COMMEMORATING THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRUST FUND to Support the Participation of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in the work of the HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
Acknowledgment

This brochure was developed by Ms. Fatou Camara Houel, Coordinator of the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in the work of the Human Rights Council, Human Rights Council Branch, OHCHR.
The year 2017 marks the 5th anniversary of the unanimous adoption by the Human Rights Council of resolution 19/26, on 22 March 2012, establishing the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in the work of the Human Rights Council.

The Trust Fund is now widely recognized as a key mechanism of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to ensure that as many voices as possible from around the globe are heard in the Human Rights and Alliance of Civilizations Room. Beneficiary Delegates and Fellows from LDCs/SIDS have taken full advantage of the support they have been given to strengthen their knowledge of the Human Rights Council and to interact personally with the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms. Since it became operational in 2014, the Trust Fund has enabled the participation of 70 LDCs and SIDS Delegates from 51 countries in regular sessions of the Human Rights Council for the first time, with 39 Beneficiary Delegates being women.

As mandated by the Human Rights Council, OHCHR, through the Secretariat of the Trust Fund, developed the first interactive, accessible and gender-sensitive e-learning tool designed for government officials from LDCs and SIDS. The tool is available in English and French. Briefings for LDCs/SIDS representatives are held in Geneva prior to each regular session of the Human Rights Council on its programme of work. You will find more facts and figures in this brochure — and these facts and figures speak for themselves.

It is therefore imperative that the Trust Fund continues to receive adequate voluntary contributions from the Member States that are in a position to do so. I am proud to say that the donor base for the Trust Fund has increased from three in 2015, to 16 in 2016!

On this 5th anniversary in 2017, I challenge all Member States to make voluntary contributions — small or large — to the Fund, in a spirit of solidarity and commitment to the effective promotion and protection of human rights. Together, we can ensure that the Human Rights Council achieves its goal of universal participation at every session.

Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, 24 February 2017
Established by resolution 19/26 of 23 March 2012, operating since January 2014.

Its main objective is to support activities designed to enhance the institutional and human capacity of LDCs and SIDS, including by enabling their delegates (in particular those that do not have a permanent mission in Geneva) to participate more fully in the work of the Human Rights Council.

Administered by the Human Rights Council Branch of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Trust Fund provides funding for the following activities:

- Participation of government officials in a regular session of the HRC
- Fellowship programme (3 months)
- Targeted training courses, including e-learning
- Induction training sessions

The LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund has successfully fulfilled the four tasks mandated by the Human Rights Council.

Implementation rate: 100%
Since becoming operational on 1 January 2014, the Trust Fund has supported:
70 Delegates (39 women, 31 men) from 51 UN Member States (21 LDCs and 30 SIDS)

FACT 1
Figures that speak for themselves

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VIPs* supported by the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund

The Trust Fund supported 6 VIPs

- 4 VIPs
  - 1 President: Kiribati (2015)
  - 1 Prime Minister: Tuvalu (2015)

Coming from

- 4 Capital
- 2 New York

First time participation in a HRC session

- 6
- 1st

* Included in the total number of Beneficiaries (70)
FROM AFRICA TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL IN GENEVA

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LDCs/SIDS
(24 DELEGATES AND FELLOWS)

BENIN
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The Historic First Universal Session of the HRC on the occasion of its 10th anniversary

On 13 June 2016, all 193 Member States of the United Nations, including the 16 Small Island Developing States (SIDS) without permanent representation in Geneva, participated in the Human Rights Council, for the first time, on the occasion of its 10th anniversary.

The LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund was instrumental in securing this result by supporting the participation of 18 SIDS Beneficiary Delegates, 13 of whom were women. For 17 of the 18 Delegates, it was their first time attending a session of the HRC. A visually impaired Delegate was among the participants.

The historic joint statement issued by the SIDS on the occasion of the universal session was drafted by Mrs. Jasmien S. Wijngaarde-LijKwan (Suriname) and delivered by Mrs. Jasmina Giouba (Nauru).

