

**Consultation on World Bank Trade Strategy with  
African Caribbean Pacific (ACP) Sub Committee on Trade**

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**Comments/Questions**

- **Are we focusing on the right issues / Do we offer the right mix of activities?**
  - How will the Strategy approach the Green economy, which may raise trade standards?
  - The strategy will need to address demand side constraints alongside supply side constraints.
  
- **Is the World Bank Group playing the right role relative to other providers of aid for trade?**
  - Will the Bank through the strategy increase its financial package to support vulnerable economies?
  - ACP countries need more resources for aid for trade. Will the WB support that?
  
- **Opportunities for closer collaboration with partners?**
  - What efforts is the World Bank making to ensure coherence and avoidance of duplication vis-a-vis the respective forthcoming World Bank and EC Trade Strategies?
  - What relationship does the Bank have with the WTO?
  - Could the WB better advocate for Special and Differentiated Treatment at the WTO?
  - Could the WB help address some of the bottlenecks stalling progress in EPAs?  
These include:
    - Supporting ACP countries to import export taxes;

- Supporting ACP countries who may not want to grant MFN to other trading partners;
- Developing more development friendly rules of origin agreements with the EU.

➤ **How much to focus on supporting regional integration / Balance between global analysis and public goods (data, indicators) vs. engagement and implementation of country/regional programs?**

- The Strategy will need to focus on regions in the ACP but also on individual countries, as there is no homogeneity within regions. Very often there are about three different trade regimes operating in one region alone.