
APPENDIX E2: ESTABLISHMENT OF TRADE DEPARTMENT

Director, Trade Department, PREM/DEC/WBI

Concurrent with the launch of the Doha Development Agenda, the Bank's trade work has grown dramatically in the last year, and trade was identified as one of the Bank's priorities at the Strategic Forum in January. At the same time, the Bank's work on trade at the center is dispersed across DEC, ESSD, PREM, and WBI. To improve our capacity to respond to the growing demand for Bank services on trade and to manage more effectively the expanded resources in this area, we have decided to create a Trade Department.

The Trade Department, headed by a Director for Trade, will provide a single venue for accountability for trade-related work. This work will include global advocacy on trade-related development issues based on research findings, support to the Regions on trade strategies at the regional and country levels and on trade operational work (including that carried out by the research team in DEC), and capacity building on trade issues. Although the Department will be housed in PREM, the Director will report jointly on trade strategy issues to the VPs for DEC, PREM and WBI, underscoring efforts to

strengthen collaboration among our VPUs. The new Department will combine the relevant policy and analytic work, and capacity building on trade within a coordinated budget envelope, which will also include resources from trust funds, such as those supporting the Integrated Framework.

The Trade Department will address global trade issues through analysis and advocacy, and support regional and country work on trade. Agricultural trade issues are central to the current round of negotiations, and agricultural trade work on the global trade agenda currently housed in ESSD will also be aligned with the new Trade Department. Moreover, to ensure synergy between the Trade Department and work on global economic prospects (which includes a large trade component), the Director will also be responsible for managing the Development Prospects Group in DEC.

The Trade Department will be subject to a major review after 3 years using criteria based on an assessment of the services provided and the level of demand for services. Clear outputs and outcomes will also be reviewed annually.

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