



**2021**

**YEAR IN REVIEW**

**LDCs/SIDS TRUST FUND**



FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF  
**LDCs/SIDS**  
IN THE WORK OF THE  
**HUMAN RIGHTS  
COUNCIL**

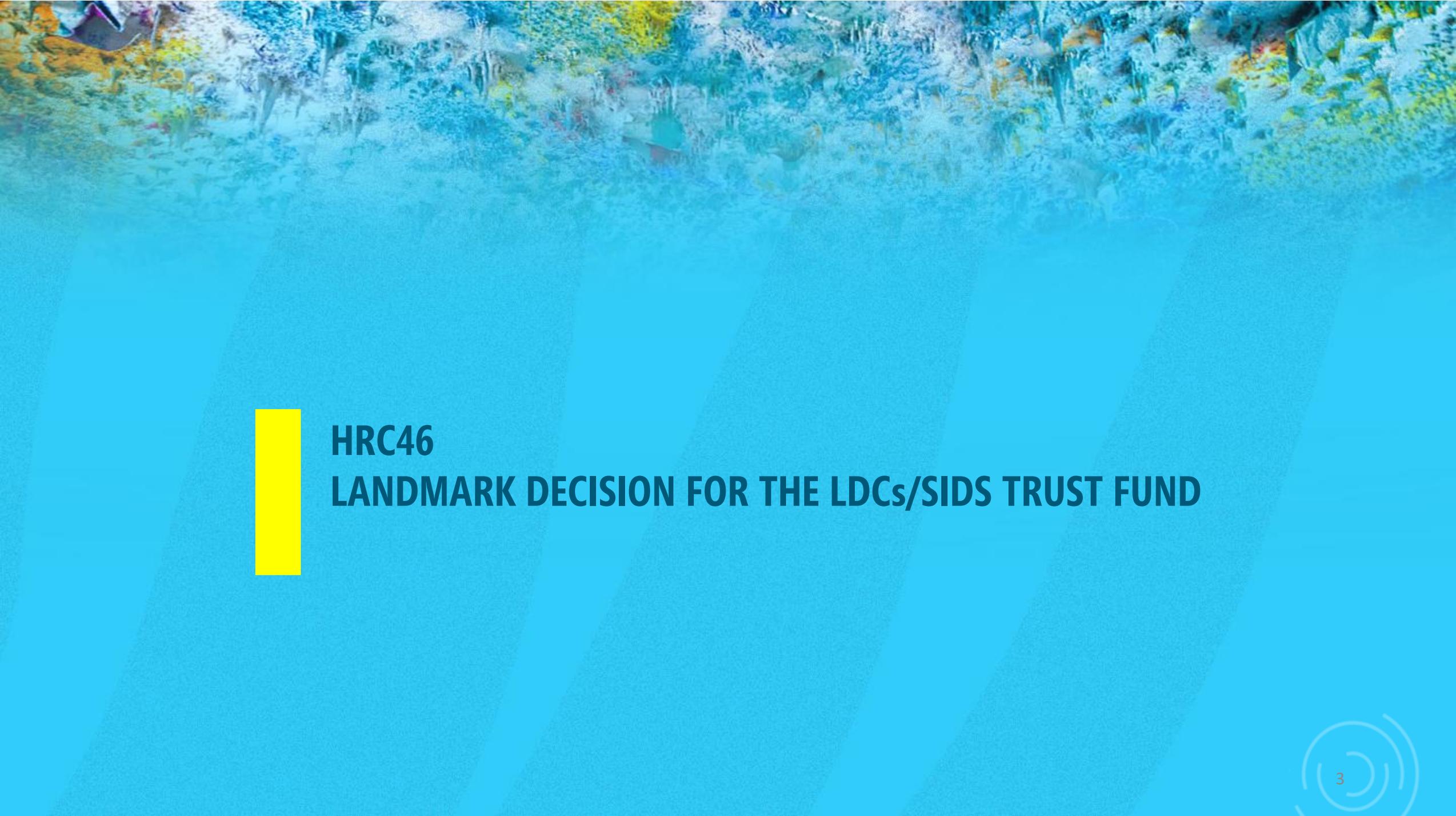


UNITED NATIONS  
**HUMAN RIGHTS**  
OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

