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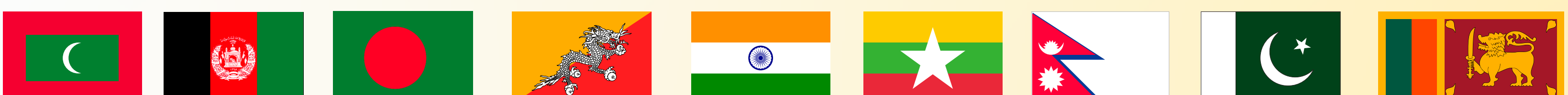
# 4<sup>th</sup> South Asian Speakers' Summit

on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

1 - 2 September 2019

Male', Maldives

## INFORMATION BOOKLET



# AGENDA



**1 September 2019**

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Sunday

8:00 - 18:00                      **Registration**

10:00 – 11:00                    **Opening Ceremony / Group photo**

Hon. President Mohamed Nasheed MP, Speaker of the People's Majlis  
Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General, IPU

11:00 – 11:30                    **Tea break**

11:30 – 13:00                    **Plenary session: Follow up to the Colombo Declaration**

Speakers will be invited to present and discuss what their parliaments  
have done to advance the work on the SDGs and the issues identified  
in the Colombo Declaration adopted by the South Asian Speakers in  
2018

Chair: Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General, IPU

13:00 – 14:00                    **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:00                    **Bilaterals** - *Delegations will have the possibility to organize their bilateral  
meetings during this timeslot. A number of rooms will be available upon  
request.*



15:00 – 16:15

## **Session I: Promoting equality at work including equal remuneration and creating jobs for young people**

Ensuring equality at work and creating youth employment could not only contribute to reducing disparities, but it could also have a multiplier effect for development. For example, women who are economically empowered are more likely to invest in nutrition, education and health, with great benefits for their children, families, communities and society as a whole. This session will focus on the importance of promulgating laws that favour full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value (SDG 8).

Moderator: Hon. President Mohamed Nasheed MP, Speaker of the People's Majlis

### **Panellists:**

- Ms. Aisha Shujune Muhammad, Former Civil Court Judge, Member of Bar Council of Maldives Executive Committee
- Ms. Aishath Rizna, Assistant Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme, Maldives
- Ms. Aya Matsuura, Gender Specialist on the technical support team for South Asia, the International Labour Organization, India

16:15 – 17:30

## **Session II: Achieving SDGs 2 and 3 – Nutrition and food security as drivers of maternal, child and adolescent health in the South Asian region**

Malnutrition remains a major challenge in the South Asian region, with long-lasting effects on health. This session will provide an overview of nutrition challenges and consider the linkages between nutrition and health: working on SDG 2 (food security and the eradication of hunger) can help drive progress for SDG 3 (health), in particular maternal, child and adolescent health.

Moderator: Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General, IPU

### **Panellists:**

- Dr Sania Nishtar, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on Poverty Alleviation and Social Protection; Co-chair, WHO High-Level Independent Commission on Non-communicable diseases
- Dr Purnima Menon, Senior Research Fellow, Poverty, Health and Nutrition Division, International Food Policy Research Institute, South Asia Office, India

19:00

**Dinner hosted by Hon. President Mohamed Nasheed MP, Speaker of the People's Majlis at Bandos Maldives**



9:00 – 10:15	<p><b>Session III: Catalyzing the global agenda on climate change – overcoming challenges and utilizing opportunities to strengthen the regional agenda for delivering on the Paris Agreement</b></p> <p>This session will examine the projected trends in the region since the adoption of the Paris Agreement and discuss legislative gaps that need to be bridged for its successful implementation. The session will consider the interlinkages between climate change, air pollution and health and discuss how parliaments can strengthen a regional response to help combat climate change and prevent existing disaster risks, both of which particularly affect vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems.</p> <p>Moderator: Hon. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury MP, Speaker of the Parliament of Bangladesh</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hon. Ahmed Saleem MP, Chair of Environment and Climate Change Committee, People’s Majlis, Maldives</li><li>• Mr. Arnico Kumar Panday, Regional Programme Manager, Atmosphere, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, Nepal</li><li>• Mr. Charles Chauvel, Leader, inclusive political processes team, UNDP HQ</li></ul>
10:15 – 11:30	<p><b>Roundtable for Speakers of Parliaments (closed session)</b></p> <p>This session will give Speakers the opportunity to further exchange on the issues that have been addressed during the Summit and share possible comments on the Malé Declaration before its adoption.</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General, IPU</p> <p>(Committee Room 1)</p>
11:30 – 12:00	<p><b>Adoption of the Malé Declaration - End of the Summit (plenary)</b></p> <p>Chair: Hon. President Mohamed Nasheed MP, Speaker of the People's Majlis</p>
12:00 – 12:40	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
13:00	<p><b>Field visit to Rasdhoo Island</b></p>
17:30	<p><b>Return to Hotel</b></p>

