



Summary

TITLE	Assist the Government of Tonga in the preparation of its first WTO Trade Policy Review
Applicant	Kingdom of Tonga
Duration of the Project	September – October 2013 (40 days)
Purpose of the action	The purpose of the project is to ensure that the Government of Tonga is fully equipped to carry out its first Trade Policy Review.
Expertise Required	<p>Two experts are required with a respective minimum of 10 or 7 years’ experience and advanced university degree in either economics or law. The experts’ specific skills should include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In depth knowledge on the WTO Trade Policy Review process, with practical experience preferably in small, vulnerable economies (SVE) and Recently Acceded Members (RAMs); - Considerable experience in reviewing, updating or drafting trade policies at the national and regional levels; - Conversant with the state of play on the WTO negotiations and their implications for SVEs/RAMs; -
Expected results	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government TPR report and official statement drafted and delivered; • The Government of Tonga is prepared to respond to questions/comments from WTO Members; • A short strategic opportunities paper identifying Tonga’s priority trade-related capacity-building needs;
Main activities	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial meetings with Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Ministry of Labour

	<p>Commerce, Industries and key stakeholders upon arrival in Tonga;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comprehensive desk review in collaboration with all identified stakeholders• Preparation of Government Report and Statement;• Preparation of a strategic paper identifying trade-related capacity gaps;• Finalization of Government Statement to be delivered by Head of Delegation;• Organisation of a validation workshop to present, discuss and disseminate the outputs of the assignment to all interested stakeholders in Tonga and the Pacific;• Technical advice on initial questions received from country delegations;• Input and background preparation to anticipate further questions from country delegations;
Estimated Budget	