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# FACTS AND FIGURES

# HRC 40

**(25 February– 22 March 2019)**

**LDCs/SIDS Beneficiary Delegates supported by the  
LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund**



Palais des Nations, 15 March 2019, Geneva; © OHCHR/Danielle Kirby

*Pictured from left to right*

**1<sup>st</sup> Row:** *Kristi-Ann Baggan (Trinidad and Tobago), Marissa Toomata (Samoa); 2<sup>nd</sup> Row:* *Nthabiseng Lelisa (Lesotho), Flaviano Moniz Leao (Timor Leste), Fatou Camara Houel (Coordinator, LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund), Deborah Nyi (Myanmar), Sally Ann de Brum (Marshall Islands), Md. Rafiqul Allam Molla (Bangladesh)*

## **Total Beneficiary Delegates: 7 (seven)**

### **Gender**

- 5 women
- 2 men

### **Regions**

- **1 from Africa:** Lesotho
- **5 from Asia and the Pacific:** Bangladesh, Marshall Islands, Myanmar, Samoa, Timor Leste
- **1 from Latin America and the Caribbean:** Trinidad and Tobago

## LDCs/SIDS:

- LDCs: Bangladesh Lesotho, Myanmar
- SIDS: Marshall Islands, Samoa, Timor Leste, Trinidad and Tobago

## Delegates coming from countries **without a Permanent Mission in Geneva**

- Marshall Islands
- Samoa

## First time participation in a regular session of the Human Rights Council: 6 (six)

### Coming from

Capital: 7 (seven)

## Where do the beneficiary delegates work?

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Bangladesh, Lesotho, Myanmar, Samoa
- Attorney General: Trinidad and Tobago
- Ministry of Justice: Timor Leste
- Ministry of Public Education: Marshall Islands

## Biographies of the LDCs/SIDS delegates supported by the Trust Fund at HRC40

[https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/HRCouncil/LDCs\\_SIDS/BiosDelegatesHRC40.pdf](https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/HRCouncil/LDCs_SIDS/BiosDelegatesHRC40.pdf)

## Delegate coming from a country member of **the HRC: Bangladesh**

## Delegates coming from LDCs/SIDS Members of **the Commonwealth: 4 (three women, one man)**

- Bangladesh
- Lesotho
- Samoa
- Trinidad and Tobago

Number of statements delivered by the Beneficiary delegates in their national capacity: 12 (twelve)

Number of joint statements delivered by the Beneficiary delegates during HRC40: 2 (two, general debates, items 6 and 10).

Link to the joint statements:

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/TrustFund/Pages/JointStatements.aspx>

*Picture:*

*Ms. Sally Ann de Brum (Marshall Islands) delivering the joint statement on behalf of the beneficiary delegates of the Trust Fund, agenda item 6 (general debate, item 6), 15 March 2019, Room XX, © OHCHR/Danielle Kirby*



**Picture**

**Ms. Marissa Toomata (Samoa) delivering the joint statement on behalf of the beneficiary delegates of the Trust Fund, agenda item 10 (general debate, item 10), 21 March 2019, Room XX, © OHCHR/Danielle Kirby**





**Events organised in honour of the LDCs/SIDS Beneficiary delegates of the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund at HRC40 : 7 (seven)**

Switzerland; the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) in Geneva; Poland; Pakistan; Maldives/The Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland/ The Universal Rights Group (URG); the Office of the President of the Human Rights Council; and the Commonwealth Small States Office (CSSO)



***Beneficiary delegates of the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund at HRC40 with H.E. Mr. Coly Seck (Senegal), President of the Human Rights Council (Thirteenth cycle), 15 March 2019, Palais des Nations, © OHCHR/Danielle Kirby***

## GRADUATION CEREMONY



***Graduation ceremony of the LDCs/SIDS Beneficiary delegates of the Trust Fund at HRC40, 21 March 2019, Palais des Nations, © OHCHR/Danielle Kirby***

## LDCs/SIDS TRUST FUND'S GLOBAL ACHIEVEMENTS

(As of 22 March 2019)

Since it became operational on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014, the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund has supported:

- **117 Delegates and Fellows (70 women, 47 men)**

Coming from **69 LDCs/SIDS** (33 from Africa, 22 from Asia and the Pacific, 14 from the Caribbean and Latin America).

All the 14 LDCs and SIDS of the **Caribbean and Latin America** have been supported at least once by the Trust Fund (milestone reached in June 2017).

All the 22 LDCs and SIDS of **the Asia and the Pacific** have been supported at least once by the Trust Fund (milestone reached in March 2018)

33 of the 35 LDCs and SIDS of **Africa** have been supported at least once by the Trust Fund.

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