



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

COMMEMORATING THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRUST FUND

to Support the Participation of
Least Developed Countries (**LDCs**) and
Small Island Developing States (**SIDS**)
in the work of the
HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL



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Foreword

“ The year 2017 marks the 5th anniversary of the unanimous adoption by the Human Rights Council of resolution 19/26, on 22 March 2012, establishing the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in the work of the Human Rights Council.

The Trust Fund is now widely recognized as a key mechanism of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to ensure that as many voices as possible from around the globe are heard in the Human Rights and Alliance of Civilizations Room.

Beneficiary Delegates and Fellows from LDCs/SIDS have taken full advantage of the support they have been given to strengthen

their knowledge of the Human Rights Council and to interact personally with the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms. Since it became operational in 2014, the Trust Fund has enabled the participation of 70 LDCs and SIDS Delegates from 51 countries in regular sessions of the Human Rights Council for the first time, with 39 Beneficiary Delegates being women.

As mandated by the Human Rights Council, OHCHR, through the Secretariat of the Trust Fund, developed the first interactive, accessible and gender-sensitive e-learning tool designed for government officials from LDCs and SIDS. The tool is available in English and French. Briefings for LDCs/SIDS representatives are held in Geneva prior to each regular session of the Human Rights Council on its programme of

work. You will find more facts and figures in this brochure – and these facts and figures speak for themselves.

It is therefore imperative that the Trust Fund continues to receive adequate voluntary contributions from the Member States that are in a position to do so. I am proud to say that the donor base for the Trust Fund has increased from three in 2015, to 16 in 2016!

On this 5th anniversary in 2017, I challenge all Member States to make voluntary contributions – small or large – to the Fund, in a spirit of solidarity and commitment to the effective promotion and protection of human rights. Together, we can ensure that the Human Rights Council achieves its goal of universal participation at every session.

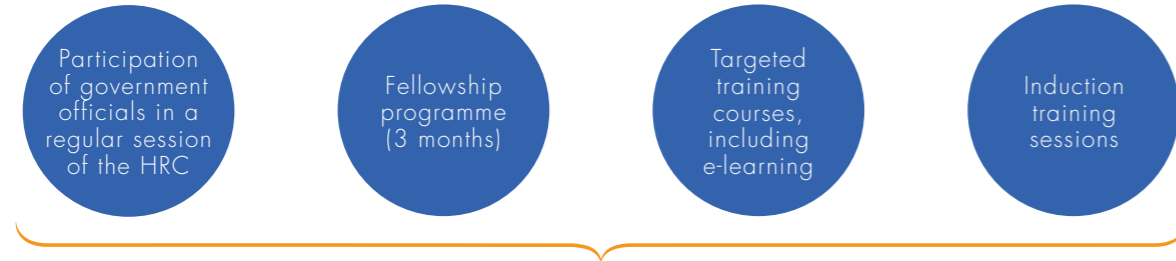
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Trust Fund Mandate

Established by **resolution 19/26** of 23 March 2012. Operating since January 2014.

Its main objective is to support activities designed to enhance the institutional and human capacity of LDCs and SIDS, including by enabling their delegates (in particular those that do not have a permanent mission in Geneva) to participate more fully in the work of the Human Rights Council.

Administered by the Human Rights Council Branch of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Trust Fund provides funding for the following activities:



The LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund has successfully fulfilled the four tasks mandated by the Human Rights Council

Implementation rate:



