

GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR SHORT DISCUSSION ON THE PROGRAMMES PRESENTED BY VOLUNTEERS:

- How did you identify the theme of this programme and how did you design it (alone, in partnership, after consultation with what kind of stakeholders – national/regional/international; public/private/civil society)? What were the main drivers/windows of opportunities and main challenges encountered?
- Which are the main stakeholders? (For Africa, does it involve the AUC? Does it involve RECs? Are there other local partners?)
- (For national programmes) Does it have a link with a programme in a neighbouring country or with the agenda of a relevant REC? (For regional programmes) Does it target regional integration? For Africa, does a component of the programme specifically link with the implementation of AfCFTA?
- Does the programme enhance customs modernisation and regional customs coordination? If so, how is this aspect implemented?
- Does the programme support trade facilitation measures? If so, how can these foster regional economic integration?
- How can this Aid for Trade programme help to climb up the sectoral value chain? What are the main challenges and remedies in this regards.
- Does it have a sustainability component¹, a green dimension and/or gender dimension? If yes, how the programme can help provide lessons for the inclusion of sustainable value chains, green deal agenda and gender/women empowerment in aid for trade?
- Does it contribute to an increased use of EU schemes of preferences (FTA, GSP)?

¹ There is a social and environmental sustainability. Social includes decent work conditions, fair trade, protection of human rights, inclusiveness of all social groups and genders. Environmental sustainability links to climate, biodiversity and environment preservation.