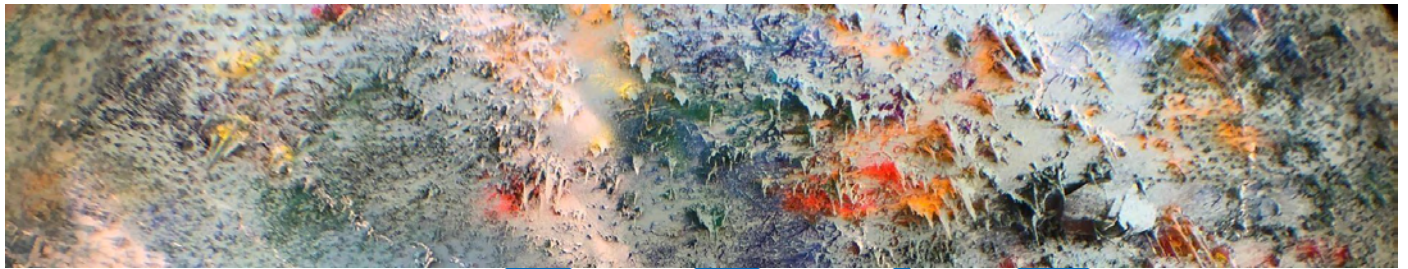




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# 2019

## YEAR IN REVIEW



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# Highlights 1



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



## The Nadi Declaration Towards 2022



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.



# Highlights 2



PERMANENT MISSION OF JAMAICA  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

STATEMENT BY

HIS EXCELLENCY E. COURTENAY RATTRAY  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF JAMAICA  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

introducing the draft resolution, A/73/L.118 entitled “Cooperation  
between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community”

United Nations Headquarters  
New York

16<sup>th</sup> September 2019

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 73<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

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# Highlights 3



**First Induction  
course on HRC  
and its  
Mechanisms  
conducted by  
the Trust Fund  
at national level**

**VANUATU**

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).

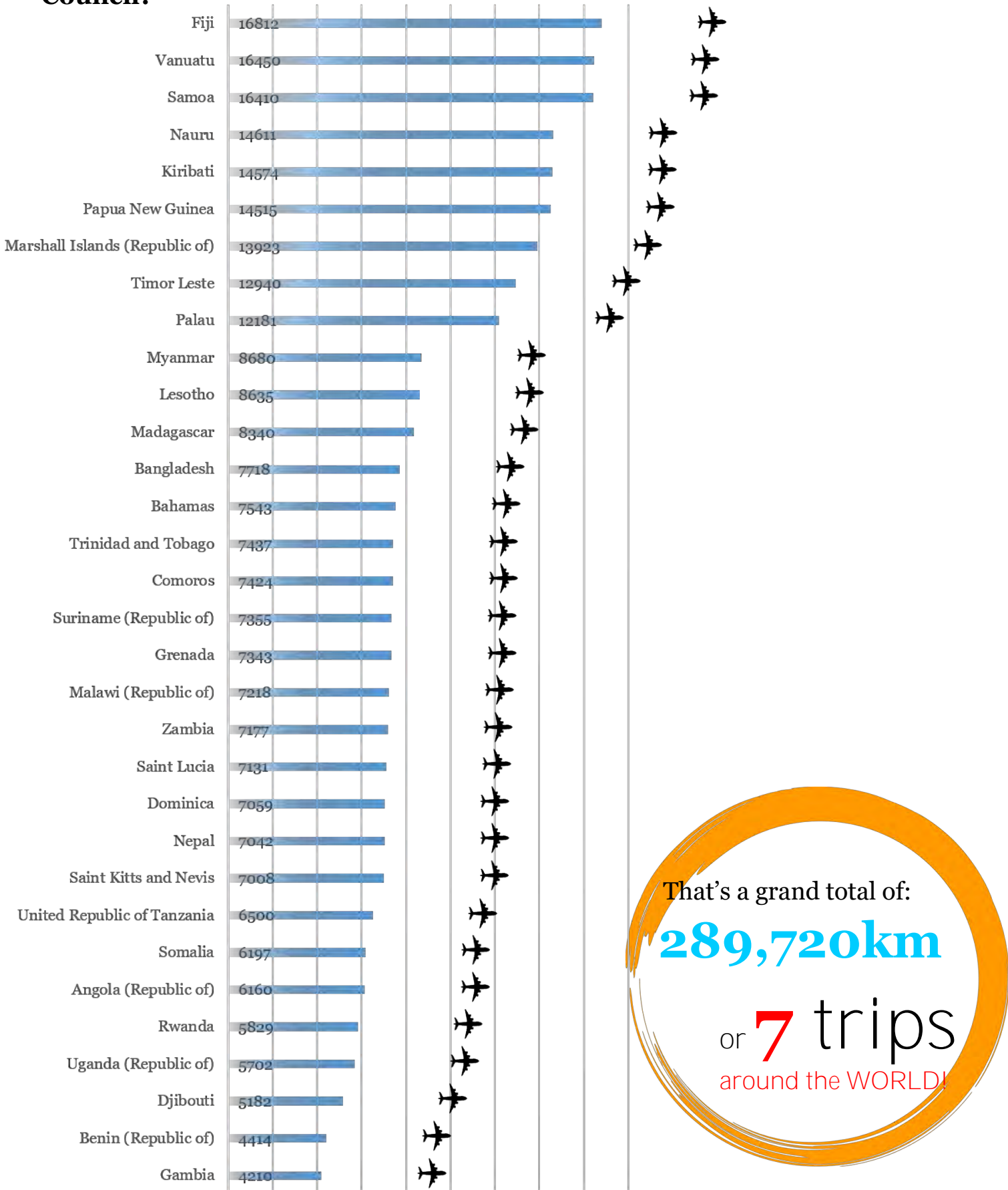
Main participants (a dozen) were members of the Vanuatu National Human Rights Committee comprising both government and NGO representatives.