In total, the 18 SIDS Beneficiary Delegates of the Trust Fund travelled 403,121 km, completing more than 10 tours around the world to participate in the first universal session of the Human Rights Council.

For the first time participation of all of the 193 UN Member States Completing more than 10 tours around the world

1st TIME

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Faces of the SIDS Beneficiary Delegates participating in the historic first universal session of the Human Rights Council on the occasion of its 10th Anniversary (28 June 2016)

Pictured from left to right: Eric Tadiouet, Chief, Human Rights Council Branch; Ernestino J. Mango, Guinea-Bissau; ‘Akanesi' Emeline Katoa, Tonga; Jasmina Giouba, Nauru; H.E. Mrs. Anawalbum Elizabeth Kiyaba, Marshall Islands; Moate Korina Anata, Kiribati; Orla Kantun-Coleman, Belize; Silva Ludmila Afonso Lavres Danquá, Sao Tomé and Príncipe; Ane Iati, Samoa; Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; Dorn Henry, Saint Kitts and Nevis; Kasipo Margaret Teo, Tuvalu; Tamara M. Prelyn Khan, Guyana; Vanessa A. M. Moe, Antigua and Barbuda; Setariki Waqanitoga Vanuatu; Jasmien S. Wijngaarde-LijKwan, Suriname; Jasmine Veronica Hali, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Nacho Trabadela, Palau; Fatou Camara Houel, Coordinator, LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund;

The Delegates of Micronesia and Papua New Guinea are not in the picture since they were unable to attend the entire session due to previous commitments.
FACT 2

Making a difference: Enabling the first time participation of LDCs/SIDS Beneficiary Delegates working on human rights issues

For 65 of the 70 LDCs/SIDS Beneficiary VIPs, Delegates and Fellows, it was their first time attending a regular session of the HRC.
FACT 3

A Trust Fund that is a proud “Geneva Gender Champion”
First time participation of women Beneficiary VIPs, Delegates and Fellows in an HRC session:

Africa:
- Total of LDCs/SIDS Beneficiary VIPs, Delegates and Fellows of the Trust Fund: 6
- First time participation: 5

Asia & The Pacific:
- Total of LDCs/SIDS Beneficiary VIPs, Delegates and Fellows of the Trust Fund: 18
- First time participation: 14
The Secretariat of the Trust Fund has been mandated to conduct targeted training and capacity-building initiatives, including e-learning.

In June 2016, the Secretariat launched the first (free) online training tool on the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms for LDCs/SIDS government officials working in the field of human rights.

Interactive, accessible and gender-aware, the e-learning tool is designed for government officials from LDCs and SIDS as per the mandate of the Trust Fund. Any government official in charge of human rights issues, however, can use it.

The e-learning tool can also be useful for UN staff members who are based in the field and headquarters, staff members of regional and international organizations/groups, representatives of NGOs and civil society organizations, members of national human rights institutions and interns who would like to familiarize themselves with the work of the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms.

The e-learning tool is available in English and French (www.ohchr.org/sidsldc) and “offline” (USB keys can be delivered upon request). Its overall content provides an introduction to the HRC and its work. It includes information on the international human rights system and law. It focuses on familiarization with the entry points, rules and modalities for State participation in the regular sessions of the Human Rights Council.

The e-learning tool has four modules. Each module ends with a short self-assessment.

FACT 4
The e-learning tool of the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund: Welcome to Generation 2.0!
It takes an average of 3 hours to complete the four modules. This can be undertaken in a series of sessions at the convenience of the participant but will have to be completed within one month from the date of the initial inscription.

FACT 5

A Trust Fund that is being supported by an increasing number of donor countries.
List of donor countries to the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund since its establishment
(in alphabetical order)

Within one year (September 2015-September 2016) the number of donor countries has quadrupled from 3 to 12. Since its establishment in 2012, the Trust Fund has been supported by 19 donor countries.

