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’).
WHAT ACTIVITIES DOES THE EIF SUPPORT?

EIF countries own and implement a trade agenda conducive to sustainable pro-poor growth

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<td>Formulating trade agenda</td>
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<td>Mainstreaming trade agenda</td>
<td>Consultations (national, regional, international)</td>
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<td>Coordinated delivery of support to trade agenda</td>
<td>Outreach (multimedia)</td>
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<td>Resource mobilization to implement trade agenda</td>
<td>Training (national, regional international; including producing training material)</td>
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<td>Support producers/traders, particularly women/youth to participate in EIF CB initiatives</td>
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<td>Support EIF countries to boost productive capacities and access international markets</td>
<td>Training on best practices in value chains (particularly for MSMEs); technology transfer and adaption; infrastructure, inputs</td>
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<td>Support EIF countries to leverage additional funding</td>
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AFGHANISTAN POST-ACCESSION

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

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<td>USAID</td>
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<td>EIF/Gov &amp; TBD</td>
<td>Post-Accession as part of EIF project; mainstreaming?strengthening MOCI?</td>
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<td>Others (possible; demand essential)</td>
<td>By: NL, ADB, BMZ; GIZ; ESCAP, IDEAS, ACWL, STDF, others</td>
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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 internal coordination
  - Strengthening Geneva for active participation in WTO
  - Pick focus areas (Trade facilitation, eCommerce, TRIPs?)