Five Facts Illustrating Five Years of Achievement

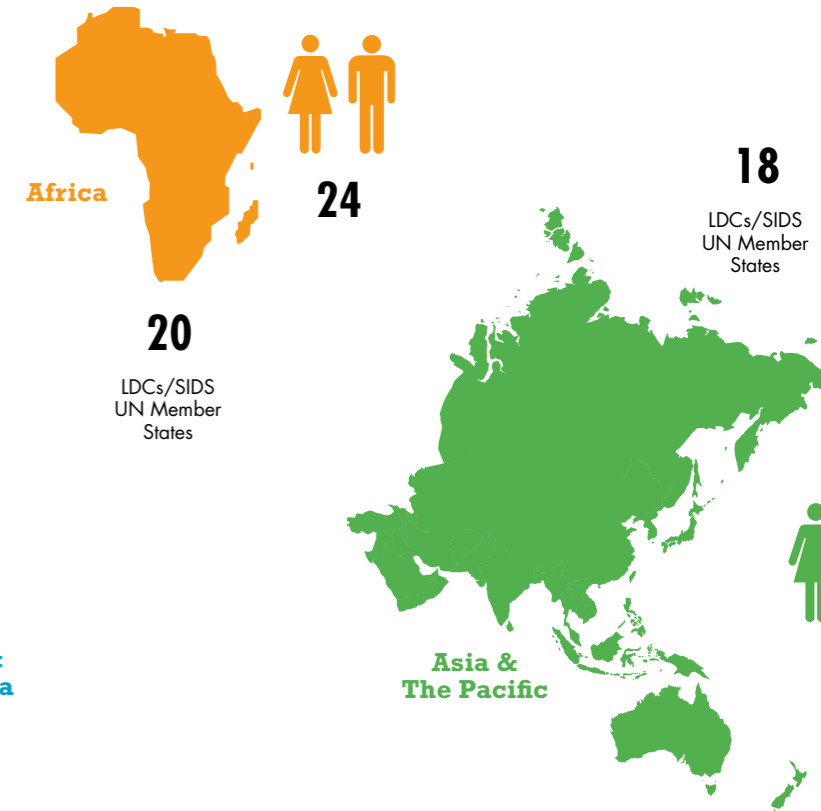
FACT 1

Figures that speak for themselves

Since becoming operational on 1 January 2014, the Trust Fund has supported:
70 Delegates (39 women, 31 men) from 51 UN Member States (21 LDCs and 30 SIDS)

70 **Total**
LDCs/SIDS Beneficiary VIPs,
Delegates and Fellows

51 **Total**
LDCs/SIDS UN Member States



VIPs* supported by the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund

The Trust Fund supported 6 VIPs



1 President: Kiribati (2015)

1 Prime Minister: Tuvalu (2015)

2 Cabinet Ministers: Central African Republic (2015), Haiti (2015)

2 Permanent Representatives: Marshall Islands (2016), Micronesia (Federated States of) (2016)

Coming from



First time participation in a HRC session



FROM THE CARIBBEAN & LATIN AMERICA TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL IN GENEVA



13 SIDS (17 DELEGATES AND FELLOWS)



ECONOMY



- ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
- BAHAMAS
- BARBADOS
- BELIZE
- GRENADA
- GUYANA
- HAITI
- JAMAICA
- SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS
- SAINT LUCIA
- SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
- SURINAME
- TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

* Included in the total number of Beneficiaries (70)

FROM AFRICA TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL IN GENEVA



20 LDCs/SIDS
(24 DELEGATES AND FELLOWS)



ECONOMY



BENIN
BURKINA FASO
BURUNDI
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
CAPE VERDE
CHAD
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
DJIBOUTI
ETHIOPIA
GUINEA-BISSAU
LESOTHO
LIBERIA
MADAGASCAR
MALAWI
NIGER
RWANDA
SAO TOMÉ AND PRINCIPLE
SENEGAL
SIERRA LEONE
TOGO

FROM ASIA & THE PACIFIC TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL IN GENEVA



18 LDCs/SIDS
(29 DELEGATES AND FELLOWS)



ECONOMY



BHUTAN
FUJI
KIRIBATI
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
MALDIVES
MARSHALL ISLANDS
MICRONESIA (FEDERATED STATES OF)
MYANMAR
NAURU
NEPAL
PALAU
PAPUA NEW GUINEA
SAMOA
SOLOMON ISLANDS
TIMOR-LESTE
TONGA
TUVALU
VANUATU

The Historic First Universal Session of the HRC on the occasion of its 10th anniversary

On 13 June 2016, all 193 Member States of the United Nations, including the 16 Small Island Developing States (SIDS) without permanent representation in Geneva, participated in the Human Rights Council, for the first time, on the occasion of its 10th anniversary.

The LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund was instrumental in securing this result by supporting the participation of 18 SIDS Beneficiary Delegates, 13 of whom were women. For 17 of the 18 Delegates, it was their first time attending a session of the HRC. A visually impaired Delegate was among the participants.

The historic joint statement issued by the SIDS on the occasion of the universal session was drafted by Mrs. Jasmien S. Wijngaarde-Lijkwan (Suriname) and delivered by Mrs. Jasmina Goubia (Nauru).

In total, the 18 SIDS Beneficiary Delegates of the Trust Fund travelled **403,121 km**, completing more than **10 tours** around the world to participate in the first universal session of the Human Rights Council.

