2021

YEAR IN REVIEW

LDCs/SIDS TRUST FUND
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Facts & Figures

2022 Outlook
HRC46
LANDMARK DECISION FOR THE LDCs/SIDS TRUST FUND
HRC46
Historic Milestone (23 March 2021)

Adoption without a vote of Decision
A/HRC/DEC/46/115

A record 160 UN Members States have supported this decision which is the most sponsored Human Rights Council resolution/decision since its establishment in 2006

1) Organisation of a High-Panel on Universality on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Trust Fund;

2) Secure the participation of Member States that do not have a permanent resident mission in Geneva;

3) Achieve universal participation of all States Members of the United Nations at HRC 49 (2nd Universal session of the HRC).
THE MOST SPONSORED RESOLUTION /DECISION IN THE HISTORY OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT

Video Universal participation in the Human Rights Council in the Human Rights Council, Podcast UNOG

Video The most sponsored resolution in the history of the Human Rights Council refers to Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States

Webcast

Twitter link
KEY FACTS ON THE BENEFICIARIES
In 2021, the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund has supported:

19 Delegates

8

11

2 cohorts of beneficiaries
47th session & 48th session of the HRC
WHO ARE THEY?

First time participation in HRC: **17 out of 19!**

WHERE DO THE BENEFICIARY DELEGATES WORK?

**Legend:** LDCs: / SIDS

- **Foreign Affairs**
  - Bahamas
  - Benin
  - Cambodia
  - Mali
  - Sudan
  - Maldives
  - Malawi
  - Nepal
  - Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
  - Suriname

- **Justice**
  - Comoros
  - Gambia
  - Central African Republic
  - Lesotho
  - Mauritius
  - Uganda
  - Zambia

- **Executive Office**
  - Tanzania
  - Togo

- **Other**
BENEFICIARY DELEGATES IN 2021 AT A GLANCE

19 Delegates

11 First time participation in HRC:
17 out of 19 ! 89,4%

4 Members of the HRC:
Bahamas
Nepal
Sudan
Togo

18 Coming from:
Capital
1 New York

2 Without a Permanent resident mission in Geneva:
Suriname
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Delivered 43 statements in their national capacity & 6 joint statements.

- **Joint statement delivered by DeAndra Cartwright (Bahamas)** on behalf of 3 LDCs/SIDS delegates – July 2021, Geneva, Item 10
- **Joint statement delivered by Bafou Jeng (Gambia)** on behalf of 16 LDCs/SIDS delegates – 7 October 2021, Geneva, Item 10
- **Joint statement delivered by Diénéba Diakite (Mali)** on behalf of beneficiaries LDCs/SIDS coming from countries members and observers of the Organisation internationale la Francophonie – 7 October 2021, Geneva, Item 10
- **Joint statement delivered by Reshma Janice Alladin (Suriname)** on behalf of LDCs/SIDS delegate – 7 October 2021, Geneva, Item 10
- **Joint statement delivered by Bwalya Mwansa Salamu (Zambia)** on behalf of 5 LDCs/SIDS delegates – 7 October 2021, Geneva, Item 10
- **Joint statement delivered by Lethunya Khutlang (Lesotho)** on behalf of 16 LDCs/SIDS delegates – 27 September 2021, Geneva, Item 3
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 47TH & 48TH SESSIONS OF THE HRC
HRC President encounter with LDCs/SIDS Beneficiaries
HRC47

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ENCOUNTER WITH MS. NAZHAT SHAMEEM KHAN (FIJI) PRESIDENT OF THE HRC 15TH CYCLE (2021)
ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE HRC 48
Masks have been removed to take the pictures.
CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE INITIATIVE HRC 48
(Masks have been removed to take the pictures)
OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE LDCs/SIDS TRUST FUND
CONDUCT OF 2 VIRTUAL REGIONAL LDCS/SIDS TRUST FUND WORKSHOPS FOR AFRICA AND ASIA REGIONS

Africa region, 2021
Ouagadougou Port Louis Declaration Towards 2022
Video: https://vimeo.com/545843756

Virtual LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund Workshop for the Africa Region
Ouagadougou- Port Louis
28-29 April 2021 & 6 May 2021

Malé, Maldives
24-25 November 2021 & 1 December 2021
Malé Declaration Towards 2022

‘We have a responsibility to ensure that all voices are heard before the Human Rights Council.’

Abdulla Shahid
President of the United Nations General Assembly

‘Regional workshops are a good opportunity both to take stock of the achievements, challenges and lessons learned.’

