

## VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

### STATEMENTS OF THE FORMER BENEFICIARY DELEGATES OF THE LDCs/SIDS

### VIDEO CELEBRATING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LDCs/SIDS TRUST FUND

*Celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust  
Fund –*

*video prepared by the Trust Fund secretariat, OHCHR (*

**Annual high-level panel discussion on human rights mainstreaming  
28 February 2022, from 4 to 6 p.m.**



## CARIBBEAN REGION



### **1. Ambassador Sherman Peter, CARICOM, woman (English)**

I am Missouri Sherman-Peter, Ambassador and Permanent Observer for the Caribbean Community to the UN. I was privileged to be one of the 18 sponsored delegates to the first universal session of the HRC in 2016. I was the Rapporteur General of the first Trust Fund Regional Workshop convened for the CARICOM Region in 2018 in Georgetown, Guyana, with participation of the President of the HRC, Ambassador Šuc. I participated in the workshops for the Pacific, Africa and Asia.

The Trust Fund has supported 32 governmental officials including 23 women, of the 14 members of the CARICOM. None of our members have been left behind since they have been supported at least once.

The Trust Fund activities and continuous engagement has made a difference in our region.

I highly commend, and urge all, to support our Trust Fund, an exceptional Champion for LDCs/SIDS participation in the HRC.

### **2. Vanessa Moe, Antigua and Barbuda, woman (English)**

Hello, I'm Vanessa Moe and I participated in the 33rd session of the Human Rights Council as representative from Antigua and Barbuda. My participation was facilitated through the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund. The Trust Fund is important as it allows visually impaired persons such as myself to fully engage in the human rights process. I later went on to present my country's universal periodic review in November 2021. I thank you.

### 3. Sheldon Henry, Saint Kitts and Nevis (English)

Hello. My name is Sheldon Henry and I am a diplomat for St. Kitts and Nevis. I participated in the 2019 Fellowship and my experience was such a transformative one. This is why I implore you to continue to support the Trust Fund as it benefits countries like mine who do not have a presence in Geneva.

## ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION



### 1. Elsie Fukofoka, Tonga, woman (beginning in French then English)

Malo e Lelei

Bonjour Je M'appelle Elsie Fukofuka et je viens de Tonga.

The SIDS/LDCs Trust fund is an important mechanism through which Small Island Developing State in the Pacific like mine can participate and engage in the Human Rights Council.

In 2018, I represented Tonga at the 38th Session of the HRC supported by the SIDS/LDCs Trust Fund.

I was also honoured at the time to become the 100th Beneficiary of the Trust Fund which marked a milestone achievement in the work of the Council towards universal participation but also highlighted the crucial work that has been undertaken to ensure the voices of Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries are heard in Geneva.

Personally, I found it to be an enriching experience, having had the opportunity to engage with my peers from across the region and beyond, but also to establish closer relations with the Secretariat to learn more about how we can contribute to, and gain from, the work of the Council.

As I did in 2018, I would like to once again commend the work of the Trust Fund Coordinator, Fatou, who has been key to the success of the Trust Fund. She continues to keep us informed and up to date on the work of the Council which is important for those of us without a presence in Geneva.

Finally, I'd like to thank all those who contribute to the Trust Fund and appreciate your ongoing assistance of this very important initiative.

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Merci Beaucoup!

## **2. Tola Khom, Cambodia, man (English)**

My name is KHOM Tola, I was a delegate of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the 48th session of United Nations Human Rights Council in 2021.

We have the Permanent Mission in Geneva. However, I am still appreciative to all the donors. Please continue to support the LDCs/SIDS. Thank you.



## **AFRICA REGION**

### **1. Mary Namono Kibere, Uganda, woman (English)**

My name is Mary Namono Kibere, am serving as a First Secretary in Uganda Permanent Mission to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva.

I was very lucky to be a fellow of the Voluntary Trust Fund in 2019, September to November.

I was also very blessed to serve as the Rapporteur General for the African Group Workshop last year, and through this, I learn a lot and acquired the requisite technical expertise and probably one of the reasons am now based in Geneva.

I served as a Fellow when I was based in the capital, headquarters in Kampala, but I am now based in Geneva in our Permanent Mission.

Thank you so much to the Trust Fund and the Secretariat, and more so to our Coordinator Fatou for yourself less and decent work and for making it very easy for us to learn.

On this tenth anniversary of the Voluntary Technical Trust Fund, may more donors come on board and may we find it important to promote technical assistance to each other as states to enable our universal participation for the promotion and protection of human rights for our people around the world.

Again, thank you very much!

## **2. Cabral Laureano Neto, Angola, man (Portuguese)**

Hello, I am Cabral Laureano, I am from Angola and a former beneficiary of the Trust Fund in 2019, please let's continue to support the Fund because it allows us to learn from other States good practices and experiences in regard to human rights issues. Thank you very much.

## **3. Ayane SAID YASSIN, Djibouti, woman (French)**

Bonjour, je m'appelle Ayane Said Yassin, je travaille au Ministère des Affaires Etrangères de Djibouti. J'ai participé à la 41e session du Conseil des droits de l'homme et appuyé notre mission comme déléguée à Genève. Cette expérience fut enrichissante, collaborative et inspirante. Continuez à soutenir le Fonds PMA/PIED. 😊 Merci

## **4. Adéyèmi ACHODE Benin, man (French)**

Je suis Adéyèmi ACHODE du Ministère des Affaires étrangères du Bénin. J'ai participé au programme du Fonds en 2021 en tant que délégué lors de la 48ème session du Conseil. Ce programme apporte une plus-value inestimable aux participants. Continuez de soutenir de soutenir le Fonds PMA/PEID! Merci.



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