
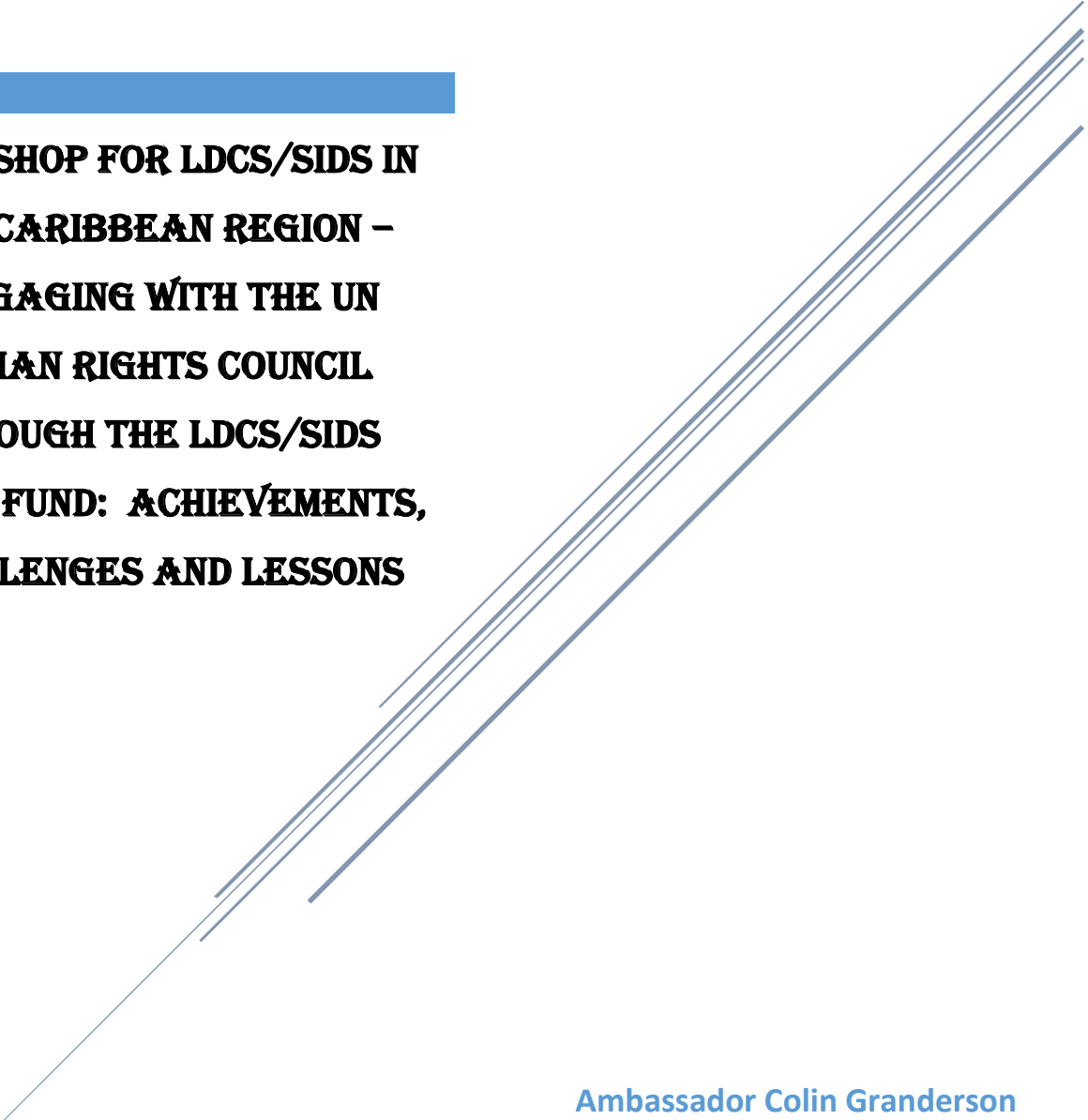


**CLOSING REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR COLIN GRANDERSON
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THROUGH THE LDCS/SIDS
TRUST FUND: ACHIEVEMENTS,
CHALLENGES AND LESSONS**



**Ambassador Colin Granderson
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**Closing Remarks
by
Ambassador Colin Granderson
to the
LDCs/SIDS Workshop**

Courtesies:

Let me first of all thank the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Voluntary Trust Fund and the Human Rights Council for having convened this Workshop. The presence of the President of the Council was an important touch. I was also delighted to see the Coordinator of the Voluntary Trust Fund, Fatou Houel, with whom I worked in Haiti. She continues to be dynamic and indefatigable.

I wish to extend thanks to the Government of Guyana for having generously hosted the event and also to our Guyanese colleagues who worked feverishly behind the scenes to make the Workshop happen. Thanks also to my colleagues from the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat and the CARICOM Permanent Observer to the United Nations (UN) for their helping hand and participation.

Most of all I wish to thank you, the Participants, for making the Workshop a productive and successful event.

I was struck yesterday evening by your spirit of camaraderie and good humour. I am sure that that spirit played an important role in making the Workshop both enjoyable and instructive. Events of this type are important not only for what you learn and for the exchange of ideas and experiences, but also for the links that are created between participants. It is in your hands to build upon these links as networking is an important asset in today's world.

I look forward to reading the Outcome Document of the Workshop, the **Georgetown Declaration**. I have been forewarned that it could mean additional work for CARICOM which I am sure will be welcomed.

Human Rights are an area in which the Community can be more active than it has been traditionally. I am sure that your suggestions and proposals could facilitate such a new approach. Safe return to your respective countries, and best wishes.

I thank you.