Australia  France  Georgia  Germany  India  Ireland  Italy  Kuwait  Morocco  Netherlands  Republic of Korea  Saudi Arabia  Singapore  Spain  Switzerland*  Pakistan  Turkey  United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  Wallonia-Brussels Federation

Number of donor countries to the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund by year
(as of 1 January 2017)

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* Switzerland provided a contribution to support the participation of LDCs/SIDS Delegates in the HRC 10th anniversary session, which was recorded in another Trust Fund that supported activities related to the 70th anniversary of the HRC.
Names of the Beneficiary Delegates and Fellows of the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund since its establishment
(by alphabetical order)

Caribbean & Latin America

Ammila Toyansemin, Suriname
Bunya Ernest, Saint Lucia
Dom Henry, Saint Kitts and Nevis
Ksenia Rampersad, Trinidad and Tobago
Jasminne S. Wyngardt Lifkeyn, Suriname
Joveenica Veronica Hill, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Jinelle Adams, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Kasandra Roxie Hutchinson, Grenada
Kerry Banany, Bahamas
Narda Patricia Andrews, Jamaica
Orla Kantaun Coleman, Barbados
Ricardo Kellman, Barbados
Shav-Alicia Lewis, Jamaica
Tomara M. Evlyn Kian, Guyana
Theoula France, Saint Kitts and Nevis
Vanessa A. Moe, Antigua and Barbuda

Africa

Abdoulaye Kaite, Senegal
Adjawé Djéki, Togo
Albert M indignity, the Democratic Republic of the Congo
André Niyihangije, Burundi
Cassandra Labor, Sierra Leone
Eric Frank Sall, Senegal
Ernest Mengo Makoave, Malawi
Ernestino J. Mangg, Guinea-Bissau
Fabien Tchomboa, Madagascar
Franck Damas Mutungo, Rwanda
Issaka Moussa, Niger
Katsuko Demie Tagbou, Liberia
Lalane Jovane Raisanenarivo, Madagascar
Lucie Cégeurino Monteiro Sanches, Cape Verde
Massalbaye Ténanay, Chad
Mohamed Mousse Abdourrahim, Djibouti
Pascale Gobosa, Burkina Faso
Pola Euedia Chabde, Lesotho
Silva Lucilina Alexs Maloua Damo, Sao Tome and Principe
Yiibza Aynekullu Tesfaye, Ethiopia

Asia & The Pacific

Akanwasi Uche Onwiz, Tonga
Amofa Elizabeth Kabu, Marshall Islands
Ana Isk, Samoa
Aye Lai Mon, Myanmar
Cedilia da Rosario da Cruz, Timor-Leste

The Beneficiary Delegates say Thank You!

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Ana Isk, Samoa
Aye Lai Mon, Myanmar
Cedilia da Rosario da Cruz, Timor-Leste

Efren Jogia, Solomon Islands
Flavioan Wilson, Fiji
Fred Saruva, Papua New Guinea
Hiko Aunae, Palau
Jamal Raoufa Zahir, Maldives
Jane M Chipiy, Micronesia (Federated States of)
Jasmin Gobu, Palau
Julina Tasting, Solomon Islands
Kasipo Margaret Tao, Tonga
Laila Sharrel, Maldives
Molly Hollie, Marshall Islands
Murat Korina Anote, Kiribati
Nachuo Tshabude, Palau
Narleen Oliver, Micronesia (Federated States of)
Olive Vasi, Samoa
Pokito Fakahone Paung, Akanwasi Fongapu Pangai, Tonga
Rajendra Thapa, Nepal
Senggar Surprishe, Iao’s People Democratic Republic
Sekiri Wasipaniga, Vanuatu
Thrasy Haribo, Bhutan
Thank You from the Beneficiary Delegates and Fellows in their national spoken languages

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KADRINCHEY (LA) (in Dzongkha, Bhutan)

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