

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



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LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund

Our Goal

Ensuring Universal Participation in
the HRC

Ensuring the participation of LDCs/SIDS

Activities of the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund April 2021

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**OUR WORK
JANUARY-MARCH 2021**

THE IMPACT OF COVID 19


From Onsite to Online

FROM ROOM XX TO ASSEMBLY HALL



13/04/2021

FCH, LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund, April 2021



Trust Fund Activities **AHEAD** **OF** **HRC 46**

❖ VIRTUAL INDUCTION COURSE ON THE HRC ON IN FEBRUARY 2021



*Virtual Induction course on the Human Rights Council for LDCs and SIDS
Join us on Monday 15 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 lundi 15 février ou le mardi 16 février 2021*



**Session 1: Monday 15 February 2021: from 14:30 to 16:30 CET (Geneva time)
lundi 15 février 2021: de 14h30 à 16h30 CET (heure de Genève)**

**Session 2: Tuesday 16 February 2021: from 8:30 to 10:30 CET (Geneva time)
mardi 16 février 2021: de 8h30 à 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*



- ✓ [As per resolution 19/26 \(23 March 2012\) e LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund](#) provides practical and targeted training courses (including e-learning) on the rules and functioning of the HRC and its mechanisms.
- ✓ As a result of the extraordinary modalities of the HRC46, the Trust Fund **organized on 15 and 16 February 2021, two virtual induction courses on how to engage with the HRC in anticipation of its virtual 46th session (23 February- 24 March 2021).**

- ✓ **The main objective** of the virtual induction, the first of this kind since the establishment of the HRC, **was to ensure that LDCs/SIDS, particularly those without resident PM permanent mission in Geneva, received timely information on how to engage with the HRC.**

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

✓ **Participation**

71 government officials from **33 LDCs/SIDS** and 1 IGO Pacific participated in the 3-hour induction sessions.

54% of the participants (38) were **women**. The Trust Fund continues to be a Gender Champion



Monse Flores



Fatou Houel



André Ligez



Carla Santos



Nouza Soravia



Olivier Kabre



Francella Stuchland



Hilma Lemari



Meyll Malone



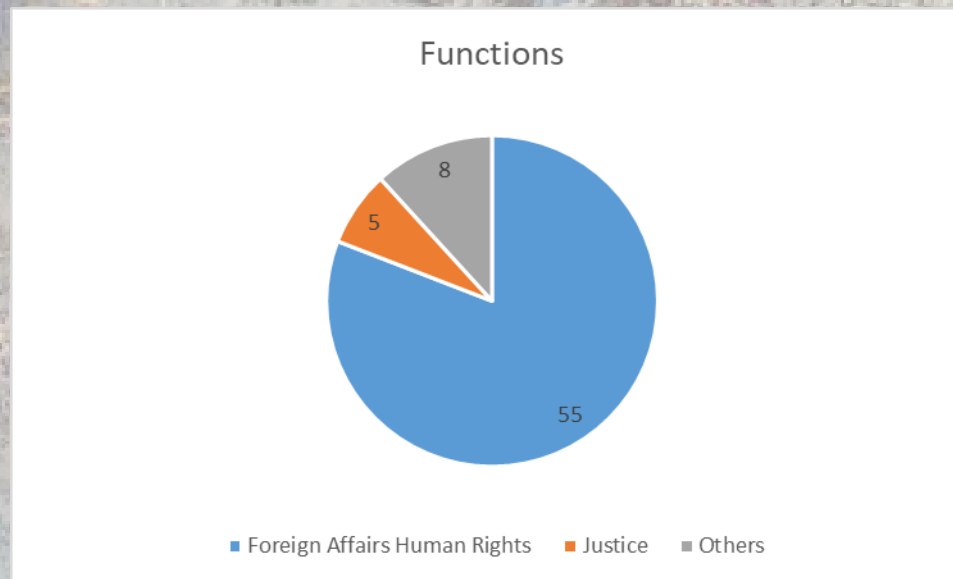
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Functions

- ✓ **55 Foreign Affairs and Human Rights**
- ✓ **5 Justice**
- ✓ **8 others (Social Affairs, Gender, Law enforcement...)**



**13 LDCs/SIDS
Africa**

(32 participants)

1. Angola (5)
2. Benin (2)
3. Burkina Faso (5)
4. Comoros (1)
5. Djibouti (1)
6. Madagascar (1)
7. Mauritius (2)
8. Niger (1)
9. Rwanda (1)
10. Seychelles (6)
11. Sierra Leone (4)
12. South Sudan (1)
13. Togo (3)

**3 LDCs/SIDS
Latin America
and the
Caribbean**

(18 participants)

1. Bahamas (8)
2. Saint Lucia (9)
3. Suriname (1)

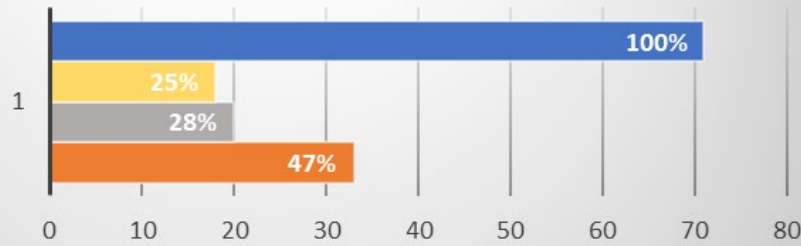
**8 LDCs/SIDS
Asia & the Pacific**

(21 participants)