Nazhat Shameem Khan
President of the Human Rights Council
FROM ONSITE TO ONLINE

TRAINING
Organize virtual induction course ahead of the regular sessions for LDCs/SIDS delegates

ASSISTANCE
HRC Help desk for small states

152 REQUESTS
(email, phone and WhatsApp) from over 50 Member States and IGOs

ISSUES/SUBJECTS TOP 5
- PoW
- E-delegate
- Trust Fund activities LoS
Virtual Induction course on the Human Rights Council for LDCs and SIDS

Join us on Friday 12 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 vendredi 12 février ou le mardi 16 février 2021

Session 1: Friday 12 February 2021: from 14:30 CET to 16:30 CET (Geneva time)
Vendredi 12 février 2021: de 14h30 CET (heure de Gêneve)

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

Online with Kudo /En ligne sur Kudo
real-time interpretation in English and French
interprétation simultanée en anglais et français
71 (38 women, 33 men) government officials from 26 LDCs/SIDS (14 in Africa, 8 in Asia-Pacific, 4 in the Caribbean) participated in the 3-hour induction sessions.

The majority of participants (68%) were based in capitals, 21% in Geneva and 11% in North America and Europe. Representatives of six countries without a permanent resident mission in Geneva were also in attendance.

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

According to the polls conducted at the end of each session, 90% of the participants indicated that the induction met or exceeded their expectations.

The Trust Fund also organized in August a 20-hour induction courses, with simultaneous interpretation, for the 16 delegates (10 female, 6 male) supported by the Fund to participate in the 48th session of the HRC.
The Trust Fund has been invited to conduct briefings on its activities and programmes:

- **African Group of Human Rights Experts in Geneva** (prior to each regular session)
- **CARICOM Group in Geneva** (January 2021)
- **CARICOM Caucus of Permanent Representatives to the UN in New York** (May) and in December 2021, with the participation H.E. Mrs. Bain, Permanent Representative of the Bahamas and Vice President of the HRC 15th cycle
- **Organisation internationale de la Francophonie** (January and September 2021)
DONORS: As of today 31 donors have contributed to the Fund (only 2 in 2014)

1. AUSTRALIA  
2. AUSTRIA  
3. BAHAMAS  
4. BELGIUM  
5. CANADA  
6. CHINA  
7. DENMARK  
8. FRANCE  
9. GEORGIA  
10. GERMANY  
11. INDIA  
12. IRELAND  
13. ITALY  
14. KUWAIT  
15. LUXEMBURG  
16. MOROCCO  
17. NETHERLANDS  
18. NORWAY  
19. PAKISTAN  
20. POLAND  
21. PORTUGAL  
22. REPUBLIC OF KOREA  
23. RUSSIA  
24. SLOVENIA  
25. SINGAPORE  
26. SAUDI ARABIA  
27. SPAIN  
28. SWITZERLAND  
29. TURKEY  
30. UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
31. WALLONIA-BRUSSELS FEDERATION
OUR 2022 OUTLOOK
SAVE THE DATES: 2022 HRC

28 February 2022 - 25 March 2022

49th Regular Session
(High level segment)
(Mainstreaming Panel on Universality on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund, on 28 February 2022 from 4 to 6 P.M)

13 June 2022 - 1 July 2022

50th Regular session

12-30 September 2022

51st Regular Session
A LANDMARK SESSION FOR THE LDCs/SIDS TRUST FUND

• 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 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;

• Request 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 (the 2nd universal session of the HRC since its establishment);

• Discuss the report of the OHCHR report in which the Office evaluates the activities of the Trust Fund in meeting its training and capacity-building mandate.

• Possible new resolution on the mandate of the Trust Fund.
## 2022 HRC Sessions

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Our Goal

Ensuring Universal Participation at Every Session of the Human Rights Council

Join the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund success story!
“I am particularly proud of the achievements of the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to support the participation of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS), managed by my Office, which since its establishment has supported 172 delegates and fellows.”

Michelle Bachelet
UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
Statement, Third Committee of the UN General Assembly
13 October 2021
THANK YOU
from the Beneficiary Delegates and Fellows in their national spoken languages

A Human Rights Success Story!

Visit our website
www.ohchr/sidsldc

For further information on this document and on the activities of the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund, kindly contact Ms. Fatou Camara Houel, Coordinator, Trust Fund for the participation of LDCs/SIDS in the work of the Human Rights Council, Human Rights Council Branch, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

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