LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund

Our Goal

Ensuring Universal Participation in the HRC
Ensuring the participation of LDCs/SIDS

Activities of the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund
April 2021

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OUR WORK
JANUARY-MARCH 2021

THE IMPACT OF COVID 19

From Onsite to Online
Trust Fund Activities
AHEAD OF HRC 46
VIRTUAL INDUCTION COURSE ON THE HRC ON IN FEBRUARY 2021

Virtual Induction course on the Human Rights Council for LDCs and SIDS
Join us on Monday 15 February or on Tuesday 16 February

Cours virtuel de formation sur le Conseil des droits de l’homme pour les PMA et PEID
Retrouvez-nous le lundi 15 février ou le mardi 16 février 2021

Session 1: Monday 15 February 2021: from 14:30 to 16:30 CET (Geneva time)
lundi 15 février 2021: de 14h30 à 16h30 CET (heure de Genève)

Session 2: Tuesday 16 February 2021: from 8:30 to 10:30 CET (Geneva time)
mardi 16 février 2021: de 8h30 à 10h30 CET (heure de Genève)

Online with Kudo /En ligne sur Kudo
real-time interpretation in English and French
interprétation simultanée en anglais et français
As per resolution 19/26 (23 March 2012) the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund provides practical and targeted training courses (including e-learning) on the rules and functioning of the HRC and its mechanisms.

As a result of the extraordinary modalities of the HRC46, the Trust Fund organized on 15 and 16 February 2021, two virtual induction courses on how to engage with the HRC in anticipation of its virtual 46th session (23 February- 24 March 2021).
✓ **The main objective** of the virtual induction, the first of this kind since the establishment of the HRC, was to ensure that LDCs/SIDS, particularly those without resident PM permanent mission in Geneva, received timely information on how to engage with the HRC.

These inductions were successfully conducted via the Kudo platform with simultaneous interpretation in English and French.

✓ **Participation**

71 government officials from 33 LDCs/SIDS and 1 IGO Pacific participated in the 3-hour induction sessions. 54% of the participants (38) were women. The Trust Fund continues to be a Gender Champion
Functions

✓ 55 Foreign Affairs and Human Rights
✓ 5 Justice
✓ 8 others (Social Affairs, Gender, Law enforcement...)

![Pie chart showing the distribution of functions with 55% Foreign Affairs and Human Rights, 5% Justice, and 8% Others]
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<th>13 LDCs/SIDS Africa (32 participants)</th>
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**Regional Breakdown**

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**Location of the Participants**

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*Other: 3 London, 2 Washington and 3 Brussels*
The Trust Fund conducted, at the invitation of several groups, virtual Briefings to take stock of its activities in 2020 and outline its plans for 2021:

- Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Regional Rights Resource Team RRRT, 29 January
- Organisation internationale la Francophonie, 2 February
- The CARICOM Group in Geneva, 11 February
- The African Group in Geneva, 15 February
Trust Fund Activities DURING HRC 46
The HRC Hep Desk for Small Missions

✓ 137 requests (email, phone and WhatsApp) from 18 Feb to 24 March (in 2020, 108 requests)

✓ 47 Member States and IGO contacted the Help Desk:

• 34 LDCs/SIDS including 11 without PM in Geneva
• (2 Africa, 5 Caribbean and 4 Asia and the Pacific)
• 14 IGO / other Member states

✓ Issues /Subjects: The Top 5

• PoW
• E-delegate
• Trust Fund activities
• LoS
• OHCHR
Need Help?