3 September 2019    Departure of Delegates





# IPU SECRETARIAT



**Mr. Martin Chungong**  
Secretary General, IPU

**Ms. Isabel Obadiaru**  
SDGs Project Officer / Consultant, IPU

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## PANELISTS

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**UNDP HQ**

Mr. Charles Chauvel, Leader, Inclusive political processes team

**People's Majlis**

Hon. Ahmed Saleem MP, Chair of Environment and Climate Change Committee

**Maldives**

Ms. Aisha Shujune Muhammad, Former Civil Court Judge  
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**UNDP Maldives**

Ms. Aishath Rizna, Assistant Resident Representative

**ILO India and South Asia**

Ms. Aya Matsuura, Gender Specialist on the technical support team for South Asia,  
International Labour Organisation, India

# LIST OF PARTICIPANTS



## MALDIVES

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### *People's Majlis*

1. Hon. President Mohamed Nasheed *MP, Speaker*
2. Hon. Eva Abdulla, *MP, Deputy Speaker*
3. Hon. Ali Azim, *MP*
4. Hon. Qasim Ibrahim, *MP*
5. Hon. Adam Shareef, *MP*
6. Hon. Ahmed Shiyam, *MP*
7. Hon. Ahmed Siyam Mohamed, *MP*
8. Ms. Fathimath Niusha, *Secretary General*

## AFGHANISTAN

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### *House of the People*

1. Hon. Mir Rahman Rahmani, *Speaker*
2. Hon. Mohamed Mirza Mohammad Rahim, *MP*
3. Hon. Ajmal Rahmani, *MP*
4. Hon. Sayed Hasan Gardezi, *MP*
5. Hon. Mr. Akbar Sultanzada, *MP*
6. Hon. Mir Haidar Afzaly, *MP*
7. Hon. Mr. Ajmal Rahmani, *MP*
8. Mr. Abdul Qader Aryubi Zazai, *Secretary General*
9. Mr. Abdul Hadi Karimi, *Secretary to Speaker*
10. Mr. Qudratullah Sahak, *Advisor to the Speaker*

11. Mr. Pamir Hassas, *Acting Director of Relations to IPU*

12. Mr. Shahwali Bahaduri, *Protocol Officer*

13. Mr. Edrees Ramz, *Media Officer*

### ***House of Elders***

1. Hon. Abdullah Qaraloq, *Secretary for the Upper House*

2. Hon. Farahnaz Pamiri, *MP*

3. Hon. Ghairat Baheer, *MP*

4. Hon. Liaqatullah Babakerkhel, *MP*

5. Hon. Sima Joynda, *MP*

6. Mr. Ahmed Fawad Stanikzai, *Deputy of the Finance and Budget Department*

7. Mr. Mohamed Maruf Asil, *Director of Arrangements*



## **BANGLADESH**

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### ***Parliament of Bangladesh***

1. Hon. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, *Speaker of Parliament*

2. Hon. Ayesha Khan, *MP*

3. Mr. MD Ali Ashraf, *Deputy Secretary*

4. Mr. MD Toufiq-E-Leahichawdhury, *Deputy Secretary and Asst. Private Secretary to the Speaker*



## **BHUTAN**

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### ***National Assembly***

1. Hon. Wangchuk Namgyel, *Speaker*

2. Mr. Sangay Duba, *Secretary General*

3. Mr. Karma Drupchu, *Delegation Secretary*



### ***House of the People***

1. Hon. Om Birla, *Speaker*
2. Ms. Snehlata Shrivastava, *Secretary General*
3. Mr. P. C. Koul, *Joint Secretary*
4. Mr. N. C. Gupta, *OSD to the Speaker*
5. Mr. L. V. Ramana, *Additional Secretary*

