

## Integrated Framework Window II project brief

<b>Country:</b>	Malawi		
<b>Project title:</b>	Trade Policy Advisory Services and Capacity Building for Trade Integration to Min. of Commerce & Industry		
<b>Project number:</b>	00037784		
<b>Duration</b>	2 years		
<b>National counterpart:</b>	Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI)	Malawi Consolidated Chambers of Commerce and Industry	
<b>Implementing agency:</b>	Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI)		
<b>Project summary:</b>	<p>The principal objective of the programme is to build capacity for 1) trade policy analysis, formulation and implementation; 2) trade integration in key development strategies including the Malawi Poverty Reduction Strategy (MPRS) and the Economic Growth Strategy and 3) trade facilitation and negotiations. The main results of the programme include: 1) a comprehensive trade policy approach; 2) an increase in participation in regional and global economy; 3) increased competitiveness of Malawi in regional and global trade; and 4) increased industrial capacity utilization. Ultimately, the project will contribute to key outcomes of increasing employment opportunities for poverty reduction.</p>		
<b>Project strategy &amp; result framework:</b>	<p>The strategy of the project is to build capacity of the government and related institutions to deal with trade policy development and implementation, trade integration, facilitation and negotiations for the greater benefit of the economy and the business community.</p>		
	<b>Outputs:</b>	<b>Activities:</b>	
	1. Comprehensive trade policy approach	1. Comprehensive review of existing bilateral, regional and multi-lateral trade pacts 2. Solicit views on Malawi's priorities and interest in the area	
	2. Revised bilateral and regional trade policies.	1. Negotiations with regional and bilateral bodies 2. Preparation of new protocols	
	3. At 10 government personnel trained in various aspects of the trade including negotiation skills and structures of major trade organisations.	1. Conduct training needs assessments & carry out trained.	
	4. At 6 professionals in MCI equipped with analytical/research skills for policy analysis and formulation	1. Consult on the topics to be covered 2. Draft TOR for the analytical/research 3. Carry out trade policy impact assessments	
	5. A functioning trade policy unit in MCI	1. Provide transport for the focal point 2. Review the functions of the Planning Division 3. Establish a mechanism/system for effective December.	
	6. Website developed in MCI for information dissemination	1. Design webpage for trade information dissemination 2. Collect relevant information for the page	
<b>Budget total:</b>	US\$524,000		
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