



## PROPOSED THEMES / TOPICS FOR THE GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON 25 NOVEMBER 2021

### MODALITIES

The two groups that will meet in parallel will be tasked to discuss the below issues and topics. The LDCs/SIDS Secretariat will share the composition of each of the 2 groups.

**There is only one difference** between the two groups:

Group 1 will focus on **In-person participation** (when the HRC is meeting in person, as it was the case until June 2020) ; and

Group 2 will focus on **virtual participation**.

## **BACKGROUND**

The participants, under the expert advice of the Moderators, should suggest SMART (Specific, Measurable; Achievable, Time bound) suggestions.

The recommendations must start with a verb.

Participants will be provided the list of the recommendations included in the [Georgetown](#), (The Caribbean region 2018, in person), [Nadi](#) (The Pacific region in 2019, in person) and [Ouagadougou Port Louis](#) (The Africa region, 2021, virtual) Declarations Towards 2022.

Several online Polls will be conducted during these group discussions

Recommendations accepted by the majority of participants will be included in the Malé Declaration Towards 2022 as well as in the report that OHCHR will submit at its 49th session (February March 2022) as per resolution [34/40](#) of 27 March 2017.

Participants should also take into account that the Trust Fund is entirely funded through voluntary contributions from Member States and that there is no dedicated professional and secretarial staff positions in the regular budget of OHCHR planned for the Fund.

Furthermore, it is worth noting that the Trust Fund's Terms of Reference do specify that voluntary contributions should not be used to fund staff positions.

## Delegates' Programme (HRC regular sessions)

- Assessment of the [E-learning tool](#) developed by the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund:
  - *Is it useful? Should it be updated?*
  - *What should we further include?*
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- Assessment of the Induction course organized by the TF prior the HRC Session:
  - *Length, topics/themes covered,*
  - *Should the TF organize in-person induction course in Geneva (it was the case up to HRC43, 2020) or organize virtual induction course? Or Both*
  - *Social events organized by the TF, any creative idea to improve it?*
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- Assessment of the support /assistance provided by the TF:
  - *Prior the HRC session (briefings with the Regional Groups; IGOs, Induction)*
  - *During the HRC session (HRC Help Desk for small states)*
  - *After the HRC session (regular updates sent by the TF)*
- What could the TF do to support LDCs/SIDS to further participate in Intersessional activities?
- What could the TF do to support LDCs/SIDS participation during Special Sessions ?
- How could the TF further/better support LDCs/SIDS Permanent Missions based in Geneva and in New York?
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- What could the TF do to enable former beneficiary delegates/fellows to engage with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee of the UN General Assembly?
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- How could the TF further develop its working relations with International-governmental organizations (OIF, Commonwealth, FOSS), or think tanks (URG, UPR Info)?

- **Fellowship Programme (3 month Programme from September to November, max 90 days)**

- *Length*
- *Programme*
- *Period of the year (September-November)*
- Research paper:
- *Is it useful? for the Fellow? The Permanent Mission in Geneva (when applicable); the Capital?)*
- Follow-up upon return in country after participation

- **Regional Workshops**

- *Is it useful?*
- *Should the TF continue to organize regional workshops?*
- *Format of future workshops ? Participants ?*
- *Ideas on the participation and topics to be discussed during the regional workshops*

- **Training at National level**

- ***Should the TF be tasked to organize trainings on the HRC at national level ? Vanuatu has benefitted in 2019 of a 5 day training at national level***

- **Training on specific issues/themes**

- ***Should the TF be tasked to organize trainings on specific issues /themes ( drafting resolutions, themes of interest to LDCs/SIDS ie climate change)***

- Technical support to participate in virtual /hybrid training/ sessions

- **What is the best platform ? Zoom, Teams, Kudo (with interpretation), Interprefy**

- **How the TF can assist LDCs/SIDS ?**

- **Issue of translation of draft resolution/decisions and interpretation of the informal consultations in French**

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