Completing
more than
10 tours around
the world



**For the first time
participation of all
of the 193
UN Member States**



Faces of the SIDS Beneficiary Delegates participating in the historic first universal session of the Human Rights Council on the occasion of its 10th Anniversary (28 June 2016)



Pictured from left to right:

Eric Tistoune, Chief, Human Rights Council Branch;
Ernestino J. Mango, Guinea-Bissau; **'Akanesi'**
Emeline Katoa, Tonga; **Jasmina Giouba**, Nauru;
H.E. Mrs. Amatlain Elizabeth Kabua, Marshall Islands;
Moote Korina Anata, Kiribati; **Orla Kantun-Coleman**,
Belize; **Silva Ludmila Afonso Lavres Danquá**, Sao
Tomé and Príncipe; **Ane Iati**, Samoa;

Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, United Nations High
Commissioner for Human Rights; **Dorn Henry**, Saint
Kitts and Nevis; **Kasipo Margaret Teo**, Tuvalu;
Tamara M. Evelyn Khan, Guyana; **Vanessa A. M.
Moe**, Antigua and Barbuda; **Setariki Waqanitoga**
Vanuatu; **Jasmien S. Wijngaarde-Lijkwan**, Suriname;

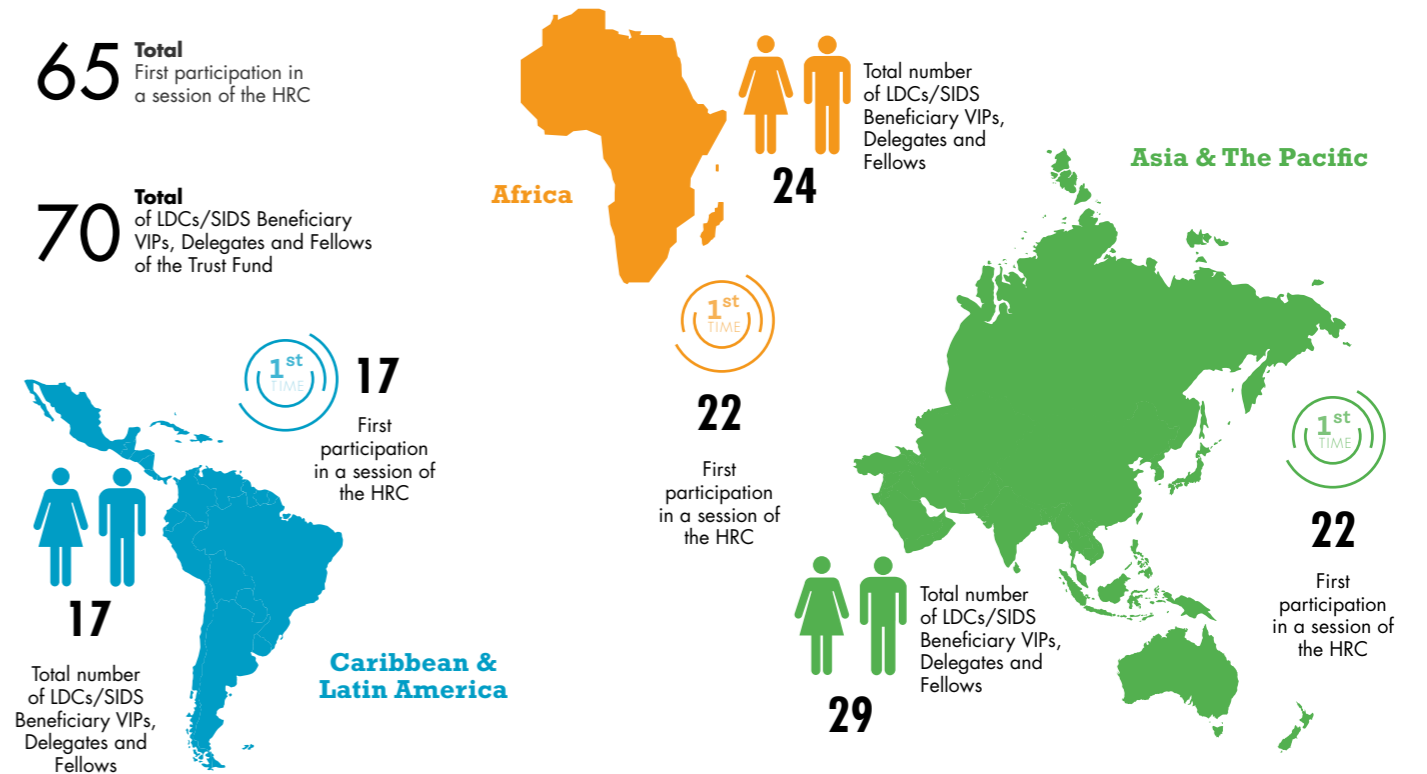
Jasmine Veronica Hull, Saint Vincent and
the Grenadines; **Nacho Trababela**, Palau; **Fatou
Camara Houel**, Coordinator, LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund.