1. Bhutan (1)
2. Fiji (3)
3. Kiribati (1)
4. Lao (1)
5. Maldives (1)
6. Marshall Islands (5)
7. Nepal (1)
8. Samoa (6)
9. Timor Leste (1)

1. Secretariat of the Pacific Community (1)

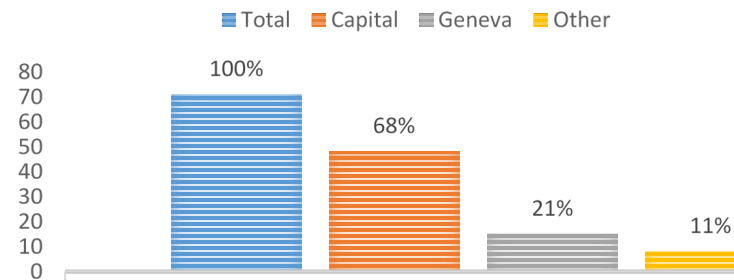
Regional Breakdown



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Total	71
Caribbean & Latin America	18
Asia & the Pacific	20
Africa	33

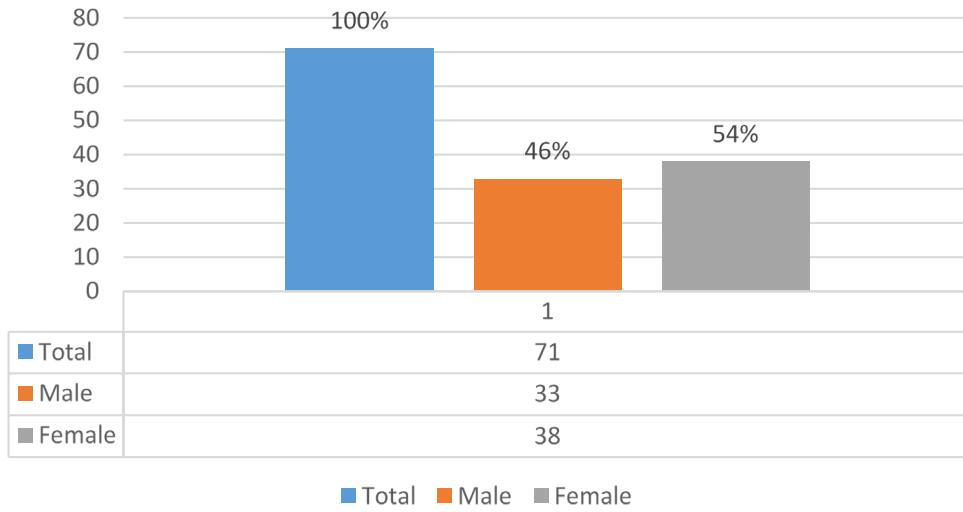
■ Total
 ■ Caribbean & Latin America
 ■ Asia & the Pacific
 ■ Africa

LOCATION OF THE PARTICIPANTS

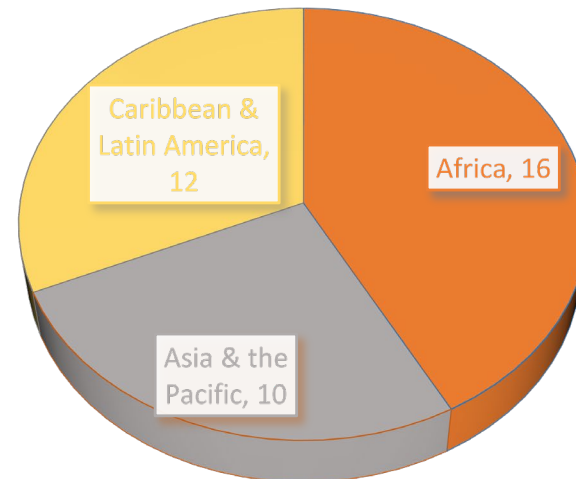


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Total	71
Capital	48
Geneva	15
Other	8