# LDCs/SIDS TRUST FUND

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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](#)

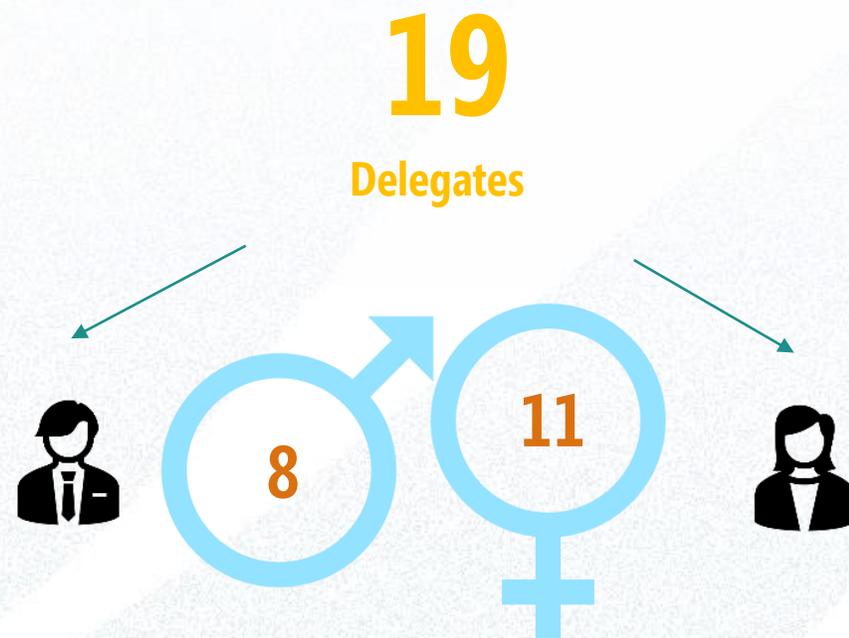


## KEY FACTS ON THE BENEFICIARIES



# FACTS

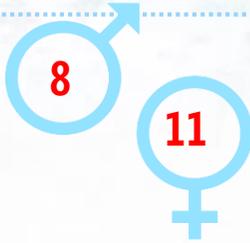
In 2021, the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund has supported:



2 cohorts of beneficiaries  
47<sup>th</sup> session & 48<sup>th</sup> session of the HRC



# WHO ARE THEY?



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

## WHERE DO THE BENEFICIARY DELEGATES WORK ?



Foreign Affairs

BAHAMAS  
BENIN  
CAMBODIA  
MALI  
SUDAN  
MALDIVES  
MALAWI  
NEPAL  
SAINT VINCENT AND THE  
GRENADINES  
SURINAM



Justice

COMOROS  
GAMBIA  
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC  
LESOTHO  
MAURITIUS  
UGANDA  
ZAMBIA



Executive Office

TANZANIA



Other

TOGO



# BENEFICIARY DELEGATES IN 2021 AT A GLANCE

 **19**  
Delegates

**11** 

First time participation  
in HRC:

**17 out of 19 !**  
**89,4%**

Members of the HRC:

**4**  
Bahamas  
Nepal  
Sudan  
Togo

Coming from:

**18** Capital  
**1** New York

Without a Permanent resident  
mission in Geneva:

**2**  
Suriname  
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines



## THEIR VOICES HAVE BEEN HEARD



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

An aerial photograph of a dirt path winding through a dense forest. The path is light brown and leads from the bottom left towards the top center. The forest is lush with green trees and undergrowth. A semi-transparent blue overlay covers the entire image, with a yellow vertical bar on the left side.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 47<sup>TH</sup> & 48<sup>TH</sup> SESSIONS OF THE HRC

