



FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF
LDCS/SIDS
IN THE WORK OF THE
**HUMAN RIGHTS
COUNCIL**



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FACTS & FIGURES




HRC 55



BENEFICIARY DELEGATES AT HRC 55

STATES OF ORIGIN

During the 55th session of the Human Rights Council (HRC), the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund supported **14 delegates** from Africa (8), Asia-Pacific (4), and Latin America and the Caribbean (2) to participate in the session.

<u>Africa</u>	<u>Asia-Pacific</u>	<u>Latin America and the Caribbean</u>
 Benin Burundi Ethiopia Lesotho Sierra Leone Togo Uganda United Republic of Tanzania	 Bangladesh Maldives Nepal Timor Leste	 Antigua and Barbuda Trinidad and Tobago

KEY FACTS

Gender distribution



■ Women ■ Men

WHO ARE THEY?

Gender: **7** women, **7** men

[Biographies and pictures](#)

WHERE DO THE BENEFICIARY DELEGATES WORK?

Ministries / Government departments	LDCs/SIDS	Women	Men	Total
Office of the Vice-President of the Republic	Burundi	0	1	1
Foreign Affairs and Human Rights	Bangladesh Benin Ethiopia Nepal Sierra Leone Timor Leste* Togo Trinidad and Tobago Uganda	5	4	9
Justice	Lesotho	1	0	1
Attorney General's Chambers	Antigua and Barbuda	0	1	1
Constitutional and Legal Affairs	Maldives United Republic of Tanzania	1	1	2
Total		7	7	14

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

BENEFICIARY DELEGATES FROM CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE HRC: 4

Africa: Benin, Burundi

Asia: Bangladesh, Maldives

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

Africa: Benin

THEIR VOICES HAVE BEEN HEARD!

✓ Delivered a total of **78 statements**:

- **75 statements** in their respective national capacities
- **3 joint statements**

Joint statement delivered by Makatleho Molotsi (Lesotho), on behalf of 14 LDCs/SIDS beneficiary delegates, during Item 5: General Debate on Human Rights Bodies and Mechanisms – 21 March 2024

Joint statement delivered by Pauline Dopé d'Almeida épouse Dokou (Togo), on behalf of 14 LDCs/SIDS beneficiary delegates, during Item 6: General debate on Universal Periodic Review -- 26 March 2024

Joint statement delivered by Saliamatu Bah (Sierra Leone), on behalf of 14 LDCs/SIDS beneficiary delegates, during Item 10: General Debate on Technical Assistance and Capacity Building – 2 April 2024

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SESSION



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Induction course (22 and 23 February 2024)

In Motta building



At Palais des Nations





**Encounter with H.E. Mr. Omar Zniber,
President of the Human Rights Council, 18th Cycle (2024)
On National Dress Day**



**Universal Rights Group (URG)
Briefing to LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund Delegates (5 March 2024)**



**Meeting at the Commonwealth Small States Office in Geneva
(7 March 2024)**



Convention against Torture Initiative (CTI)

Briefing to LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund Delegates and Fellows (8 March 2024)



Meeting at the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie in Geneva, (18 March 2024)



Interviews of LDCs SIDS Trust Fund beneficiaries at Palais Wilson's studio, (26 March 2024)



Webstory : [UN Trust Fund gives underrepresented countries a vital chance to participate | OHCHR](#)

Informal meeting between the delegates of the TF and the Contact Group, (22 March 2024)



Weekly Briefings organized by the TF Secretariat



Certificate ceremony

(2 April 2027)





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