# As the crow flies:

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



# How diverse are our beneficiaries?

## 16 LDCs

Angola  
Bangladesh  
Benin  
Djibouti  
Gambia  
Lesotho  
Madagascar  
Malawi  
Myanmar  
Nepal  
Rwanda  
Somalia  
Suriname  
Tanzania  
Uganda  
Zambia

## 16 SIDS

Bahamas  
Comoros  
Dominica  
Fiji  
Grenada  
Kiribati  
Marshall Islands  
Nauru  
Palau  
Papua New Guinea  
Saint Kitts and Nevis  
Saint Lucia  
Samoa  
Timor Leste  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Vanuatu

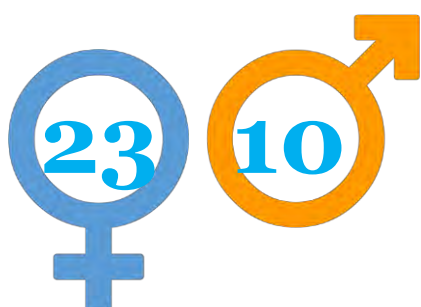
**100%**

of beneficiaries came to Geneva to participate for the first time in a regular session of the Human Rights Council

**from**

**32**

LDCs/SIDS

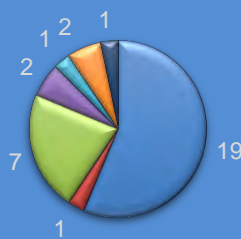




## Where do the beneficiaries work?

	Total
<b>Ministries/ Office</b>	
Foreign Affairs	19
Permanent Mission (NY)	1
Justice / Attorney General/Legal or Constitutional Affairs	7
Gender	2
Public Education	1
Executive Offices	2
Culture/ internal Affairs	1

### 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

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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



Establishment of 2 new Permanent Missions in Geneva: Marshall Islands and Nauru.

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



UNITED NATIONS  
HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Angola

Bahamas

Fiji

Nepal

Somalia

Bangladesh Rwanda

### Commonwealth Member states: 19



Bahamas

Bangladesh

Dominica

Fiji

Gambia

Grenada

Kiribati

Lesotho

Nauru

Papua New Guinea

Samoa

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Saint Lucia

Trinidad and

Rwanda

Uganda

Tobago

Tanzania

Vanuatu

Zambia



### OIF Member states: 7

Dominica

Comoros

Djibouti

Gambia

Saint Lucia

Rwanda

Vanuatu





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## 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)
- Universal Rights Group (URG) (x3)
- 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:



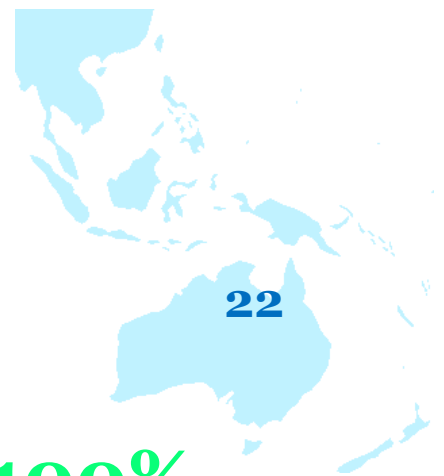
**143**

delegates and fellows

**54** ♂

**89** ♀

geographically distributed  
across each 3 regions:



and including

**71/72**

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)

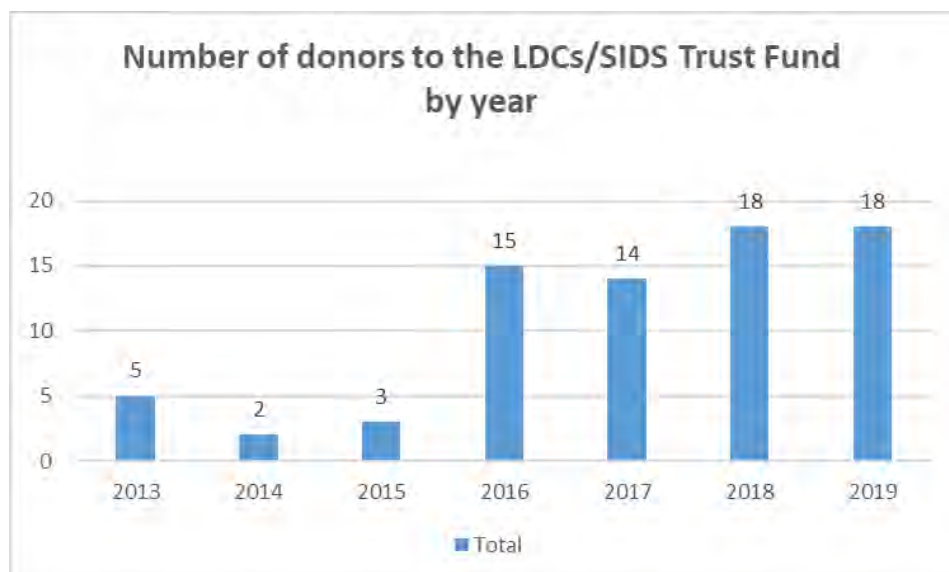


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THANK YOU  
For assisting us reaching OUR Goal:  
**Universal Participation in the Human Rights Council**

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



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**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 30<sup>th</sup> Donor!**

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## 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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## **Join the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund Success Story**

# **A Human Rights Success Story!**

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