The Delegates of Micronesia and Papua New Guinea are not in the picture since they were unable to attend the entire session due to previous commitments.

FACT 2

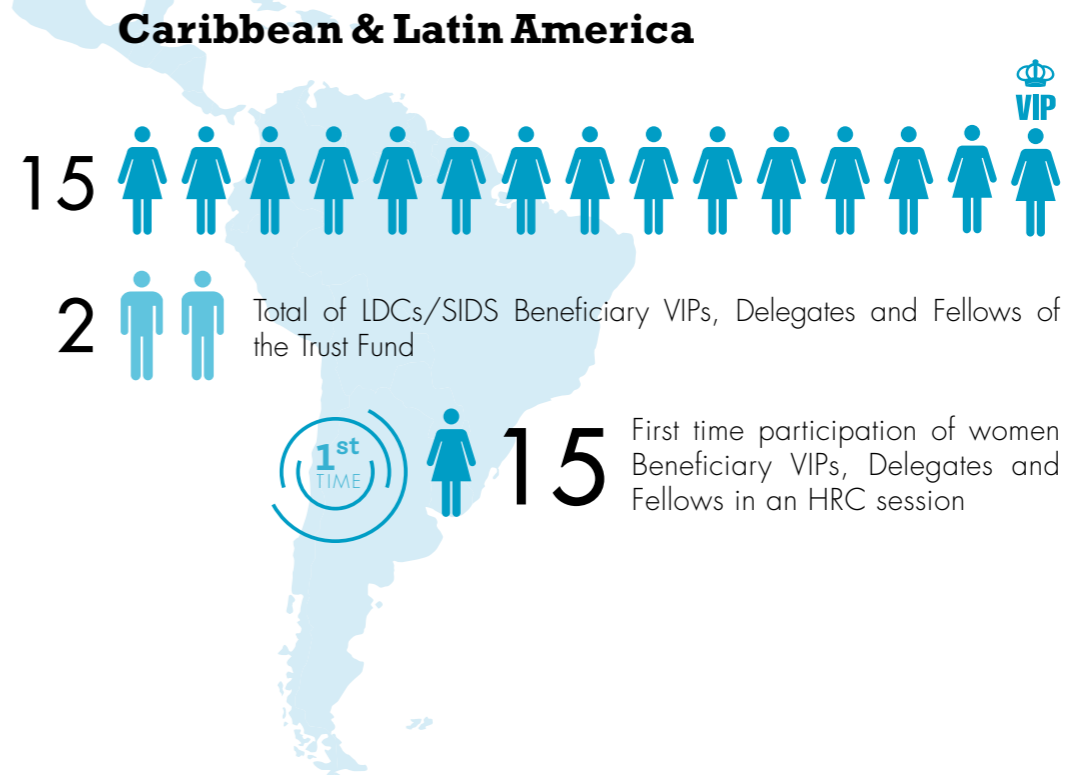
Making a difference: Enabling the first time participation of LDCs/SIDS Beneficiary Delegates working on human rights issues

