



Summary

TITLE	ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOP THE FOREIGN TRADE POLICY PAPER FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
Applicant	Kenya - Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Duration of the Project	The intended commencement date is April 2011 and the period of implementation of the contract will be 4 months from this date
Objective of the action	<i>The overall objective</i> is to develop a Foreign Trade Policy strategy paper that will be the basis of establishing a strong foreign trade department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to handle all aspects of external trade relations.
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To ensure that Kenya plays a proactive role in foreign trade relations so as to achieve its projected sustained economic growth of 10% per annum and attain the status of middle income country by 2030 as outlined in economic blue print- Kenya Vision – 2030. - Better understanding of Ministry officials, and other stakeholders on the implications of the multilateral trading system of the WTO to the Kenyan economy - Prepare the Ministry officials to participate effectively in the Regional and multilateral trade relations.
Expertise Required	Two key experts are envisaged for this assignment: an expert on public reform with a bias on trade policy and a lawyer with substantial experience on WTO law. The two experts will be expected to produce an elaborate Foreign Trade Policy Paper that will form the basis of the new function (foreign trade) in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It will also form the basis of the development of the Foreign Service Regulations (Manual) on trade issues.
Expected results	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foreign trade policy strategy paper compatible with Kenya's commitments at regional and multilateral levels; - Establishment of the strong and effective foreign trade department that will administer and coordinate all aspects of Kenya's foreign trade relations including with Kenya's diplomatic missions abroad; - Redefined operations manual and mandate of Kenya's missions abroad in line with changing global trade and investment environment, and best practices; - Establishment of a coordination mechanism to ensure consistency in national positions at different negotiations fora, including adherence to coherent and timely responses; - Better coordination of Kenya's economic and foreign investments policies and relations with international treaties, conventions and agreements that have a bearing on trade; - Enhanced participation of Kenya's diplomats in promoting Kenya's trade and inflow of investment - Holding of a validation workshop to prepare the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to assume the new responsibility of foreign trade.

Main activities	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review the current trade policies applied by Kenya - Analyse policies and structures set up to implement such policies in the emerging economies; - Using the above as the basis, prepare an elaborate Foreign Trade Policy paper that would respond rapidly to the changing global trading environment. - Prepare a Manual for use by Kenya Missions abroad in promoting trade - Propose the structure that would be ideal to implement Kenya's foreign trade policy in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; - Propose a National Mechanism to coordinate foreign trade issues - Propose a programme, which Foreign Service Institute would use to continue training to equip negotiators with the relevant information and analytical papers on issues under consideration at the regional and multilateral level. - Conduct a three days Validation workshop to discuss and finalise on the above Policy documents. The workshop will also serve to analyse the impact of the WTO agreements to Kenya's economy. The assistance of the WTO secretariat will be sought to provide the history, law and policy of the WTO.
Budget	€ 200.000