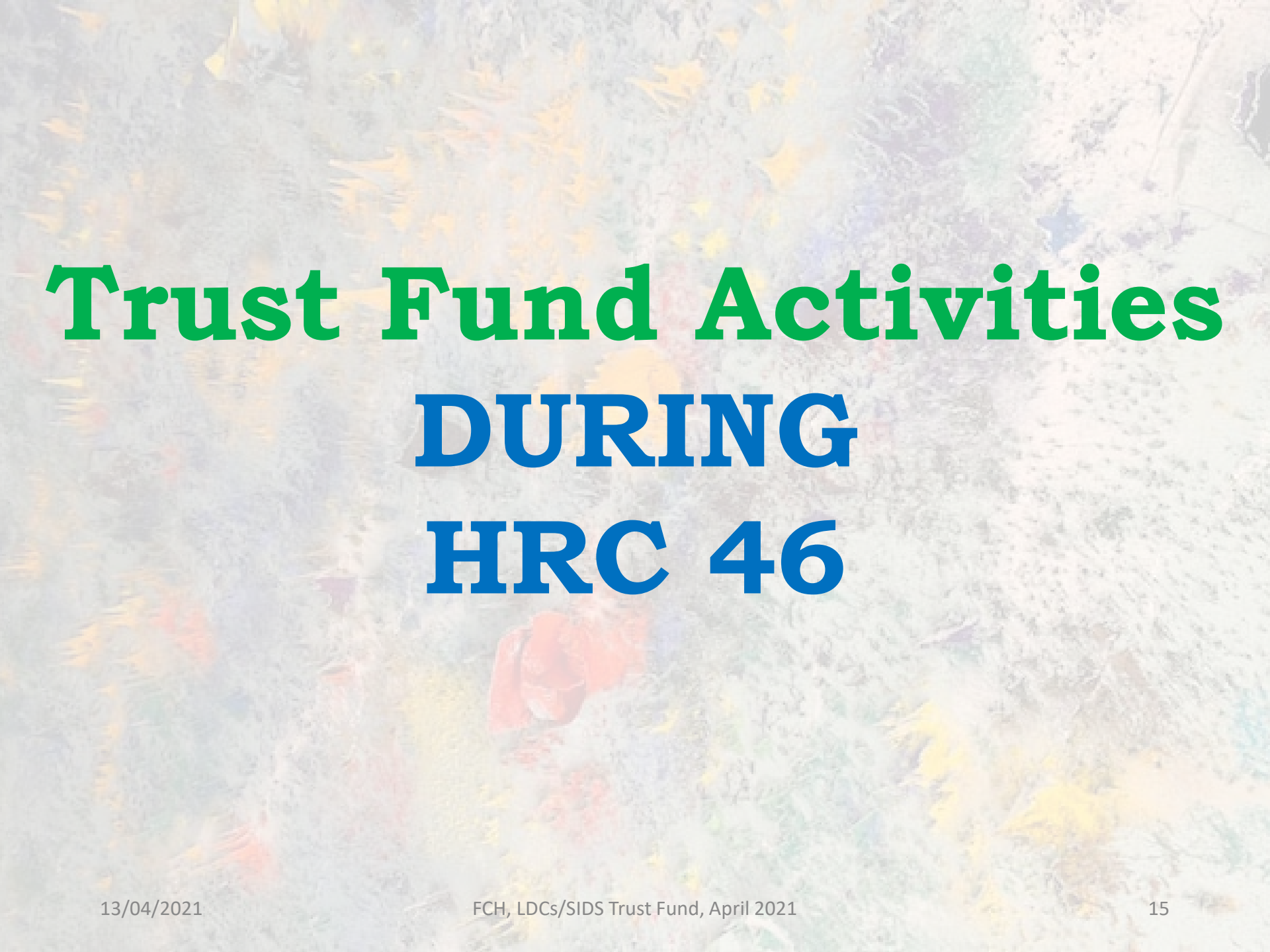
GENDER



GENDER PER REGION



- ❖ **The Trust Fund conducted, at the invitation of several groups, virtual Briefings to take stock of its activities in 2020 and outline its plans for 2021**
- ✓ **Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT), 29 January**
- ✓ Organisation internationale la Francophonie, 2 February
- ✓ The CARICOM Group in Geneva, 11 February
- ✓ The African Group in Geneva, 15 February

An aerial photograph of a forest with a red-roofed building in the center. The text is overlaid on the image.

Trust Fund Activities

DURING

HRC 46

❖ The HRC Hep Desk for Small Missions

- ✓ **137 requests** (email, phone and WhatsApp) from 18 Feb to 24 March (in 2020, 108 requests)

- ✓ **47 Member States and IGO** contacted the Help Desk:
 - **34 LDCs/SIDS including 11 without PM** in Geneva
 - (2 Africa, 5 Caribbean and 4 Asia and the Pacific)
 - 14 IGO / other Member states

- ✓ **Issues /Subjects: The Top 5**
 - PoW
 - E-delegate
 - Trust Fund activities
 - LoS
 - OHCHR

Need Help ?

**CONTACT
THE HRC HELP DESK
FOR SMALL STATES
*(prior, during, after regular sessions)***

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available to Small Island
Developing States and
Least Developed Countries