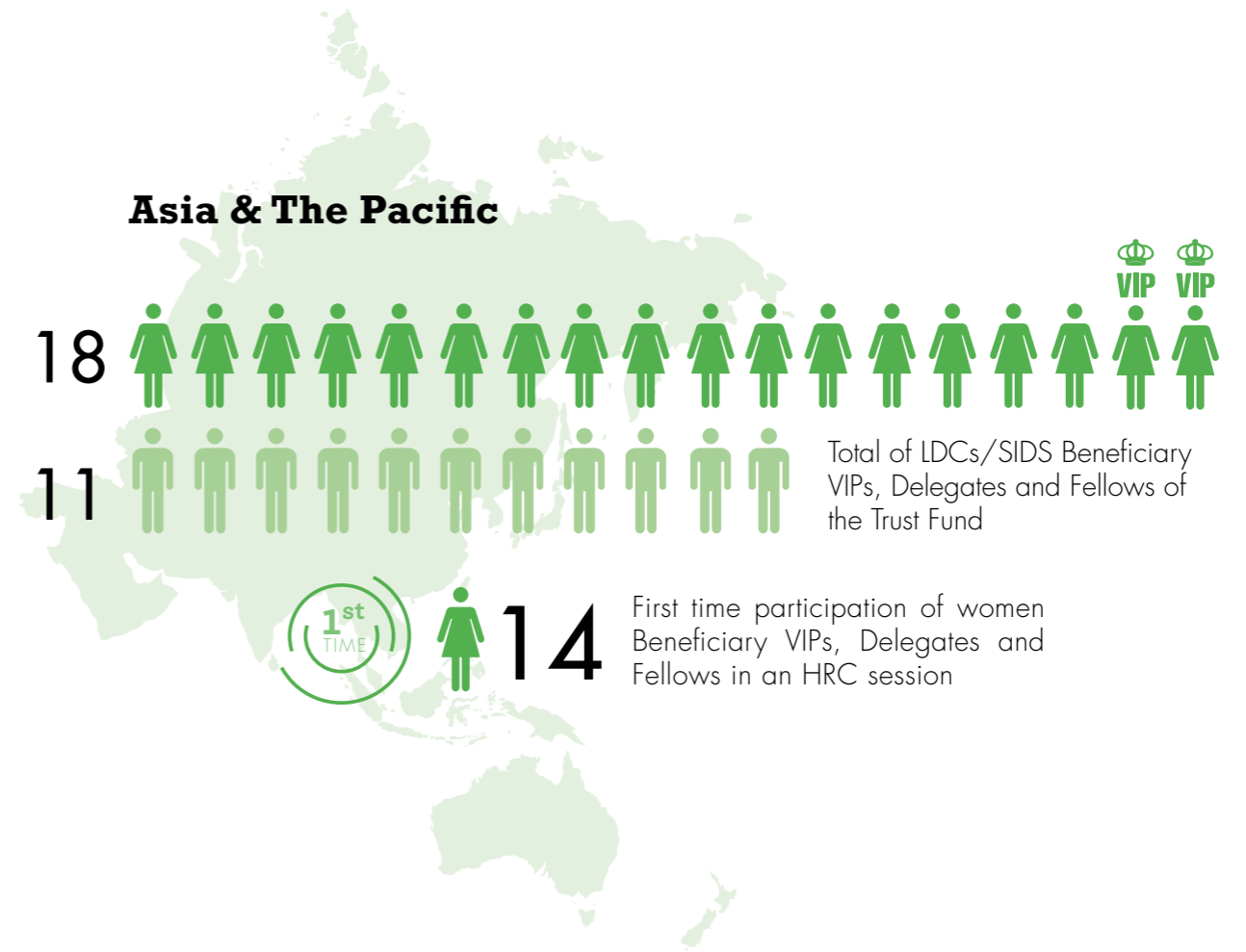
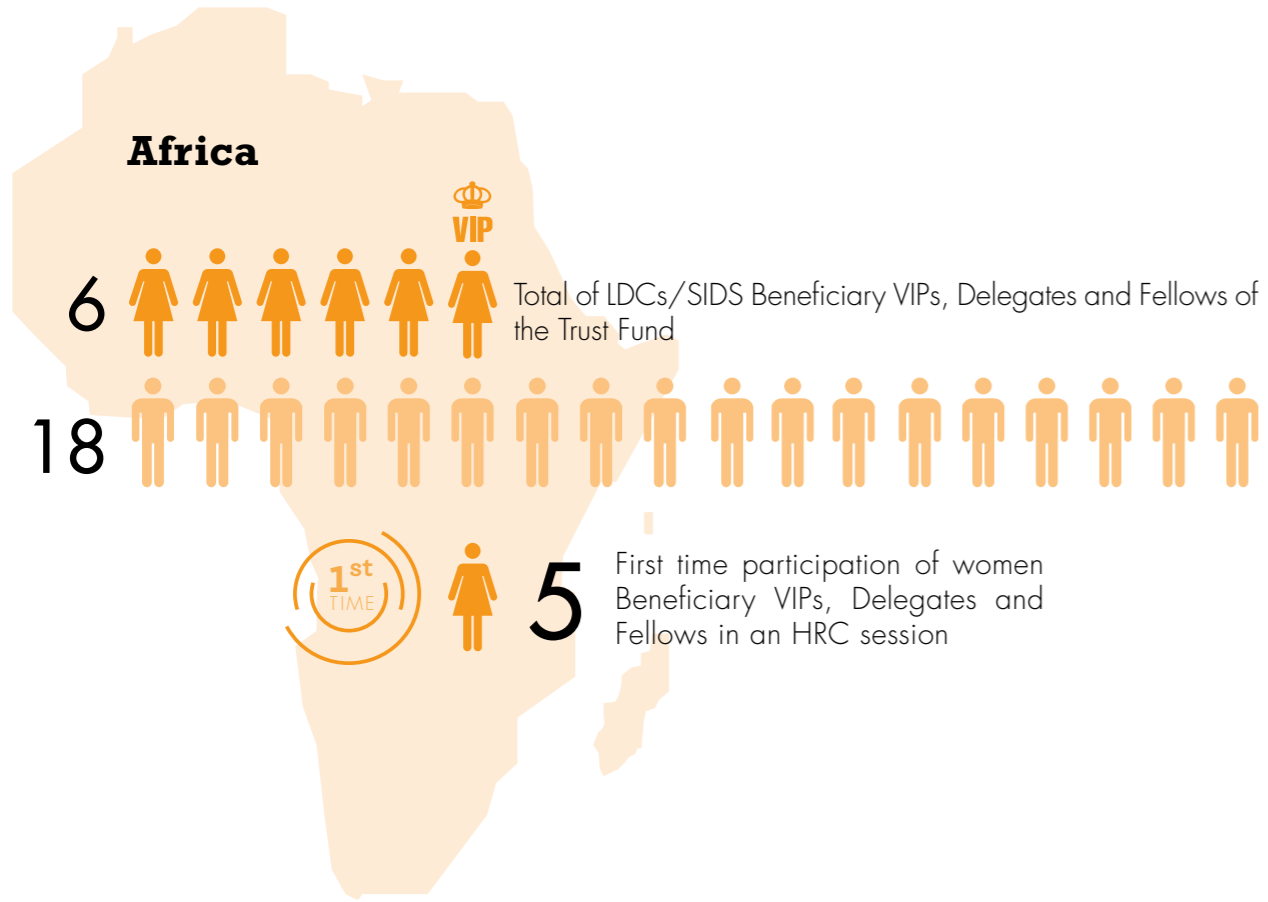
For 65 of the 70 LDCs/SIDS Beneficiary VIPs, Delegates and Fellows, it was their first time attending a regular session of the HRC



