Council of Europe Development Bank
CTD	Committee on Trade and Development
DAC	Development Assistance Committee
DPoA	Doha Programme of Action
EIF	Enhanced Integrated Framework
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FFSR	Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform
FTA	Free Trade Agreement
G20	Group of Twenty

GDP	Growth Domestic Product
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GVC	Global Value Chain
IADB	Inter-American Development Bank
ICT	Information and Communication Technologies
IDP	Informal Dialogue on Plastics Pollution
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IPCC	Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change
ITC	International Trade Centre
JSI	Joint Statement Initiative
LDC	Least-Developed Countries
LIC	Low-Income Countries
LMIC	Lower Middle-Income Countries
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MSME	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise
ODA	Official Development Assistance
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OFID	OPEC Fund for International Development
OOF	Other Official Flows
OSCE	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
REC	Regional Economic Corridor
RTA	Regional Trade Agreement
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
UMIC	Upper Middle-Income Countries
UN	United Nations

UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
UNESCWA	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
WEF	World Economic Forum
WTO	World Trade Organization

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