# HRC President encounter with LDCs/SIDS Beneficiaries

## HRC47



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**HRC 48  
ENCOUNTER WITH  
MS. NAZHAT SHAMEEM  
KHAN (FIJI)  
PRESIDENT OF THE HRC  
15<sup>TH</sup> CYCLE (2021)**

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# ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE HRC 48

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# COMMONWEALTH HRC 48



**CONVENTION  
AGAINST TORTURE  
INITIATIVE  
HRC 48**





# UNIVERSAL RIGHTS GROUP HRC 48



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# GRADUATION CEREMONY HRC 48

An aerial photograph of a tropical forest with a dirt road winding through it. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. A solid yellow vertical bar is positioned to the left of the main text.

## **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 ASIA REGION

Malé, Maldives

24-25 November 2021 & 1 December 2021

Malé Declaration Towards 2022

Video: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/656483654?h=da21ed68af>



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**‘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



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**‘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 Genève)**

**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 Genève)**



**Online with Kudo /En ligne sur Kudo  
real-time interpretation in English and French  
interprétation simultanée en anglais et français**



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# ONLINE INDUCTION COURSES

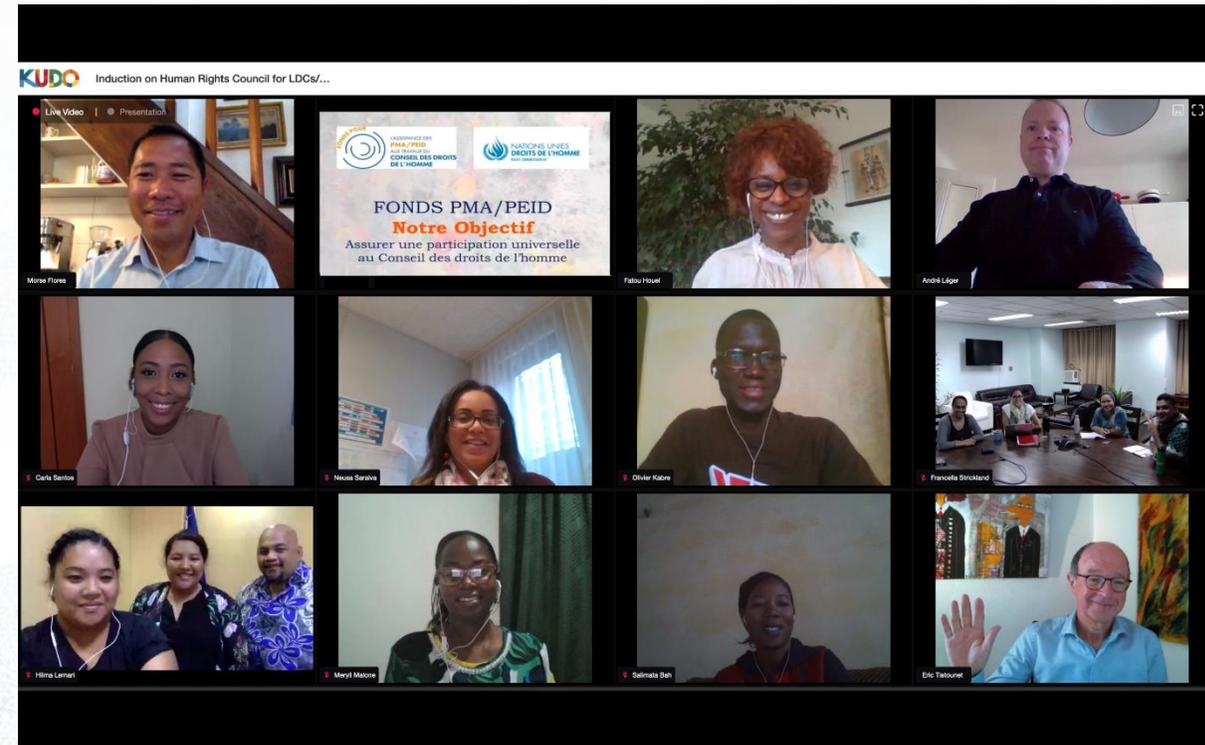
71 (38 women, 33 men) government officials from 26 LDCs/SIDS ( 14 in Africa, 8 in Asia-Pacific, 4 in the Caribbean) participated in the 3-hour induction sessions.