### ***Council of States***

1. Hon. Harivansh, *Deputy Chairman*
2. Mr. Desh Deepak Verma, *Secretary General*
3. Mr. Nagendra Kumar Singh, *Secretary to the Deputy Chairman*
4. Mr. Ajaya Kumar Mallick, *Additional Director*

### ***National Assembly***

1. Hon. Muhammad Qasim Khan Suri, *Deputy Speaker*
2. Hon. Riaz Fatyana, *MNA*
3. Hon. Romina Khursheed Alam, *MNA*
4. Mr. Ahsan Abbas Mian, *Director (Protocol)*

### ***Senate***

1. Hon. Liaqat Khan Tarakai, *Senator*
2. Hon. Shaheen Khalid Butt, *Senator*
3. Mr. Hammad Khan Marri, *Deputy Secretary*





***Parliament of Sri Lanka***

1. Hon. Karunaratne Jayasuriya, *Speaker*
2. Mr. Tikiri Jayathilake, *Assistant Secretary General*
3. Mr. R. Indrananda, *PSO to the Speaker*
4. Mrs. Danushka Jayathilaka, *Parliamentary Officer*



# GENERAL INFORMATION NOTE



## 1. VENUE & DATE

The 4th South Asian Speaker’s Summit on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals will be held at the House of the People’s Majlis in Male’, Maldives, from 1 - 2 September 2019. Jointly organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the People's Majlis (Parliament of Maldives), the Summit will follow up on the conclusions of the 2016, 2017 and 2018 events, held in Dhaka (Bangladesh), Indore (India) and Colombo (Sri Lanka) respectively. The meeting will be followed by a post conference tour on 2 September 2019 in a local island – Rasdhoo, AA Atoll.

31 August 2019	→	Arrival of Delegates
1 September 2019	→	Opening / Sessions
2 September 2019 - Morning	→	Sessions / Closing
- Evening	→	Conference tour
3 September 2019	→	Departure of Delegates

## 2. PARTICIPATION

The meeting is open to the Speakers of Parliament from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Speakers and Presiding Officers of parliament (or both parliamentary chambers in the case of bicameral parliaments) are invited to attend the event. The Speakers or Presiding Officers may be accompanied by the Secretaries General or Clerks and one accompanying official. The IPU President, IPU Secretary General and IPU Secretariat staff will also attend.



### **3. ORGANIZATION OF PROCEEDINGS**

As per established practice, all participants will have equal speaking rights. The debates will take place in English. Delegations who wish to have interpretation into their own language are kindly requested to make their own arrangements.

### **4. EXPECTED OUTCOME**

At the close of the Summit, a brief outcome document will be issued. It will contain a summary of conclusions and recommendations of the meeting.

### **5. DOCUMENTS**

Written texts of the presentations will be distributed to participants as they become available. As far as possible, the IPU Secretariat will make available background documentation relevant to the issues under discussion.

Participants wishing to distribute documentation to their colleagues will be required to provide it in sufficient quantities during the meetings.

### **6. LANGUAGES**

The Summit will be conducted in English.

### **7. SEATING ARRANGEMENTS**

Each delegation will be allotted three seats. Delegations composed of both Speakers from bicameral parliaments will be allotted six seats. Additional seating will be made available in the meeting room for persons accompanying parliamentary delegations.

## 8. REGISTRATION

Parliaments invited to the Summit are requested to send their list of participants to the following addresses no later than 31 July 2019 using the enclosed registration form:

### Contact / Address in Maldives:

Foreign Relations Department  
People’s Majlis Secretariat  
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## 9. HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Room reservations should be made directly with the hotel using the hotel registration form, and a copy of the reservation should be sent to the Host Secretariat.

