

## Portfolio overview

# Sida's support to ITC 2010\*

In 2009, Sida entered into new agreement with International Trade Centre (ITC) on a multi-year un-earmarked contribution amounting to MSEK 120 for the period 2009–2012 (MSEK 30 per year). This is the only contribution granted to ITC. There is no additional support provided by the Swedish Government. Sweden has a long tradition of being one of ITC's main donors and maintains an active dialogue with the organization.

ITC is the joint agency of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), with a mandate to help businesses in developing countries become more competitive in global markets in order to speed economic progress and meet the UN development goals. In the broad Aid for Trade agenda, ITC's work is primarily focused on trade development in partner countries, comprising inter alia business development

and activities aimed at improving the business climate, trade promotion and market development in the productive and service sectors, including the institutional and enterprise levels.

The only Sida contribution in 2010 is classified as belonging to the Trade, business and financial systems sector. Before 2006 the contributions were earmarked for regional programmes in Africa and Asia. This is no longer the case.

Contributions from Sida in support of multilateral programmes are often entitled "multibi" (multi-bilateral aid). These should be distinguished from non-earmarked or core contributions to the regular budget of multilateral institutions, which are called "multilateral aid". The latter type of support is usually disbursed by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs or another ministry. In the case of ITC, however, the core support is disbursed by Sida.

**Table 1: Sida annual disbursements 2005–2010**

Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
No. of contributions	3	2	2	2	2	1
Total amount (MSEK)	13.1	22.4	21.4	20.5	30.0	30.0

### Mandate and strategic priorities

The mission of the International Trade Centre (ITC) is to help the private sector in developing countries and transition economies strengthen enterprise competitiveness; develop new trade promotion strategies; and understand the rules governing international trade. ITC has a large team of trade specialists in development cooperation offering technical assistance in trade and international

business development. The Centre also has a worldwide network of partners with special emphasis on Africa and least developed countries addressing the trade-related needs of trade support institutions, the business community, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises, and policy-makers.

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\* The statistics refer to all contribution up until 31 dec 2010. returning fúunds have been excluded.