

## **World Bank Group Trade Survey**

SARS, in collaboration with the World Bank Group, is in the process of identifying firms who are willing to participate in a survey that aims to gain a better understanding of existing bottlenecks in border processes and procedures relating to the movement, release and clearance of goods in South Africa. Findings of the survey will be able to inform the design of trade facilitation reforms to maximize gains from trade for all stakeholders.

The target population of the survey are firms that are engaged in both imports and/or exports of goods (not services) across any international land, air, or sea border. Whether the firm is male, or female led is also an important criterion and it is defined as follows:

An enterprise qualifies as **woman-owned** if it meets the following criteria:

≥ 51% of the shares are owned by a woman;

OR

(i) ≥ 20% is owned by a woman; AND, (ii) has ≥ 1 woman as CEO/COO/President/Vice President; AND (iii) has ≥ 30% of the board of directors composed of women (where a board exists).

An enterprise qualifies as **man-owned** if it meets the following criteria:

≥ 51% of the shares are owned by a man;

OR

(i) ≥ 20% is owned by a man; AND, (ii) has ≥ 1 man as CEO/COO/President/Vice President; AND (iii) has ≥ 30% of the board of directors composed of men (where a board exists).

“Managed” refers to the highest management individual in the firm.

A proportional **number of male and female led firms** will be surveyed to determine whether constraints are overarching for all traders or whether they are gender specific constraints.

**Male and female trade agents (e.g. customs brokers, freight forwarders) are also encouraged to participate in this survey.**

Interested firms are requested to answer a few questions to determine eligibility, provide consent and contact details to participate in the survey at a future date via this link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wP6iMWsmZ0y1bieW2PWcNiJrmq0YByZGpFwkAkSIZpRUOUNYOU8xVkdJWk01RjUxUE5SSjE4RFkyMy4u>

Please answer all questions fully and to the best of your knowledge.

For more information on the survey, kindly read [here](#).

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