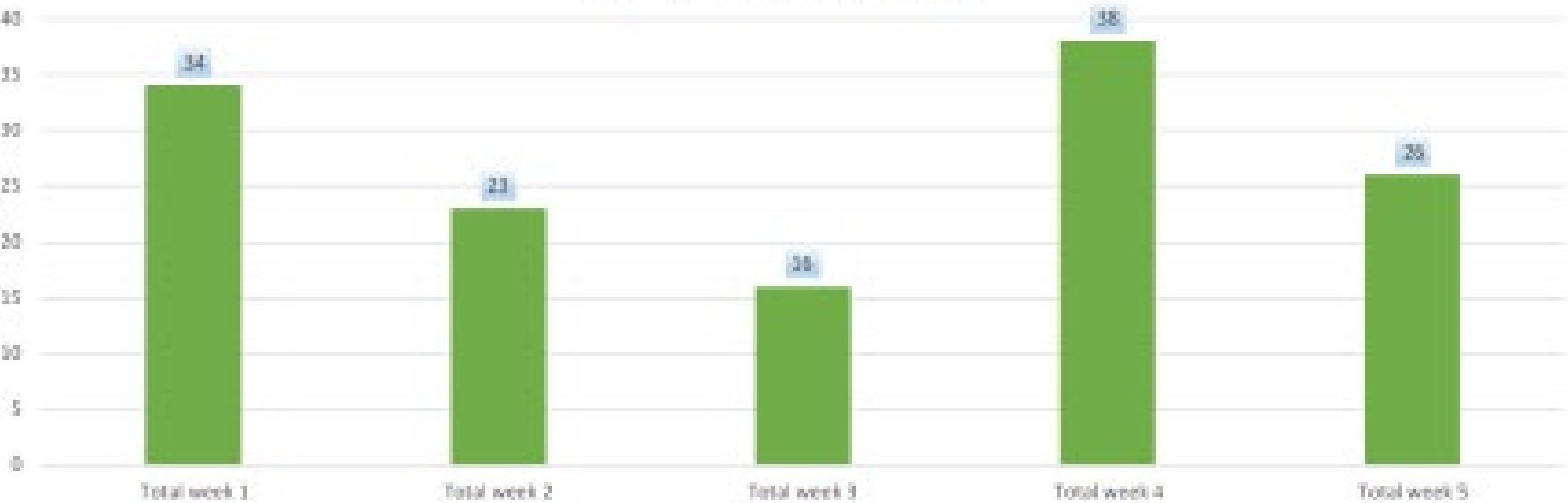
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DU CONSEIL DES DROITS
DE L'HOMME**
aux petits États insulaires
en développement et aux pays
les moins avancés



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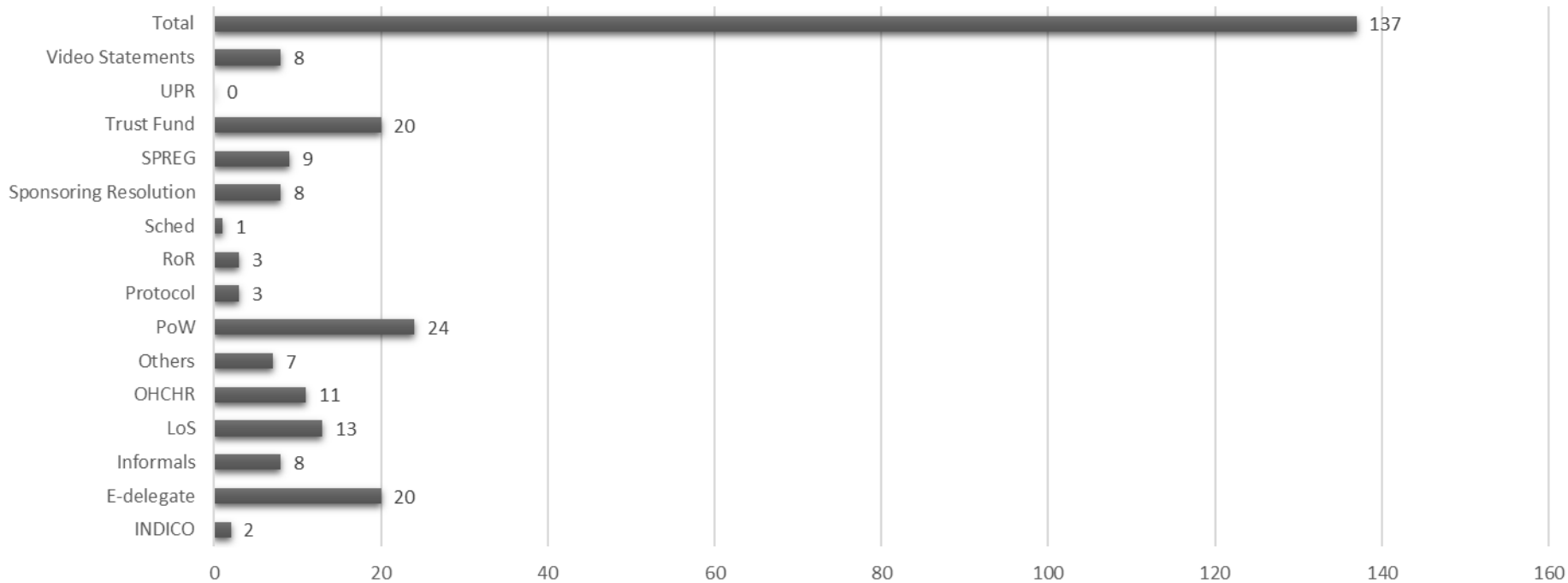
Number of weekly requests