CONTACT
THE HRC HELP DESK
FOR SMALL STATES
(prior, during, after regular sessions)

WhatsApp: + 41.79.500.00.42

Email: hrcdesksmallpm@ohchr.org
Issues / Subjects addressed to the HRC Help Desk

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VIRTUAL HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT

HRC 46

PARTICIPATION OF LDCs/SIDS
HRC46 (2021): 130 dignitaries including 25 LDCs/SIDS
HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT (2014-2021): Trend of the participation of LDCs/SIDS

Participation of LDCs SIDS to HLS

- Total Dignitaries
- Total LDCs SIDS

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## Gender Distribution

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### Notes
- The chart shows the gender distribution among dignitaries.
- 76% are male, 24% are female.
HRC43 (2020): 100 dignitaries including 16 LDCs/SIDS

Number of participants

- 16% LDCs/SIDS
- 84% All countries

Regional Breakdown

- LDCs/SIDS: 16
- Africa: 11
- Asia & the Pacific: 3
- Caribbean & Latin America: 0
- IO: 2
Regular update during the session

The LDCs/SIDS Secretariat sent regular updates to former LDCs/SIDS beneficiaries, and to LDCs/SIDS without Permanent resident mission in Geneva

- All the NV sent to PM in Geneva
- Updated Programme of Work
- Minutes of the Bureau meetings
- Resolutions and decisions
- Zoom links etc
- Summaries prepared by DPI in French and English
23 MARCH 2021: Historic Milestone?

Adoption without a vote of Decision L.23
High-Level Panel discussion on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of LDCs/SIDS in the Work of the HRC

24 Member states core group reflecting all the continents of the world
(6 SIDS, 6 LDCs)

(and composed of Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Guyana, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mauritius, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Senegal, Singapore, Sudan, Switzerland, Togo, Turkey and Vanuatu.)
• Decides to **convene**, during the high-level segment of its forty-ninth session, a high-level panel discussion on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of LDCs/SIDS in the Work of the HRC focused on the benefits of universal and meaningful participation of all Member States of the UN in the work of the HRC, and that the discussion shall be **fully accessible to persons with disabilities**;

• Requests the OHCHR, through the LDCs/SIDS TF, **to secure the participation of those Member States that do not have a permanent resident mission in Geneva**, so as **to achieve universal participation of Member States of the UN** at the 49th session of the HRC, including in the high-level panel discussion;

• Also requests the OHCHR to **prepare a report on the panel discussion in the form of a summary and to submit it to the Human Rights Council at 50th session.**
L-23

• Decision L23 was sponsored /co-sponsored by 160 UN Member States being the most sponsored Human Rights Council resolution/decision since its establishment in 2006.

• ALL THE 14 CARICOM MEMBERS OF THE UN

• ALL THE 12 SIDS FROM THE PACIFIC REGION
Our Goal
Ensuring Universal Participation at Every Session of the Human Rights Council
Join the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund success story!

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In a landmark moment for least developed countries and small island developing states, a record 159 UN member states have supported a decision by the Human Rights Council to back universal participation in its work.

Read it here🔗 ow.ly/nH7I50EjzbK

#LeaveNoOneBehind pic.twitter.com/eUTxw2YyBq
Outlook
April-December 2021
APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR HRC 47 AND 48

❖ AFRICA: 14
Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Comoros, Gambia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, South Sudan, Sudan (2), Tanzania, Togo, Zambia

❖ LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN: 2
Bahamas, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2)

❖ ASIA AND THE PACIFIC: 6
Afghanistan, Bangladesh (3), Bhutan, Laos, Myanmar, Maldives

Deadline for applications Fellowship Programme: 1 May 2021
TRUST FUND REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

❖ AFRICA
Co-hosts Burkina Faso & Mauritius
28-29 April and 6 May
Virtual, 3 hours per day,
English and French interpretation

Theme: “Engaging with the UN Human Rights Council, during and after COVID 19 through the LDC/SIDS Trust Fund: achievements, challenges and lessons learned”

❖ ASIA
Host Maldives
October
Virtual, 3 hours per day
Conduct a global survey on the achievements of the TF (OHCHR report, HRC49)

Organize virtual Induction courses before HRC 47 and HRC 48

Briefings of several groups (OIF, CARICOM, AFRICAN GOUPEP, PIF, SPC)

Briefing of the CARICOM Caucus and the PSIDS in New York (Fall 2021)
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

✓ Working Group on the UPR, 38th session (3-14 May 2021)
Namibia, Niger, Mozambique, Estonia, Paraguay, Belgium, Denmark, Palau, Somalia, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Latvia, Sierra Leone, Singapore

