2019
YEAR IN REVIEW
This Workshop focused on four key themes that are of particular importance to the Pacific Region namely:

(i) Climate change crisis (noting that climate change affects fundamental human rights) – requesting the Council to:
   a. continue to consider human rights and climate change on its agenda;
   b. call for the creation of a Special Rapporteur on human rights and climate change with terms of reference taking into account the special case of SIDS; and
   c. Request a thematic report on human rights and climate change from the Secretary General;
(ii) Conservation, protection and sustainable use of our oceans and marine resources;
(iii) The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SAMOA Pathway; and
(iv) Gender equality and empowerment, including combating gender-based violence
Participants mainly former beneficiary delegates from the Pacific region, at this workshop that was also attended by Ambassador Coly Seck (Senegal), 2019 HRC President, adopted the Nadi Declaration that sets out a series of recommendations and priorities looking towards 2022 when the OHCHR will produce a report outlining the activities of the Trust Fund.

Among the priorities agreed on are concerted efforts to improve the functioning of the Trust Fund and ensuring relevant topics to the Pacific SIDS were discussed at the Council. The “Nadi Declaration Towards 2022” was circulated to all Permanent Missions in Geneva.
The implementation rate of the Georgetown Declaration Towards 2022 (Outcome document of the first LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund Workshop for the Caribbean countries) adopted on 20 November 2018 is estimated at some 60%. Action taken in this context includes the Trust Fund’s relations with the CARICOM Caucus, New York.

During the 73rd session, the UN General Assembly, adopted by consensus, a resolution on “Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community” on 16 September 2019 in which it called for continued cooperation between CARICOM and the OHCHR, through the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund and the HRC.

It also affirmed that CARICOM looks forward to the operationalization of the Georgetown Declaration’s initiatives concerning the Trust Fund, especially its support for the region’s continuing capacity building initiatives.
At the request of the Government of Vanuatu a 2-day induction course was organised in Port Vila (26-27 November 2019) similar to the one organized in Geneva for the TF beneficiary delegates.

This is the first time that such a course on the HRC and its mechanisms is organized and fully funded by a Government concerned (Vanuatu).

Main participants (a dozen) were members of the Vanuatu National Human Rights Committee comprising both government and NGO representatives.
Where are our beneficiaries from?

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As the crow flies:

How far did our beneficiaries travelled to participate in the Human Rights Council?

That’s a grand total of: 289,720km or 7 trips around the WORLD!
How diverse are our beneficiaries?

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16 LDCs/SIDS: 32

23 females, 10 males
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**Where do the 2019 Beneficiaries work?**

- Foreign Affairs
- Permanent Mission (NY)
- Justice / Attorney General/Legal or Constitutional Affairs
- Gender
- Public Education
- Executive Offices
- Culture/ internal Affairs
The voices of the beneficiary delegates have been heard in Room XX!

113 statements delivered

89 in delegates’ national capacity

24 joint statements

In 2019, 9 delegates supported by the Trust Fund without a permanent mission in Geneva:
Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia and Suriname
Samoa, Kiribati, Palau, and Papua New Guinea

Pacific Island Forum is now accredited to the HRC
What groups do our beneficiaries represent?

As of June 2019, all LDCs/SIDS of the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) have been supported at least once by the Trust Fund. This was achieved for all Commonwealth LCDs/SIDS in March 2018.

Members of the Human Rights Council: 7

Angola
Fiji
Somalia
Bahamas
Nepal
Bangladesh Rwanda

Commonwealth Member states: 19

Bahamas
Fiji
Kiribati
Papua New Guinea
Saint Lucia
Uganda
Bangladesh
Gambia
Lesotho
Samoa
Trinidad and Tobago
Vanuatu
Dominica
Grenada
Nauru
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Rwanda
Tanzania
Zambia

OIF Member states: 7

Dominica
Comoros
Djibouti
Gambia
Saint Lucia
Rwanda
Vanuatu
Events /Briefings organized by the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund in 2019: 27

- Canada
- Caribbean Community (CARICOM) in Geneva
- Commonwealth Secretariat (CSSO) (x3)
- Convention Against Torture Initiative (x3)
- Denmark
- Ireland
- Italy
- Switzerland (x2)
- Maldives, Kingdom of the Netherlands, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Universal Rights Group (URG)
- Poland (x4)
- Pakistan (x3)
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- The Office of the President of the Human Rights Council (x3)
President of the Human Rights Council (13th cycle)

H.E. Mr. Coly Seck with the 2019 Beneficiary Delegates

HRC 40
Trinidad and Tobago, Samoa, Lesotho, Timor Leste, Myanmar, Marshall Islands, Bangladesh

HRC 41
Bahamas, Comoros, Djibouti, Gambia, Madagascar, Rwanda, Somalia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Nepal, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Bahamas, Dominica

HRC 42
Angola, Benin, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Marshall Islands, Zambia
Global Achievements

Operational since 1st January 2014, the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund has supported:

- 143 delegates and fellows
- Geographically distributed across each 3 regions:
  - 54 males
  - 89 females
- And including 14/72 of eligible LDCs/SIDS
- 100% of LDCs/SIDS from the Caribbean and Latin America (June 2017)
- 100% of LDCs/SIDS from Asia and the Pacific (March 2018)
THANK YOU
For assisting us reaching OUR Goal:
Universal Participation in the Human Rights Council

In 2019, the following countries have contributed to the Fund:
1. Australia
2. Canada
3. China
4. Denmark
5. France
6. Georgia
7. Germany
8. Ireland
9. Italy
10. Pakistan
11. Poland
12. Portugal
13. Republic of Korea
14. Singapore
15. Spain
16. Switzerland
17. Turkey
18. United Kingdom

![Number of donors to the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund by year](image)
2020
Our Goals

Goal 1
Reach 100% support to all eligible African LDCs/SIDS

Goal 2
Support at least 8 delegates at each regular sessions of the HRC and 8 Fellows

Goal 3
Organize the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund Workshop for Asia and/or Africa

Goal 4
Conduct 2 briefings for the SIDS /LDC in New York (March and early October 2020)

Goal 5
27 donors have already supported the Trust Fund since 2013. We need 3 more to reach another milestone. Celebrate our 30th Donor!
TO CONCLUDE

“The Trust Fund is an excellent example of the direct, tangible and concrete human rights capacity-building for LDCs and SIDS. It has already enabled a large participation of LDCs/SIDS government officials in the Human Rights Council.

The facts speak for themselves: for over 90% of its 143 beneficiary delegates and fellows (including 89 women), it was their first time attending a regular session of the HRC. I am proud of this remarkable achievement and I hope my Office will be able to sustain this wonderful trend in the coming years thanks to the contributions received.”

Michelle Bachelet
UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
November 2019
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