Number of daily requests



Issues / Subjects addressed to the HRC Help Desk



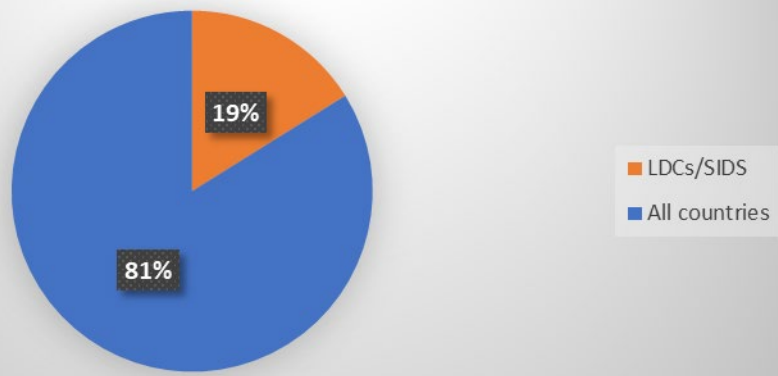
❖ VIRTUAL HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT

HRC 46

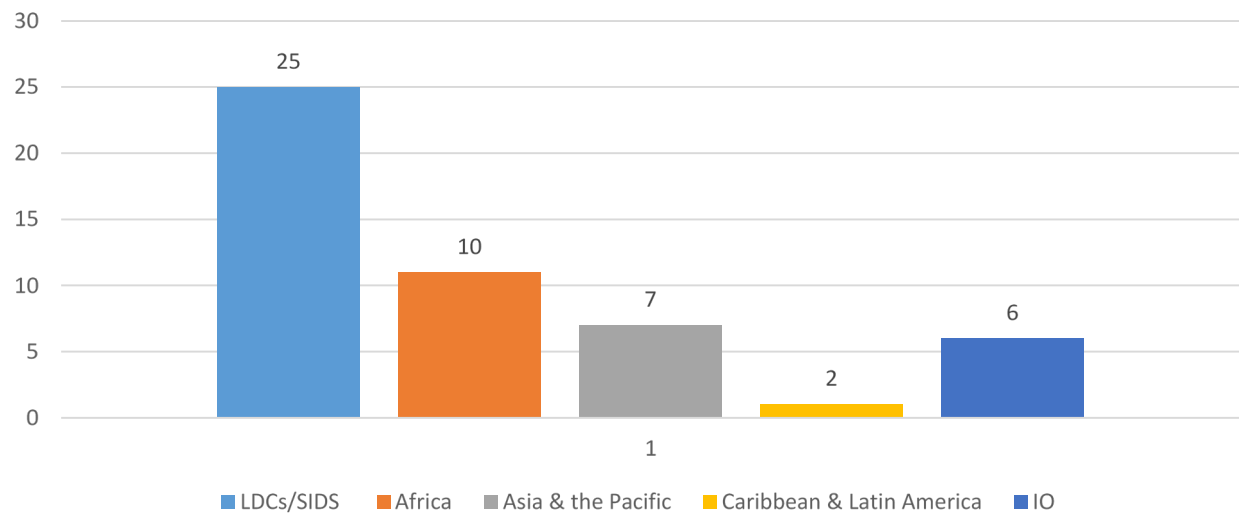
PARTICIPATION OF LDCs/SIDS

