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# AusAID Trade Liberalisation Programme

## ***Objectives***

- Promoting broadly defined trade and industrial policy liberalization in South Africa and the region; and
- Increasing the capacity of South Africa and the region to perform trade and industrial policy analysis that will inform good policies.

## ***Partners***

- Tralac
- TIPS
- SAIIA

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## ***Achievements***

- Information
  - SADC Trade Database
  - Trade Performance Reviews
  - Trade Information Briefs
- Advocacy
  - Roundtables and workshops
  - Research papers and books
- Capacity building
  - Courses and internships

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Stakeholders	Benefits
Partners	Stable and flexible source of long-term funding
SADC Region	Knowledge and advice
Australia	?

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## *Implementation challenges*

- Choice and capacity of partners
- Commitment to liberalisation
- Overlap and coordination
- Taking advantage of Australian resources
- Measuring outcomes and impact
- Sustainability

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## ***Key lessons***

- Economic capacity and analysis is weak
- Collaboration is difficult to make happen
- Policy research is usually supply-led
- Impact is modest and often intangible
- Core funding is difficult to monitor and measure
- Quality is universal and can be measured!



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