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.



## BRIEFINGS

The Trust Fund has been invited to conduct briefings on its activities and programmes:

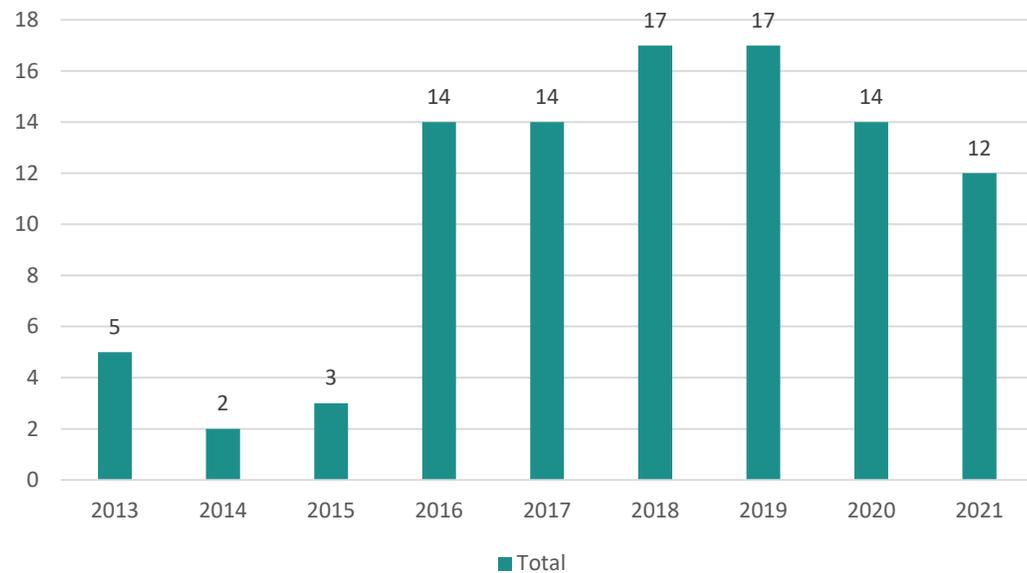
- **African Group of Human Rights Experts in Geneva** (prior to each regular session)
- **CARICOM Group in Geneva** (January 2021)
- **CARICOM Caucus of Permanent Representatives to the UN in New York** (May) and in December 2021, with the participation H.E. Mrs. Bain, Permanent Representative of the Bahamas and Vice President of the HRC 15<sup>th</sup> 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)

