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**LDCS/SIDS**  
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# FACTS & FIGURES




# HRC 54



# BENEFICIARY DELEGATES AND FELLOWS AT HRC 54

## STATES OF ORIGIN

During the 54th session of the Human Rights Council (HRC), the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund supported **9 delegates** from Africa (5), Asia-Pacific (3), and Latin America and the Caribbean (1) and **5 fellows** from Africa (2), Asia-Pacific (2), and Latin America and the Caribbean (1) to participate in the session.

<u>Africa</u>	<u>Asia-Pacific</u>	<u>Latin America and the Caribbean</u>
		
<p><b>Angola (fellow)</b> <b>Burkina Faso</b> <b>Ethiopia</b> <b>Gambia</b> <b>Lesotho</b> <b>Madagascar (fellow)</b> <b>Sierra Leone</b></p>	<p><b>Bangladesh</b> <b>Kiribati (fellow)</b> <b>Maldives (fellow)</b> <b>Marshall Islands</b> <b>Vanuatu</b></p>	<p><b>Bahamas (fellow)</b> <b>Jamaica</b></p>

## KEY FACTS



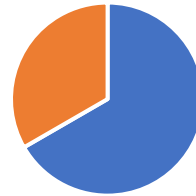
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## WHO ARE THEY?

Gender: **11** women, **3** men

[Biographies and pictures](#)

Gender distribution



■ Women ■ Men

## WHERE DO THE BENEFICIARY DELEGATES WORK?

Ministries / Government departments	LDCs/SIDS	Women	Men	Total
Foreign Affairs and Human Rights	<b>Angola</b> (fellow) <b>Bangladesh</b> <b>Ethiopia</b> <b>Lesotho</b> <b>Madagascar</b> (fellow) <b>Maldives</b> (fellow) <b>Marshall Islands</b> <b>Sierra Leone</b> <b>Vanuatu*</b>	6	3	9
Justice	<b>Burkina Faso</b> <b>Gambia</b> <b>Kiribati*</b> (fellow)	3	0	3
Constitutional and Legal Affairs	<b>Bahamas</b> (fellow) <b>Jamaica</b>	2	0	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>

*\*Both a Least Developed Country and a Small Island Developing State*

## BENEFICIARY DELEGATES AND FELLOWS FROM CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE HRC: 3

**Africa:** Gambia

**Asia:** Bangladesh, Maldives (fellow)

## BENEFICIARY DELEGATES AND FELLOWS FROM STATES WITHOUT A PERMANENT REPRESENTATION IN GENEVA: 1

**Pacific:** Kiribati (fellow)

## THEIR VOICES HAVE BEEN HEARD!

✓ Delivered a total of **55 statements**:

- **53 statements** in their respective national capacities
- **2 joint statements**

**Joint statement delivered by Rashed Ahmed (Bangladesh)**, on behalf of 14 LDCs/SIDS beneficiary delegates and fellows, during Item 6: General Debate on Universal Periodic Review -- 4 October 2023

**Joint statement delivered by E. Agnès Bayili Bassonou (Burkina Faso)**, on behalf of 14 LDCs/SIDS beneficiary delegates and fellows, during Item 10: General debate on technical assistance and capacity-building -- 11 October 2023



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SESSION



## Induction course (6 and 8 September 2023)





**Encounter with H.E. Mr. Václav Bálek,  
President of the Human Rights Council, 17th Cycle (2023)**



**Universal Rights Group (URG)  
Briefing to LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund Delegates and Fellows (12 September  
2023)**





**Convention against Torture Initiative (CTI)  
Briefing to LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund Delegates and Fellows (19 September  
2023)**



**Meeting at the Commonwealth Small States Office in Geneva  
(27 September 2023)**





**Certificate ceremony  
(6 October 2023)**



**And more:**

**Former and current LDCs SIDS Trust Fund beneficiaries attending Zohra orchestra and Afghan National Institute of Music concert at Palais des Nations in Geneva, 11 September 2023**



**LDCs SIDS Trust Fund beneficiaries attending the Side event: “Catalysing change: Ratification as a pledge for the Human Rights 75 initiative” (Room XXV at Palais des Nations in Geneva, 5 October 2023)**



**Reception on the occasion of the Kingdom of the Netherlands’ candidacy for membership of the Human Rights Council for the term 2024-2026 (InterContinental Geneva, 26 September 2023)**







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