



Turkey gives US\$1 million to help poorest countries trade out of poverty

The Republic of Turkey is actively supporting the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) programme by contributing US\$1 million to help the world's poorest countries make gains from global trade and provide a route out of poverty.

Turkey's contribution boosts the financial support provided by developed and developing countries to the EIF Trust Fund with current backing from 23 donors. The EIF is working in partnership with 47 Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to give them the tools and assistance needed to tackle supply-side constraints to trade, which will promote economic growth, sustainable development and bring greater prosperity to the wider population.

Turkey is also committed to supporting LDCs by hosting the Fourth United Nations Conference on LDCs (UN LDC-IV) in Istanbul in 2011. The UN LDC-IV Conference will also showcase some early results of the EIF programme and how to address existing challenges, giving the international community the opportunity to commit the additional support needed to build on the successes of the programme to date.

Turkey's Ambassador, H.E. Mr. Bozkurt Aran states, *"We believe that the capacity building activities such as EIF are crucially important for LDCs with a view to alleviating constraints impeding their supply side capabilities, including the weak trade related infrastructure. Turkey is committed to work closely with EIF partners to ensure the success of the EIF projects to this end."*

H.E. Dr. Mothae Anthony Maruping, the Chairman of the EIF Board, remarks, *"We greatly appreciate Turkey's timely and valuable support to the EIF Trust Fund and hope to see other donors backing this vital initiative. The significance of this noble gesture is that Turkey is a developing contributor to the EIF. We have already started to see the difference the programme is making on the ground, for example, in supporting the mango sector in Mali or sesame production in Central African Republic. With continued international backing, greater results can continue to be achieved worldwide."*

H.E. Mr. Darlington Mwape, the LDC Group Coordinator notes, *"On behalf of the LDC Group, I highly commend Turkey's support to the EIF Trust Fund, which comes at a time when the global economy is moving into the recovery phase. Turkey's contribution is therefore timely and critical to LDCs' active integration into the global trading system. LDCs now need to continue to show the results the programme is achieving on the ground so that the wider international community can follow Turkey's example and pledge support to the programme, and provide a better trading future for all LDCs."*

Ms. Dorothy Tembo, Executive Director of the EIF Secretariat, comments, *"I warmly welcome Turkey as a donor to the EIF Trust Fund and their leading role as hosts of next year's flagship UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries. I call on other development partners to follow their lead in delivering on earlier commitments. With this new assistance, more countries will be able to access support for catalyst priority trade projects that can bring in additional resources and pave the way for a sustainable future for the next generation."*



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Notes to editors:

1. The Enhanced Integrated Framework is a multi-donor programme that supports Least Developed Countries to be more active players in the global trading system by helping them tackle supply-side constraints to trade.
2. The programme is currently helping 47 of the poorest countries worldwide, supported by a Multi-Donor Trust Fund with contributions from 23 donors. 21 projects are already under way since 2009.
3. The Enhanced Integrated Framework Executive Secretariat, housed in the WTO, and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) as EIF Trust Fund Manager work in support of the programme.

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