

Integrated Framework Window II project brief

Country:	Ethiopia	
Project title:	Institutional support for MTI & CC	
Project number(s):	Component 1:	00038865
Duration	2 years	
National counterpart:	Ministry of Trade and Industry	
Implementing agency:	Ministry of Trade and Industry	
Project summary:	<p>The project helps the Ministry of Trade and Industry to discharge its responsibility as overall coordinator for the implementation of the Action Plan and become the apex institution for trade development in Ethiopia. By the same token, some major partners among private sector organisations, such as the Chambers of Commerce, will play a significant role in terms of advocacy and trade support services.</p>	
Project strategy or results framework:	<p>Activities include:</p> <p>a) Preparation of a Master Plan for Capacity Building of all trade-related institutions. This will cover – among others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An analysis of trade capacity building needs for the CoCs¹; • The elaboration of a comprehensive support structure to strengthen the coordination function of the Ministry of Trade and Industry • Prepare an overview of other support activities and their linkages <p>b) Support to the creation of Trade Documentation and Information Centers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create and maintain databases related to the export potential of the country, incentive systems granted to exporters, rules and procedures for exports and imports of raw materials and components, and foreign trade statistics. • Provide trade policy analysis. • Offer and organise in a user-friendly database information and guidance to investors on investment opportunities, legal and regulatory frameworks, etc. • Provide information on international markets, including prices and regulations, behaviour of traditional and non-traditional products, international contacts. • Through web-sites and internet-based services, interact with Ethiopian embassies and commercial offices abroad, thus promoting exports and foreign investment. 	
Budget total:	US\$350,000	
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¹ It is one element of the overall Business Plan that the with private sector organisations (CoCs and Sectoral Associations) will prepare, summarising their vision, objectives and needs for support.