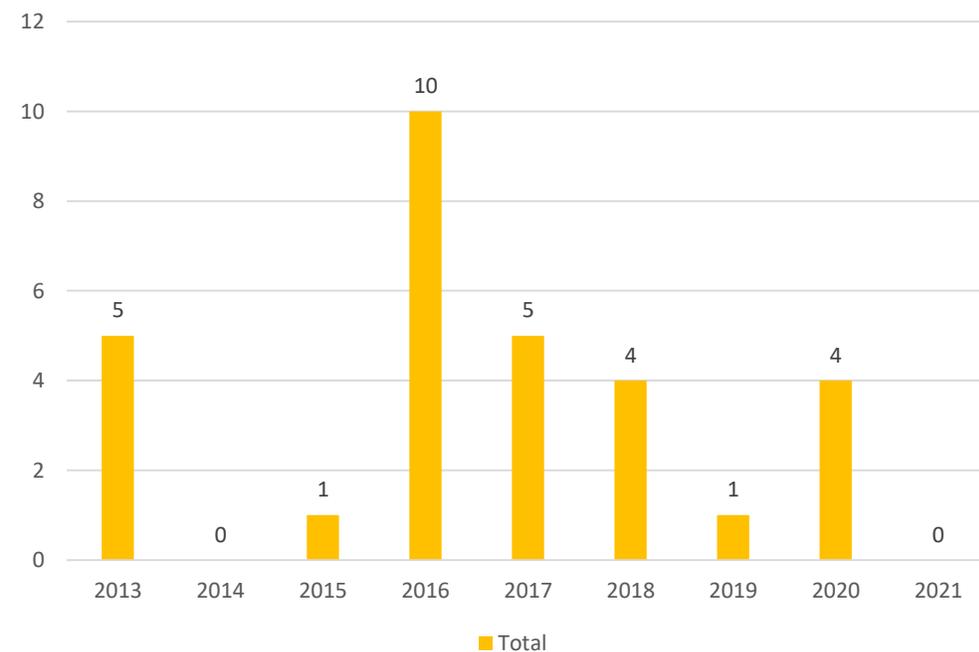
-  1. AUSTRALIA
-  2. AUSTRIA
-  3. BAHAMAS
-  4. BELGIUM
-  5. CANADA
-  6. CHINA
-  7. DENMARK
-  8. FRANCE
-  9. GEORGIA
-  10. GERMANY
-  11. INDIA
-  12. IRELAND
-  13. ITALY
-  14. KUWAIT
-  15. LUXEBURG
-  16. MOROCCO

-  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

### Number of donors to the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund by year (December 2021)



### New donors per year (December 2021)



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# OUR 2022 OUTLOOK



## SAVE THE DATES: 2022 HRC

**28 February 2022 - 25 March 2022**

**49<sup>th</sup> Regular Session**  
*(High level segment)*

*(Mainstreaming Panel on Universality on the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund, on 28 February 2022 from 4 to 6 P.M)*

**13 June 2022 - 1 July 2022**

**50<sup>th</sup> Regular session**

**12-30 September 2022**

**51<sup>st</sup> Regular Session**

# HRC 49 (28 February-22 March 2022)

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



# SAVE THE DATES: 2022 DEADLINES TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE LDCs/SIDS TRUST FUND

## 2022 HRC SESSIONS

## DEADLINE APPLICATIONS

**HRC 49**  
(28 February - 25 March)

1<sup>st</sup> January 2022

**HRC 50**  
(13 June - 1 July)

1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

**HRC 51**  
(12-30 September)

31 May 2022

# Our Goal

Ensuring **Universal Participation at Every Session**  
of the Human Rights Council

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*“ 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**



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# THANK YOU

from the Beneficiary Delegates  
and Fellows in their national  
spoken languages

**CARIBBEAN & LATIN AMERICA** »» MESI (in Kweyol, Saint Lucia) – NUFF RESPEC (in Patios, Jamaica) – GRANTANGI (in Surinamese, Suriname) / **AFRICA** »» OBRIGADO(A) (in Creole, Guinea-Bissau) – AH-MAH-SAY-GUH-NAH-LOH (in Amharic, Ethiopia) – NUBA GÂH 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) – E MAMA (in Kpelle, Liberia) – MURAKOZE (in Kirundi, Burundi) – GADAGUEY (in Afar, Djibouti) – TENKI (in Krio, Sierra Leone) – MISAOTRA (in Malagasy, Madagascar) – KEA LEBOHA (in Sesotho, Kingdom of Lesotho) – MURAKOZE (in Kinyarwanda, Rwanda) – MI KOU NAWO (in Gon, Benin) – JEREJEF (in Wolof, Senegal) / **ASIA & THE PACIFIC** »» KOMMOLTATA (in Marshallese, Marshall Islands) – KOM KMALMESULANG (in Paluan, Palau) – SHUKURIYYA (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) – KYAY ZUU TIN PAR TAL (in Myanmar, Myanmar) – VINAKA (in Fijian, Fiji) – KO RAB'A (in Kiribati, Kiribati) – KADRINCHEY (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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