

THROWING ONE ARM AROUND THE WORLD:  
WHY THE FAILURE OF THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION  
TO INCLUDE ANTI-BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION TARGETS  
WITHIN ITS AID FOR TRADE PROGRAM UNDERMINES THIS  
PROGRAM AND HOW TO BRIDGE THESE ISSUES

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**ABSTRACT:**

*In a sense, the Aid for Trade initiative seeks to be a break from other aid programs that are administered in an uncoordinated fashion by a variety of state, regional and international actors. The Aid for Trade initiative has solicited information from donor states, donor organizations and partner states, released information from these states and organization, as well as reports on the overall state of aid for trade, and hosted several regional meetings on the topic since its 2005 inception. And yet, among the many aid and trade issues that have been the subject of inquiry by the Aid for Trade initiative, there is a glaring and, in the author's view, fatal gap: failure to address anti-bribery and corruption measures. The goal of this article is to discuss the relationship between the Aid for Trade initiative and anti-bribery/corruption measures in order to demonstrate that, without explicitly addressing anti-bribery and corruption, the WTO Aid for Trade initiative is "just like all the rest," and indeed only attempts to throw one arm around the world of issues associated with aiding developing countries' trading and economic systems.*

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