HRC46 (2021):130 dignitaries including 25 LDCs/SIDS

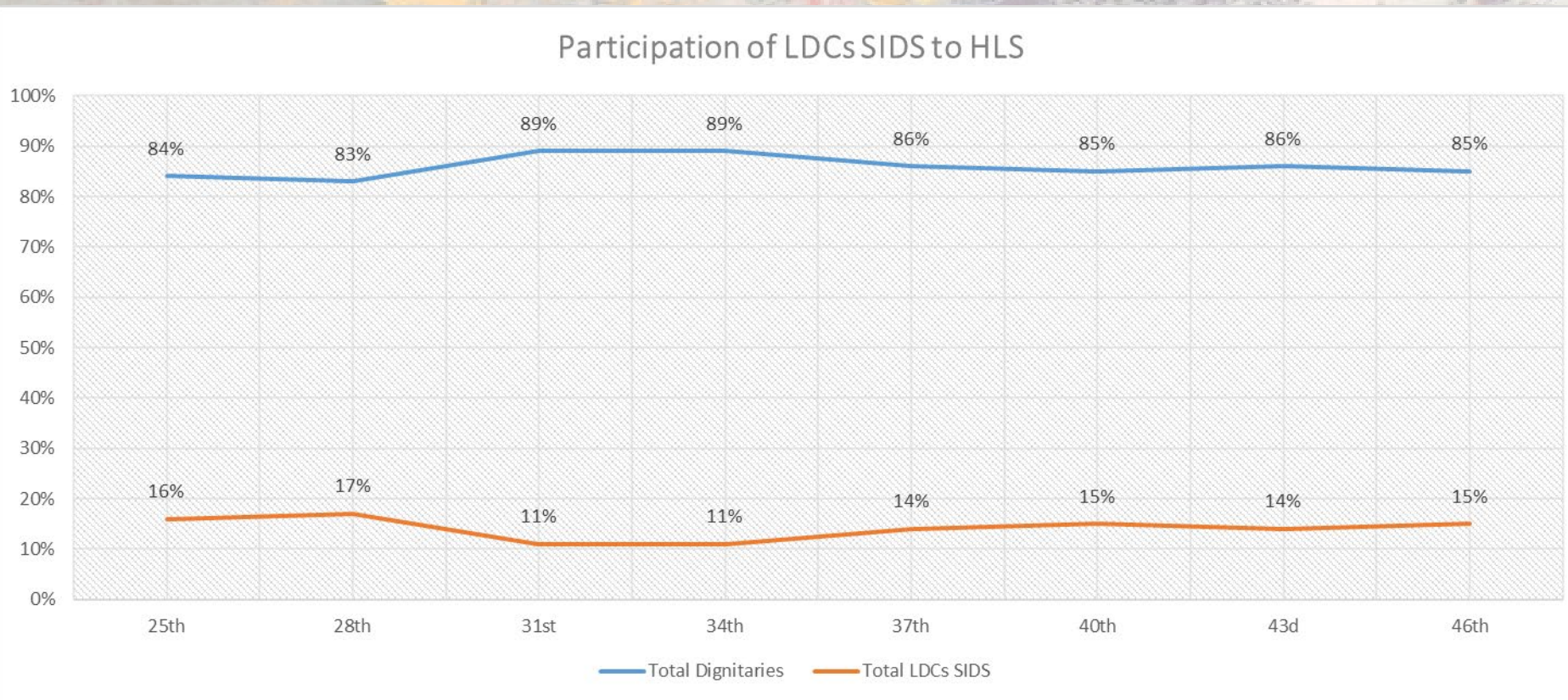
Number of participants



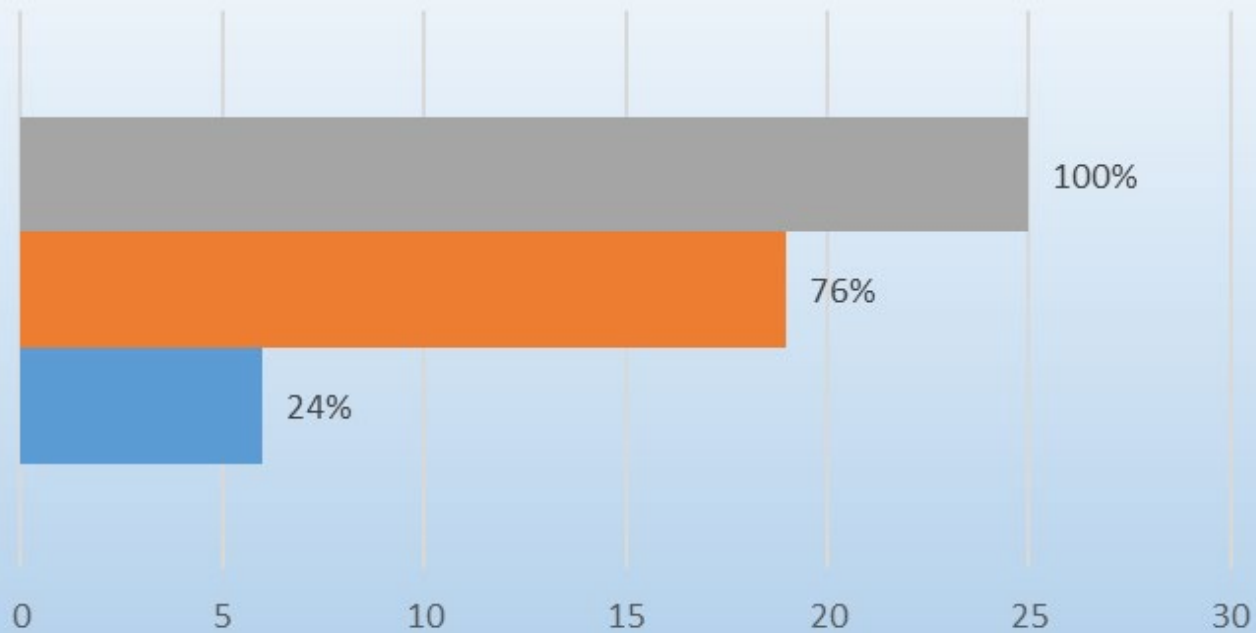
Regional breakdown



HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT (2014-2021): Trend of the participation of LDCs/SIDS