FACT 3
A Trust Fund that is a proud “Geneva Gender Champion”

Total: 70 Beneficiary VIPs, Delegates and Fellows (39 women 31 men)





FACT 4

The e-learning tool of the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund: Welcome to Generation 2.0!

The Secretariat of the Trust Fund has been mandated to conduct targeted training and capacity-building initiatives, including e-learning.

In June 2016, the Secretariat launched the first (free) online training tool on the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms for LDCs/SIDS government officials working in the field of human rights.

Interactive, accessible and gender-aware, the e-learning tool is designed for government officials from LDCs and SIDS as per the mandate of the Trust Fund. Any government official in charge of human rights issues, however, can use it.

The e-learning tool can also be useful for UN staff members who are based in the field and headquarters, staff members of regional and international organizations/-groups, representatives of NGOs and civil society organizations, members of national

human rights institutions and interns who would like to familiarize themselves with the work of the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms.

The e-learning tool is available in English and French (www.ohchr.org/sidsldc) and “offline” (USB keys can be delivered upon request). Its overall content provides an introduction to the HRC and its work. It includes information on the international human rights system and law. It focuses on familiarization with the entry points, rules and modalities for State participation in the regular sessions of the Human Rights Council.

The e-learning tool has four modules. Each module ends with a short self-assessment.





It takes an average of **3 hours** to complete the four modules. This can be undertaken in a series of sessions at the convenience of the participant but will have to be **completed within one month from the date of the initial inscription.**



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Geneva**



A final assessment covering the four modules leads to a **certificate** that is issued by the LDCs/SIDS Secretariat of the OHCHR.



FACT 5

A Trust Fund that is being supported by an increasing number of donor countries

List of donor countries to the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund since its establishment

(in alphabetical order)

Within one year (September 2015-September 2016) the number of donor countries has quadrupled from 3 to 12. Since its establishment in 2012, the Trust Fund has been supported by 19 donor countries.