The cost of accommodation is the responsibility of delegates and is payable directly to the hotel. The cost of meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner), except for the lunch on 1 and 2 September and hosted dinners, is also the responsibility of delegates during their stay in the Maldives.

### RATES in USD

	Kurumba Maldives		Hotel Jen, Male’		Somerset, Male’	
	Single	Double	Single	Double	Single	Double
Standard	451.23++	485.3++		195+++	155	173
Suite	757++	815.2++		245+++	249	267



## 10. REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK

The Host Secretariat will run an information desk at the House of the People's Majlis.

Delegates are requested to register there and collect their identity badges, invitations and all other relevant documents upon check-in.

A registration and information desk will also be available to participants at the meeting venue. The desk will operate from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on 1 and 2 September 2019.

For the purpose of preparing identity badges, delegates are kindly requested to send by email to the Host Secretariat a passport-size photograph of themselves set against a white background. A profile of the delegate may also be enclosed.

## 11. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

**Arrival and Departure:** In order to ensure an efficient reception service, all participants are kindly requested to provide dates, flight numbers and their arrival and departure time to the Host Secretariat. Delegates will be met on arrival at the airport. Arrival and departure transfers from and to Velana International Airport will be arranged by the organizers.

Transport will also be provided for all official venues, receptions and field visits by the Host Secretariat.

## 12. VISAS

A free thirty day visa is issued on arrival to the Maldives. All visitors to the Maldives must have six months remaining on their passport and a departing ticket. Delegates can find more information online by visiting <https://immigration.gov.mv/holiday/>.

## 13. SECURITY

All necessary security measures will be taken by the national authorities. Participants are required to wear their identity badges at all times when they are at the meeting venue and at all other official functions during the Summit.

## 14. MEDICAL FACILITIES





During the summit, first aid facilities will be provided at the venue. All other medical facilities will be at the participants’ own expense.

## 15. INSURANCE

It is recommended that participants take out their own comprehensive insurance policies covering all risks.

## 16. CLIMATE

The weather in September is quite variable with warm sunny days and occasional rain showers. The temperature can range between 25°C to 30°C and there is an average rainfall of 125mm.

<div>31 August, Saturday</div> <div></div> <div>30°C / 28°C</div> <div>Light Rain</div>	<div>1 September, Sunday</div> <div></div> <div>31°C / 27°C</div> <div>Cloudy, a couple of showers</div>	<div>2 September, Monday</div> <div></div> <div>32°C / 27°C</div> <div>Overcast, a shower</div>	<div>3 September, Tuesday</div> <div></div> <div>31°C / 27°C</div> <div>Clouds and sun</div>
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## 17. PRESS

Journalists wishing to report on the summit are requested to obtain accreditation from the Host Parliament. Access to the Meeting Hall will be restricted to official delegates only. There will be a media centre at the venue. Photographers and camera crews registered as members of their parliament’s delegation will be permitted to cover meetings.

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## 18. DRESS

Business dress or national dress is appropriate for meetings and evening events.

## 19. CURRENCY

Most major international currencies can be exchanged at the airport, hotels and nearby banks. Major credit cards are accepted in hotels and most shops.

The official currency is the Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR) and the exchange rate is MVR 15.42 to 1 US dollar.

20. RECEPTIONS

After the conclusion of the first day of the Summit (1 September 2019), a dinner will be hosted by the Speaker of the People's Majlis in honour of the visiting dignitaries at Bandos Maldives. Speakers or Presiding Officers, delegates from participating countries and Secretaries General of all Parliaments of South Asian countries are invited to the dinner.

The speedboat will leave to Bandos Maldives from Jetty No:1 at 1830hrs.

21. OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Time Zone :	Local time is GMT +05.00 hours
Weights & Measures :	Metric
Electricity :	230 Volts. Electrical sockets (outlets) used in the Maldives are type C and D
Telephone :	Country code 960





# IMPORTANT CONTACT PERSONNEL

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4	India	Fathimath Firshana	9518833
		Hassan Adhuham	7964190
5	Maldives	Asiyath Nisfa	7786075
6	Pakistan	Fathimath Kusoom	9839400
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Emergency Numbers

Police	119
Ambulance	102
Fire	118

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