

**University of Ottawa**  
**Economics Directed Research Project**  
**Inclusive Trade**

**Organization:**

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**Description:**

Canada has been a leader on inclusive trade issues, including incorporating inclusive elements into most trade agreements for the past decade. Many countries are now following suit. These inclusive elements include specific chapters for small and medium enterprises (SMEs), gender and Indigenous Peoples. The purpose of this project is to review the inclusive elements of trade agreements and to highlight their main characteristics with the goal of identifying similarities, differences, and how they have evolved over time. The report would also provide a review of studies that have attempted to evaluate the effectiveness of such inclusive elements in trade agreements.

**Deliverables:**

Produce a 10-12 page report in English consisting of three primary components:

1. An overview of what inclusive trade is and its main objectives.
2. A review inclusive trade elements found in trade agreements, using a framework that will allow for comparison across agreements such as elements that are enforceable or not, the groups covered and the primary elements.
3. A review of the literature on assessing the impact of inclusive trade elements including techniques used for their evaluation as well as results.

**Qualifications:**

The work will involve examining inclusive elements contained across many trade agreements and thus will require the ability to find the needed information, to parse a large amount of written text, and to develop a framework for analyzing and communicating the key elements. Good written communication skills will also be needed.