✓ Working Group on the UPR, 39th session (1-12 November 2021)
Suriname, Greece, Samoa, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sudan, Hungary, Papua New Guinea, Tajikistan, United Republic of Tanzania, Antigua and Barbuda, Eswatini, Trinidad and Tobago, Thailand, Ireland

Deadline to submit national report: 9 August 2021 (number of words 10,700)
Support provided by the UPR Trust Fund for participation: NV to be sent mid September
List of LDCs/ SIDS without Permanent resident missions in Geneva (18)

**Latin America and the Caribbean (8)**
1. Antigua & Barbuda
2. Belize
3. Dominica
4. Grenada
5. St Kitts & Nevis
6. St Lucia
7. St Vincent & Grenadines
8. Suriname

**Africa (3)**
1. Benin (PM closed in July 2020)
2. Guinea-Bissau
3. Sao Tome and Principe

**Asia and the Pacific (7)**
1. Kiribati
2. Micronesia (Federated States of)
3. Palau
4. Papua New Guinea
5. Solomon Islands (PM closed in June 2020)
6. Tonga
7. Tuvalu
THANK YOU FOR ASSISTING US REACHING OUR GOAL

Universal Participation in the Human Rights Council!

In 2020, 14 countries have contributed including **4 new donors**

1. Australia
2. Austria
3. Bahamas (1st Beneficiary country to contribute to the TF!)
4. Canada
5. France
6. Germany
7. Italy
8. Luxembourg
9. Netherlands
10. Pakistan
11. Republic of Korea
12. Russian Federation
13. Singapore
14. Switzerland
THANK YOU
from the Beneficiary Delegates
and Fellows in their national
spoken languages

CARIBBEAN & LATIN AMERICA
- MESI (in Kreyol, Saint Lucia)
- NUFF RESPEC (in Patois, Jamaica)
- GRANTANGI (in Surinamese, Suriname)
- AFRICA
- OBRIGADO(A) (in Creole, Guinea-Bissau)
- AH-MAH-SAY-GUH-NAH-LOH (in Amharic, Ethiopia)
- NUBA GÁH GNUNON (in Daye, Chad)
- NA GODE (in Haoussa, Niger)
- MATONDI (in Lingala, Democratic Republic of the Congo)
- U YAADA BAARKA (in Bissa, Burkina Faso)
- ZIKOMO (in Chewa, Malawi)
- É MAMA (in Kpelle, Liberia)
- MURAKOZE (in Kirundi, Burundi)
- GADAGUEY (in Afar, Djibouti)
- TENKI (in Krio, Sierra Leone)
- MISAOTRA (in Malagasy, Madagascar)
- KEA LEOBA (in Sesotho, Kingdom of Lesotho)
- MURAKOZE (in Kinyarwanda, Rwanda)
- MI KOU NAWO (in Gon, Benin)
- JEREJEF (in Wolof, Senegal)
- ASIA & THE PACIFIC
- KOMKMALMESULANG (in Paluan, Palau)
- SHUKURIYAYA (in Divehi, Maldives)
- KALANGAN (in Pohnpeian, Micronesia)
- TANGKYU TUMAS (in Bislama, Vanuatu)
- FA'AFETAI (in Samoan, Samoa)
- FAKAFETAI LASI (in Tuvaluan, Tuvalu)
- TANIKIU BADA HEREA MOMOKANI (in Hiri Motu, Papua New Guinea)
- KAYY ZUU TIN PAR TAL (in Myanmar, Myanmar)
- VINAKA (in Fijian, Fiji)
- KO RAB'A (in Kiribati, Kiribati)
- KADRINCHHEY (LA) (in Dzongkha, Bhutan)
- MALO (in Tongan, Tonga)
- KHOP CHAI (in Lao, Lao People's Democratic Republic)
- TAGIO TUMAS (in Solomon Pidgin, Solomon Islands)
- DHNYBAD (in Nepali, Nepal)
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