



AGENDA

As of 30 November 2021

VIRTUAL

LDCs/SIDS TRUST FUND WORKSHOP FOR THE ASIA REGION

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

Malé, Republic of the Maldives

24-25 November 2021 & 1 December 2021



Wednesday 24 November 2021

14:00- 17:00 (Geneva time)

14:00

OPENING CEREMONY

14:00 -14:02

- Master of Ceremony: Ms. Mizna Waheed, Desk Officer at Human Rights Division, Republic of Maldives, **live from Malé**

14:03-14:08

- **Video Message of His Excellency Mr. Abdulla Shahid**, President of the United Nations General Assembly

14:09 - 14:14

Video Message Mr. Mahamane Cissé-Gouro, Director, Human Rights Council and Treaty Mechanisms Division, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights OHCHR

14:15 - 14:22

- **His Excellency Ahmed Khaleel**, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Republic of the Maldives, **live from Malé**

14: 23 - 14:30

- **Her Excellency Ms. Nazhat Shameem Khan**, President of the Human Rights Council, 15th cycle, **live from Geneva**

14:31 - 14: 35

Welcome to our host country:

Display Video on the Republic of the Maldives

14:36 - 14:38

Master of Ceremony: Ms. Mizna Waheed **live from Malé**

14:40

PLENARY SESSION I

LDCs/SIDS TRUST FUND IN ASIA REGION: FACTS AND VOICES/ STORIES

1. **14:40 - 14: 45**

Rapporteur General (RG) of the Workshop: Ms. Hawla Ahmed Didi, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Maldives to the UNOG, **live from Geneva**

14:47 – 14:54

Facts and Figures for the Asia region

Speaker: Ms. Fatou Camara Houel, Coordinator, LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund, live from Geneva **live from Geneva**

14:55 –

Hearing their voices: Testimonials of beneficiary delegates from the Asia region

Maldives

Video Ms. Lamyia Imthiyaz

Timor Leste

Video Mr. Flaviano Moniz Leao

Bhutan

Video Ms. Dechen Wangmo

Cambodia

Video Mr. Tola Khom

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Video Mr. Sengpraarthid Snookphone

Maldives

Video Ms. Aminath Nahee

Nepal

Video Mr Kiran Shakya

Cambodia

Ms. Heng Somoly **live from NY**

Yemen

Video Mr. Esam Ali Muthanna Qasem

14:56 - 14:58

The RG will introduce the segment Voices/Stories from the Caribbean, the Africa and the Pacific regions and will pass on the floor.

Voices/Stories from the Caribbean, the Africa and the Pacific regions

14:59 - 15:20

Former Rapporteurs General of the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund workshops

- *Former Rapporteurs General of the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund workshops*
- H.E. Mrs Missouri Sherman Peter, Permanent Observer of the CARICOM (New York), Rapporteur General of the LDCs/SIDS Workshop for the Caribbean **Video**

- Ms. Mary Namono, Conscellor, Permanent Mission of Uganda, Rapporteur General of the LDCs/SIDS Workshop for the Africa region **(Live from Geneva)**
- H.E. Mr. Fred Sarufa, Deputy Permanent Representative of Papua New Guinea, Rapporteur General of the LDCs/SIDS Workshop for the Pacific region **(Live from NY)**

14:21 - 15:40

➤ *Former delegates/fellows of the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund*

Caribbean

Dominica, Ms. Shearlyn J. Joseph **(Live from Roseau)**

Saint Lucia, Ms. Bynta Ernest **Video**

Africa

The Gambia, Ms. Bafou Jeng **Video**

Pacific

Marshall Islands, Ms. Asia Chong-Gum **Video**

Kiribati, Mr. Aretaake Ientaake **Video**

15:41-15:56

Interactive Dialogue / Questions

The RG will introduce the segment Interactive dialogue. and will pass on the floor.

PLENARY II

15:57-15:59

(The RG will introduce the segment. and will pass on the floor)

16:00-16:05

Methodology of the Workshop and Ground Rules

Ms. Fatou Camara Houel, Coordinator LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund, OHCHR, [live from Geneva](#)

16:05-

PLENARY SESSION II

THE HRC: FROM ONSITE TO ONLINE 2020/2021

Moderator: Ms. Fatou Camara Houel

16:05 – 16:20

Trends, Opportunities and Challenges

Speaker: Mr. Eric Tistounet, Chief, Human Rights Council Branch, OHCHR, [live from Geneva](#)

Speaker: Mr Marc Limon, Executive Director, URG, Trends in the Asia region [live from Geneva](#)

PLENARY SESSION III

SUPPORTING LDCS/SIDS ENGAGEMENT WITH THE HRC: OVERVIEW OF THE SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Moderator: Fatou Camara Houel

16:22 – 16: 27

Speaker: Mr. Jonathan Chen, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Singapore to the United Nations in Geneva, Representing FOSS and the Co-Focal Point appointed by the HRC President to address challenges faced by delegations from small and developing countries, in particular the SIDS and LDCs, and the follow-up on the implementation of the measures on the use of modern technology **Video**

