



CONCEPT NOTE – Business Session “doing business in the Maldives”

The Maldives under the current administration aims to transform the country to an economically prosperous, socially inclusive and equitable; climate resilient and regionally inter-connected island nation. In this regard, expanding access to social services, boosting economic opportunities, promoting social justice, ensuring good governance, safeguarding environmental sustainability and respecting human rights are fundamentally key objectives of the government.

Foreign investment has an important role to play in the administration’s economic vision. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) embodies complementary growth factors, including technology transfer, managerial expertise, as well as capital inflow. Therefore, FDI is an important contributor to the growth process in smaller economies such as the Maldives because it can accelerate the transfer, acquisition and absorption of new technologies and enhance the stock of human capital in host-countries.

The Maldives Partnership Forum 2019 seeks to expand on the Government’s Jazeera Raajje (Island Nation) concept. The theme of the forum, “Investing in a Resilient and Sustainable Maldives” will let participants inquire about opportunities within the administration's development priorities and review partnership and investment prospects of the present economic agenda

The Business Forum side event will be held during the partnership forum on 18th June 2019. The session will provide an insight on potential foreign investment opportunities and a brief on the particulars of investing in the Maldives. This would include information on the legal framework, investment vehicles, tax administration and other important procedures for foreign investment registration.

The Business Forum will provide an opportunity for business delegates and diplomats to strengthen networking relationships and engage with the government to explore potential partnership options. Furthermore, the forum would provide an initial glimpse of the private sector investment projects in place and in the pipeline.

All participants at partnership forum are welcomed to join the session.