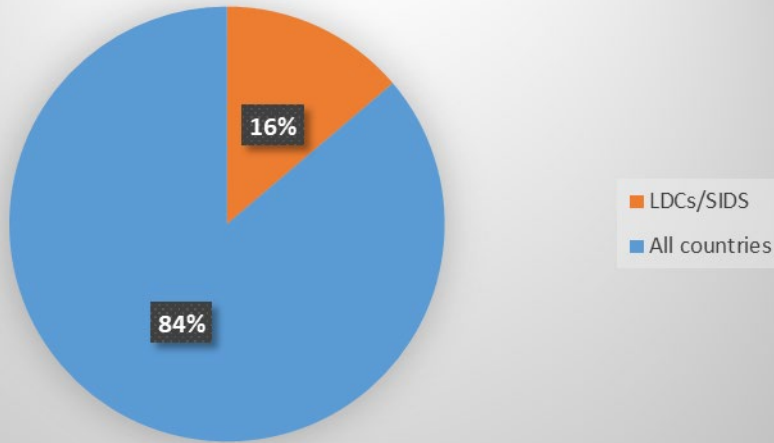
Gender Distribution



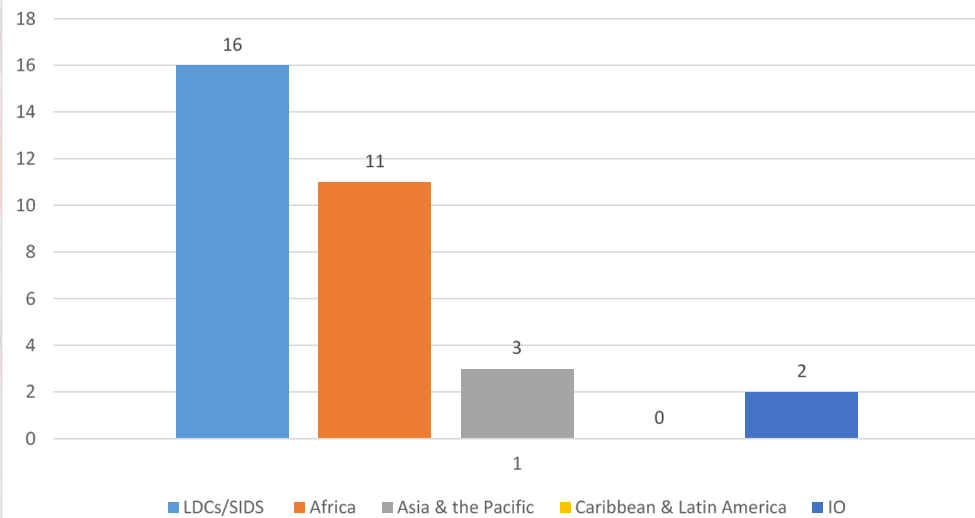
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■ All Dignitaries	25
■ Male	19
■ Female	6

HRC43 (2020): 100 dignitaries including 16 LDCs/SIDS

Number of participants



Regional Breakdown



❖ Regular update during the session

The LDCs/SIDS Secretariat sent regular updates to former LDCs/SIDS beneficiaries, and to LDCs/SIDS without Permanent resident mission in Geneva

- ✓ All the NV sent to PM in Geneva
- ✓ Updated Programme of Work
- ✓ Minutes of the Bureau meetings
- ✓ Resolutions and decisions
- ✓ Zoom links etc
- ✓ Summaries prepared by DPI in French and English

23 MARCH 2021: Historic Milestone ?

Adoption without a vote of Decision L.23

High-Level Panel discussion on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of LDCs/SIDS in the Work of the HRC

24 Member states core group reflecting all the continents of the world

(6 SIDS, 6 LDCs)

(and composed of Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Guyana, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mauritius, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Senegal, Singapore, Sudan, Switzerland, Togo, Turkey and Vanuatu.

L-23

- Decides to **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 Voluntary Technical Assistance 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;**
- Requests 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**, so as **to achieve universal participation of Member States of the UN** at the 49th session of the HRC, including in the high-level panel discussion;
- Also requests the OHCHR to **prepare a report on the panel discussion** in the form of a summary and to submit it to the Human Rights Council **at 50th session.**

L-23

- **Decision L23 was sponsored /co-sponsored by 160 UN Member States being the most sponsored Human Rights Council resolution/decision since its establishment in 2006.**
- **ALL THE 14 CARICOM MEMBERS OF THE UN**
- **ALL THE 12 SIDS FROM THE PACIFIC REGION**



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

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In a landmark moment for least developed countries and small island developing states, a record 159 [LRI@UN](https://twitter.com/LRI@UN) member states have supported a decision by the Human Rights Council to back universal participation in its work.

Read it here ow.ly/nH7I50EjzbK

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Outlook

April-December 2021

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR HRC 47 AND 48

❖ AFRICA: 14

Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Comoros, Gambia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, South Sudan, Sudan (2), Tanzania, Togo, Zambia

❖ LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARRIBEAN: 2

Bahamas , Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2)

❖ ASIA AND THE PACIFIC: 6

Afghanistan, Bangladesh (3), Bhutan, Laos, Myanmar, Maldives

Deadline for applications Fellowship Programme: 1 May 2021

TRUST FUND REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

❖ AFRICA

Co-hosts Burkina Faso & Mauritius

28-29 April and 6 May

Virtual, 3 hours per day,

English and French interpretation

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

❖ ASIA

Host Maldives

October

Virtual, 3 hours per day

- ❖ **Conduct a global survey on the achievements of the TF (OHCHR report, HRC49)**
- ❖ **Organize virtual Induction courses before HRC 47 and HRC 48**
- ❖ **Briefings of several groups (OIF, CARICOM, AFRICAN GOUP, PIF, SPC)**
- ❖ **Briefing of the CARICOM Caucus and the PSIDS in New York (Fall 2021)**

UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

✓ **Working Group on the UPR, 38th session, (3-14 May 2021)**

Namibia, Niger, Mozambique, Estonia, Paraguay, Belgium, Denmark, Palau, Somalia, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Latvia, Sierra Leone, Singapore

✓ **Working Group on the UPR, 39th session (1-12 November 2021)**

Suriname, Greece, Samoa, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sudan, Hungary, Papua New Guinea, Tajikistan, United Republic of Tanzania, Antigua and Barbuda, Eswatini, Trinidad and Tobago, Thailand, Ireland

Deadline to submit national report: 9 August 2021 (number of words 10,700)

Support provided by the UPR Trust Fund for participation: NV to be sent mid September

List of LDCs/ SIDS without Permanent resident missions in Geneva (18)

Latin America and the Caribbean (8)

1. Antigua & Barbuda
2. Belize
3. Dominica
4. Grenada
5. St Kitts & Nevis
6. St Lucia
7. St Vincent & Grenadines
8. Suriname

Africa (3)

1. Benin (PM closed in July 2020)
2. Guinea-Bissau
3. Sao Tome and Principe

Asia and the Pacific (7)

1. Kiribati
2. Micronesia (Federated States of)
3. Palau
4. Papua New Guinea
5. Solomon Islands (PM closed in June 2020)
6. Tonga
7. Tuvalu

THANK YOU FOR ASSISTING US REACHING OUR GOAL
Universal Participation in the Human Rights Council !

In 2020, 14 countries have contributed including **4 new donors**

1. Australia

2. Austria

3. Bahamas (1ST Beneficiary country to contribute to the TF!)

4. Canada

5. France

6. Germany

7. Italy

8. Luxembourg

9. Netherlands

10. Pakistan

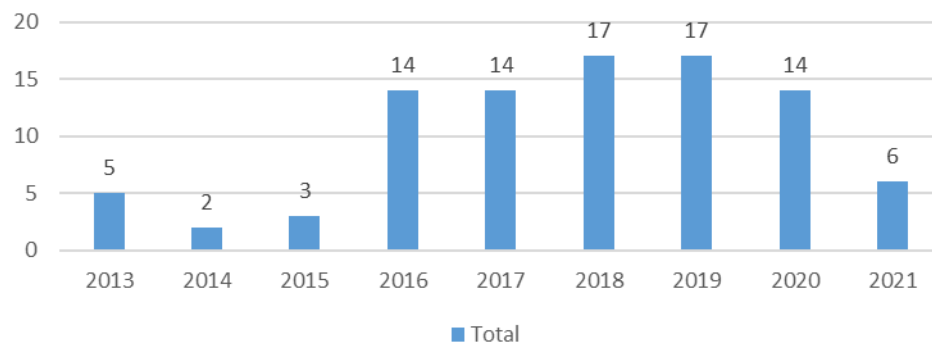
11. Republic of Korea

12. Russian Federation

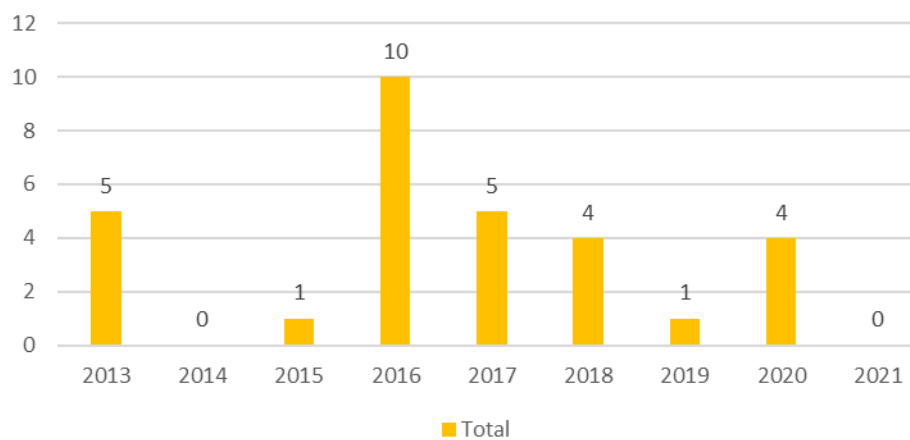
13. Singapore

13/04/2021 **14. Switzerland**

**Number of donors to the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund
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(April 2021 / avril 2021)**



**New donors per year / Nouveaux donateurs par année
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CARIBBEAN & LATIN AMERICA »» MESI (in Kweyol, Saint Lucia) – NUFF RESPEC (in Patois, Jamaica) – GRANTANGI (in Surinamese, Suriname) / **AFRICA** »» OBRIGADO(A) (in Creole, Guinea-Bissau) – AH-MAH-SAY-GUH-NAH-LOH (in Amharic, Ethiopia) – NUBA GAH 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 Fon, Benin) – JEREJEF (in Wolof, Senegal) / **ASIA & THE PACIFIC** »» KOMMOLTATA (in Marshallese, Marshall Islands) – KOM KMAL MESULANG (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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