



Maldives Partnership Forum 2019

“INVESTING IN A RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE MALDIVES” MALDIVES PARTNERSHIP FORUM

17-18 JUNE 2019, MALDIVES

Sunday, 16 June 2019

2000 – 2130 Welcome Reception co-hosted by His Excellency Abdulla Shahid, Minister of Foreign Affairs and His Excellency Ibrahim Ameer, Minister of Finance

Venue: Sheraton Maldives Full Moon Resort & Spa

Monday, 17 June 2019

0900 – 0930 Opening Session: Introduction to “Island Nation” (Jazeera Raajje)

Venue: Bougainvillea Hall, Kurumba Maldives

1. Recitation of the Holy Quran
2. Welcome Remarks by His Excellency Abdulla Shahid, Minister of Foreign Affairs
3. Video Presentation: Jazeera Raajje (“Island Nation”) Policy Agenda
4. Inaugural Address by His Excellency Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, President of the Republic of Maldives
5. Remarks by His Excellency Ibrahim Ameer, Minister of Finance

Group Photo with His Excellency Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, President of the Republic of Maldives

0930 – 1015 Tea/Coffee break

1015 - 1115 Plenary Session 1: Macroeconomic and Fiscal Overview

1. Video Presentation: Context Setting: *Overview of current macroeconomic and fiscal situation, capital plan;*
2. Presentation by His Excellency Ibrahim Ameer, Minister of Finance: *Government policies on public finances and public expenditure reform*
3. Presentation by His Excellency Mohamed Aslam, Minister of National Planning and Infrastructure: *a look at the National Development Plan (NDP) and spatial mapping*



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4. Q&A with moderated discussion

Panelists:

1. *His Excellency Ibrahim Ameer, Minister of Finance,*
2. *His Excellency Mohamed Aslam, Minister of National Planning and Infrastructure,*
3. *Mr Ronald Antonio Butiong, Regional Director, Asian Development Bank*

Moderator: Mr Hans Timmer, Chief Economist, South Asia Region, World Bank

5. Summary of Discussions

1115 – 1245 **Plenary Session 2: Blue Economy: Addressing inclusivity and sustainability in economic development**

1. *Video Presentation: Context Setting: Introduction of issues highlighted in thematic papers and key policy interventions*
2. *Presentation by Mr. Shuhad Ibrahim, Consultant, Ministry of Economic Development: Key policy interventions, key projects and programme areas*

3. Moderated Discussion

Panelists:

1. *His Excellency Mohamed Aslam, Minister of National Planning and Infrastructure,*
2. *His Excellency Mohamed Maleeh Jamal, Minister of Communication, Science and Technology*
3. *His Excellency Uz Fayyaz Ismail, Minister of Economic Development*
4. *Her Excellency Aishath Nahula, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation*
5. *Her Excellency Zaha Waheed, Minister of Fisheries, Marine Resources, and Agriculture*
6. *His Excellency Dr Hussain Rasheed Hassan, Minister of Environment*

Moderator: Her Excellency Thilmeeza Hussain, Permanent Representative of the Maldives to the United Nations

4. Summary of Discussions



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1300 – 1430 Lunch

1430 – 1445 Remarks by His Excellency Faisal Naseem, Vice President of the Republic of Maldives

1445 – 1600 Plenary Session 3: Enhancing Social Outcomes: Investing in healthcare, education, and housing

1. Video Presentation: *Context Setting: Introduction of issues highlighted in thematic papers and key policy interventions*

2. Presentation by Her Excellency Dr. Aishath Ali, Minister of Education: *key policy interventions, key projects and programme areas*

3. Moderated Discussion

Panelists:

1. *His Excellency Dr Ibrahim Hassan, Minister of Higher Education*

2. *His Excellency Abdulla Ameen, Minister of Health*

3. *Her Excellency Dr Aishath Ali, Minister of Education*

4. *Her Excellency Yumna Maumoon, Minister of Arts, Culture and Heritage*

5. *Her Excellency Aminath Athifa, Minister of Housing and Urban Development*

6. *His Excellency Ahmed Mahloof, Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment*

7. *Her Excellency Shidhatha Shareef, Minister of Gender, Family and Social Services*

Moderator: Her Excellency Dr Farahanaz Faizal, Ambassador-designate of the Maldives to the United Kingdom

4. Summary of Discussions

2000 – 2130 Official dinner hosted by His Excellency Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, President of the Republic of Maldives



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Tuesday, 18 June 2019

0900 – 1030 Plenary Session 4: Building Robust Institutions: Addressing Governance and Justice

1. Video Presentation: *Context Setting: Introduction of issues highlighted in thematic papers and key policy interventions*
2. Presentation by Uza Maziya Abdul Sattar, State Attorney: *key policy interventions, key projects and programme areas*

3. Moderated Discussion

Panelists:

1. *His Excellency Sheikh Imran Abdulla, Minister of Home Affairs*
2. *His Excellency Dr Ahmed Zahir, Minister of Islamic Affairs*
3. *His Excellency Uz Ibrahim Riffath, Attorney General*
4. *Major General Abdulla Shamaal, Chief of Defence Force*
5. *Commissioner of Police Mohamed Hameed*
6. *Mr Haoliang Xu, Assistant Secretary General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Asia and Pacific*

Moderator: Uza. Aisha Shujune Muhammad

4. Summary of Discussion

1030 – 1130 Business Session: Doing business in the Maldives [Side Event]

1. **Opening remarks by the Ministry of Economic Development**
2. **Presentation on doing business in the Maldives**
3. **Discussion, and Q&A**

[Tea, coffee and refreshments will be served]



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1130 – 1300 Plenary Session 5: Partnering with the Private Sector for Development

1. Presentation by His Excellency Ali Waheed, Minister of Tourism and Soneva Fushi:
“Namoonaa Baa Atoll”: A success story of Private Sector Collaboration

2. Moderated Discussion

Panelists:

1. *His Excellency Ibrahim Ameer, Minister of Finance*
2. *His Excellency Ali Waheed, Minister of Tourism*
3. *His Excellency Uz Fayyaz Ismail, Minister of Economic Development*
4. *His Excellency Ali Shiyam, Minister at the President’s Office*
5. *Her Excellency Aminath Shauna, Secretary, Policy, The President’s Office*

Moderator: His Excellency Dr Abdulla Mausoom, Ambassador of the Maldives to Singapore

3. Summary of Discussion

1300 – 1430 Lunch

1430 – 1530 Concluding Session: Summary of discussions

1. Statement by His Excellency Ibrahim Ameer, Minister of Finance
2. Concluding remarks by His Excellency Abdulla Shahid, Minister of Foreign Affairs

1700 – 1900 **“The Sunny Side of Life”** A Reception hosted by His Excellency Ali Waheed, Minister of Tourism, to mark the closing of the Maldives Partnership Forum

Venue: Kurumba Maldives