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Key Highlights

Ambassador Ghafoor highlights Youth as Key Drivers of Change at the “Future We Want – Global Initiative for Young Leaders” Conference



09 November 2024, Washington, DC; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed participated in the “Future We Want - Global Initiative for Young Leaders” conference, organized by the Italian Diplomatic Academy.

In his remarks, Ambassador Ghafoor emphasized the critical role of youth in driving global change. He encouraged young leaders to step up as agents of change, engaging in decision-making processes, advocating for climate action, and sharing innovative ideas to tackle urgent global issues.

Ambassador also highlighted the importance of multilateralism for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), including the Maldives, and underscored how these nations contribute unique perspectives and solutions to global challenges.

Ambassador Ghafoor was accompanied by Counsellor, Zeena Didi from the Embassy.

Strengthening Ties: Meeting with US Institute of Peace Leadership



07 November 2024, Washington, DC; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed met with Dr. Andrew Wilder, Vice President of the United States Institute of Peace (USIP), and Ms. Salikuddin, Director of South Asia Programs, along with their team.

During the meeting, Ambassador Ghafoor reflected on the past year and thanked USIP for their close collaboration with the Maldives Embassy's efforts. He discussed future opportunities to strengthen the partnership in the year ahead.

Ambassador Ghafoor was accompanied by Counsellor, Zeena Didi.

The Embassy of the Maldives Attends Meridian Election Briefing Series on 2024 U.S. Electoral Results



08 November 2024, Washington, DC ; Counsellor Zeena Didi attended the Meridian Center for Diplomatic Engagement's briefing, which brought together senior U.S. political figures to discuss the results of the 2024 U.S. Presidential election.

The event featured leading political experts, including The Honorable Terry McAuliffe and Susan Page, Washington Bureau Chief at USA Today, who provided a bipartisan analysis of the 2024 electoral results. Discussions explored the implications of the elections for U.S. governance, key transitions, and the balance of power in Washington, D.C.

Expanding Maldives-USAID Collaboration and Strengthening of Partnership



27 November 2024, Washington, DC; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed met with USAID Deputy Assistant Administrator Anjali Kaur, and reviewed ongoing cooperation between Maldives and USAID

During the meeting, the Ambassador expressed gratitude for Ms. Kaur's significant efforts and personal dedication in advancing USAID's support for the Maldives. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening the partnership and explored opportunities to deepen collaboration across various sectors.

Ambassador Ghafoor was accompanied by Counsellor, Zeena Didi and Second Secretary, Haail Abdul Rahman from the Embassy.

Culinary Diplomacy Event at the White House, hosted by First Lady Dr. Jill Biden



12 November 2024, Washington, DC; Ambassador Ghafoor participated in a special event at the White House hosted by First Lady Dr. Jill Biden, celebrating the role of food in international diplomacy.

The event, focused on Culinary Diplomacy, brought together diplomats, culinary experts, and cultural leaders to explore how cuisine can foster global understanding and strengthen diplomatic ties.

Other Engagements



15 November 2024; Washington, DC; Counsellor Zeena Didi from the Embassy attended the Women's Foreign Policy Group's "Celebrating Women Leaders" Benefit event, which honored and highlighted the contributions of women in diplomacy.



19 November 2024, Washington, DC; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended a reception hosted by the Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman celebrating Oman's 54th National Day.

The Maldives and Oman established diplomatic relations on 20 February 1981, fostering a strong and cordial relationship rooted in shared cultural and historical ties.



21 November 2024, Washington, DC; Counsellor, Zeena Didi attended a reception hosted by the Embassy of Bangladesh in celebration of the 53rd Bangladesh Armed Forces Day.

The Maldives and Bangladesh share longstanding diplomatic ties established in 1978.



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