16: 28 – 16: 34

1. The Commonwealth/Commonwealth Small States Office (CSSO)

Speaker: Dr. Shavana Haythornthwaite, Head of the Human Rights Unit. [\(live from London\)](#)

16:35 – 16: 40

2. UPR Info

Speaker: Ms. Mona M'beki, Executive Director, Live from Geneva (5 min min) **(live from Geneva)**

Closing by Rapporteur general

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Thursday 25 November 2021
14:00- 17:00 (Geneva time)

14:00

PLENARY SESSION IV

14:00 - 14:25

Methodology and presentation of the draft Malé Declaration Towards 2022

Presentation of the outcomes/ recommendations included in the Declarations of the Caribbean, the Pacific and the Africa regions

Speakers: Ms. Hawla Ahmed Didi and Ms. Fatou Camara Houel and Rapporteur General of the Workshop **live from Geneva**

Participants will be in 2 working groups working in parallel (Secretariat will identify the participants in each of the 2 groups)

14:25 - 15:30

WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS IN PARALLEL

Group 1

Moderator: Fatou Camara Houel

Co- Moderator: Ms. Heng Somoly

Bangladesh

Mr. Md. Showeb Abdullah

Cambodia

Ms. Heng Somoly

Nepal

Mr. Bishnu Prasad Gautam

The Gambia

Ms. Bafou Jeng

Saint Lucia

Ms. Bynta Ernest

Kiribati

Mr. Aretaake Ientaake

Commonwealth

Mr. Sumedha Ekanayake

Maldives

Mr. Adam Hamid

Dominica

Ms. Shearlyn J. Joseph

URG

Charlotte Marres

Permanent Observer of the CARICOM (New York)

H.E. Mrs Missouri Sherman Peter

Permanent Mission of Uganda

Ms. Mary Namono, Conscellor

Theme: *Onsite support and participation* Assessing and Strengthening the training and capacity building mandate of the Trust Fund: (induction/training prior, during and after HRC Regular Session; intersessional activities; Special Sessions; how to bridge the gap between Geneva/New York (third Committee...etc.)

Group 2

Moderator: Sasha Dixon

Co- Moderator: Lamya Imthiyaz

Cambodia

Mr. Tola Khom

Maldives

Ms. Lanya Imthiyaz

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Mr. Sengpraarthid Snookphone

Nepal

Mr Kiran Shakya

Timor Leste

Mr. Flaviano Moniz Leao

Yemen

Mr. Esam Ali Muthanna Qasem

Tanzania

Ms. Risper Koyi

Marshall Islands

Ms. Asia Chong-Gum

Commonwealth

Mr. Yashasvi Nain

Maldives

Ms. Hawla Ahmed Didi

URG

Mr. Marc Limon

Theme: *Offsite support and participation* Assessing and Strengthening the training and capacity building mandate of the Trust Fund: (induction/training prior, during and after HRC Regular Session; intersessional activities; Special Sessions; how to bridge the gap between Geneva/New York (third Committee...etc.)

15:35

PLENARY SESSION V

15:40

Moderator: RAPPORTEUR GENERAL

- **15:42 - 16:02**
Reporting by the Moderators of the Working Group 1 and the Working Group 2 (
- **16: 03- 16:33**
Discussion on the main recommendations to be included in the Declaration

16:33 - 17:00

Concluding Remarks/ Way forward:

Rapporteur General and Trust Fund Coordinator

17:00 End of the 2nd part of the Workshop

**See you on 1 December 2021 at 2pm
(14:00) Geneva time**

Wednesday 1 December 2021

14:00- 16:00 (Geneva time)

14:00

PLENARY SESSION VI

Donors to the TF have been invited to participate in the closing session

14:00 - 14:30

**PRESENTATION AND REVIEW OF THE MALE DECLARATION 2022
TOWARDS 2022**

Live from Geneva

Moderators: Rapporteur General of the Asia Workshop,

Moderators of the 2 Groups,

Ms. Fatou Camara Houel, Coordinator LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund TF

Break: 5 minutes

14:45

CLOSING CEREMONY

14:45 - 14:47

Master of Ceremony: Ms. Mizna Waheed, Desk Officer at Human Rights Division, Republic of the Maldives **live from Malé**

14:48- 15:02 Video Workshop for Asia at a Glance

15:03-15:05

Adoption of the **Malé Declaration Towards 2022**

Rapporteur General

15:07- 15:20

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Observations/remarks by beneficiaries and donor countries should we invite donors

Closing remarks

15:21 - 15:28

Mr. Eric Tistounet, Chief, Human Rights Council Branch, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights **live from Geneva**

15:29 - 15:32

Ms. Fatou Camara Houel, Coordinator, LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund, **live from Geneva**

15:33 - 15: 43

His Excellency Dr. Asim Ahmed, Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Maldives at UNOG (**video statement**)

15:44 - 15:46

Master of Ceremony: Ms. Mizna Waheed

End of the Workshop 16:00 Geneva time