 Australia	 Republic of Korea
 France	 Saudi Arabia
 Georgia	 Singapore
 Germany	 Spain
 India	 <i>Switzerland*</i>
 Ireland	 Pakistan
 Italy	 Turkey
 Kuwait	 United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
 Morocco	 Wallonia-Brussels Federation
 Netherlands	

Number of donor countries to the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund by year

(as of 1 January 2017)



* Switzerland provided a contribution to support the participation of LDCs/SIDS Delegates in the HRC 10th anniversary session, which was recorded in another Trust Fund that supported activities related to the 10th anniversary of the HRC.

The Beneficiary Delegates say Thank You!

Names of the Beneficiary Delegates and Fellows of the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund since its establishment (by alphabetical order)

Caribbean & Latin America

Armilia Tojosemito, Suriname
Bynta Ernest, Saint Lucia
Dorn Henry, Saint Kitts and Nevis
Ian Rampersad, Trinidad and Tobago
Jasmien S. Wijngaarde-Lijkwan, Suriname
Jasmine Veronica Hull, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Jinelle Adams, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Kasandra Roxie Hutchinson, Grenada
Kerry Bonamy, Bahamas
Nardia Patricia Andrews, Jamaica
Orla Kantun-Coleman, Belize
Ricardo Kellman, Barbados
Shae-Alicia Lewis, Jamaica
Tamara M. Evelyn Khan, Guyana
Thouvia France, Saint Kitts and Nevis
Vanessa A. Moe, Antigua and Barbuda

Africa

Abdoulaye Keita, Senegal
Adjawé Djeri, Togo
Albert Mpinda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo
André Niyihangejeje, Burundi

Cassandra Labor, Sierra Leone
Eric Frank Saizonou, Benin
Ernest Mungo Makawa, Malawi
Ernestino J. Mango, Guinea-Bissau
Fabien Tombohavana, Madagascar
Franck Damas Mutagano, Rwanda
Issaka Moussa, Niger
Kutaka Devine Togbah, Liberia
Lalane Josiane Ralaivaoarisoa, Madagascar
Luis Olegário Monteiro Sanches, Cape Verde
Massalbaye Tenebaye, Chad
Mohamed Moussa Abdoukader, Djibouti
Pascal Gouba, Burkina Faso
Polo Evodia Chabane, Lesotho
Silva Ludmila Afonso Lavres Danquá, Sao Tomé and Príncipe
Yibza Aynekullu Tesfaye, Ethiopia

Asia & The Pacific

Akanesi'Emeline Katoa, Tonga
Amatlain Elizabeth Kabua, Marshall Islands
Ane Iati, Samoa
Aye Lei Mon, Myanmar
Cidália do Rosário da Cruz, Timor-Leste

Efren Jogia, Tuvalu
Florieann Wilson, Fiji
Fred Sarufa, Papua New Guinea
Hila Asanuma, Palau
Ismail Rausha Zahir, Maldives
Jane J. Chigiyal, Micronesia (Federated States of)
Jasmina Giouba, Nauru
Jolina Tausinga, Solomon Islands
Kasipo Margaret Teo, Tuvalu
Laila Shareef, Maldives
Molly Helkena, Marshall Islands
Moote Korina Anata, Kiribati
Nacho Trabadela, Palau
Norleen Oliver, Micronesia (Federated States of)
Olive Vaai, Samoa
Polotu Fakafanua-Paung (Akanesi Feangatapu Paunga), Tonga
Rajendra Thapa, Nepal
Sengpraarthid Snookphone, Lao's People Democratic Republic
Setariki Waqanitoga, Vanuatu
Thinlay Norbu, Bhutan

Thank You from the Beneficiary Delegates and Fellows in their national spoken languages

Caribbean & Latin America

MESI (in Kweyol, Saint Lucia)

NUFF RÉSPEK (in Patois, 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 BAÁRKA (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 KMAL MESULANG (in Puluwan, 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)

Publications produced by the Secretariat of the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund (since June 2015)



Practical Guide (June 2015)



Brochure of the Exhibition: Ensuring That The Voices of All Member States Are Heard (June 2016)



The Historic First Universal Session of the Human Rights Council on the occasion of its 10th anniversary. The contributions of the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund (December 2016)



Our Goal

Ensuring **universal participation at every session**
of the Human Rights Council

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