MS. FATHIMATH RAZANA, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

SIDS/LDCS - ASIA EXPERIENCE

21 MAY 2025

- Limited Resources and Capacity
  - Economic constraints
  - Capacity building
- Vulnerabilities to Climate Change and Natural Disasters
  - Environmental Risks
  - Displacement and Loss of Livelihoods:
- Need for Regional Cooperation
  - Shared Challenges
  - Coordinated Action
- Specific Challenges for South Asian SIDS:
  - Coastal Erosion and Displacement
  - Water Scarcity and Sanitation
  - Tourism-Related Issues

1. Unique challenges that LDCs/SIDS in your region face when engaging with human rights mechanisms

- Innovative Strategies for Enhancing Participation in the HRC
  - Hybrid Participation Modalities
  - Civil Society Coalition-Building
  - Use of Digital Advocacy Tools
- Institutional Frameworks Supporting Recommendation Implementation
  - National Mechanisms for Implementation, Reporting and Follow-up (NMIRFs)
  - Technical Cooperation and Capacity-Building by OHCHR
  - National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs)
  - Integration within the UN System

2. Innovative strategies that have enhanced meaningful participation in the Human Rights Council despite resource constraints/institutional frameworks that have supported the implementation of recommendations.

Advocacy efforts

- Fostering a unified voice and broadening the scope of influence
- Carries more weight on the global stage.
- Allows for the sharing of experiences, strategies, and resources, leading to more robust and contextually relevant advocacy positions

Capacity-building activities

- Financial Support for Participation
- Targeted Training and Capacity Building
- Fellowship Programme
- Regional Workshops
- Enhanced Contribution to Human Rights Council Work
- Facilitating Joint Statements

3. Exploring how cross-regional collaboration has bolstered advocacy efforts, and how the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund's programmes and capacity-building activities have contributed to stronger engagement

Areas of Potential Relevance and Learning

- Establishment of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs)
- Engagement with International Human Rights Mechanisms
- Legislative Reforms and Incorporation of Human Rights Standards

Challenges:

- Implementation Gaps and Culture of Impunity
- Influence of Political Context

4. Emphasize elements of national and/or regional experience that could be relevant for African States, especially in relation to sustainable engagement with human rights mechanisms

THANK YOU