



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

April 2025
Key Highlights

New non-resident High Commissioner of Maldives to Canada, Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed, presents his Letter of Credence to the Governor General of Canada



29 April 2025, Ottawa, Canada; His Excellency Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed, the new non-resident High Commissioner of the Republic of the Maldives to Canada, presented his Letter of Credence to Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, the Governor General of Canada, this morning.

The ceremony took place at the Official Residence of the Governor General at Rideau Hall, Ottawa.

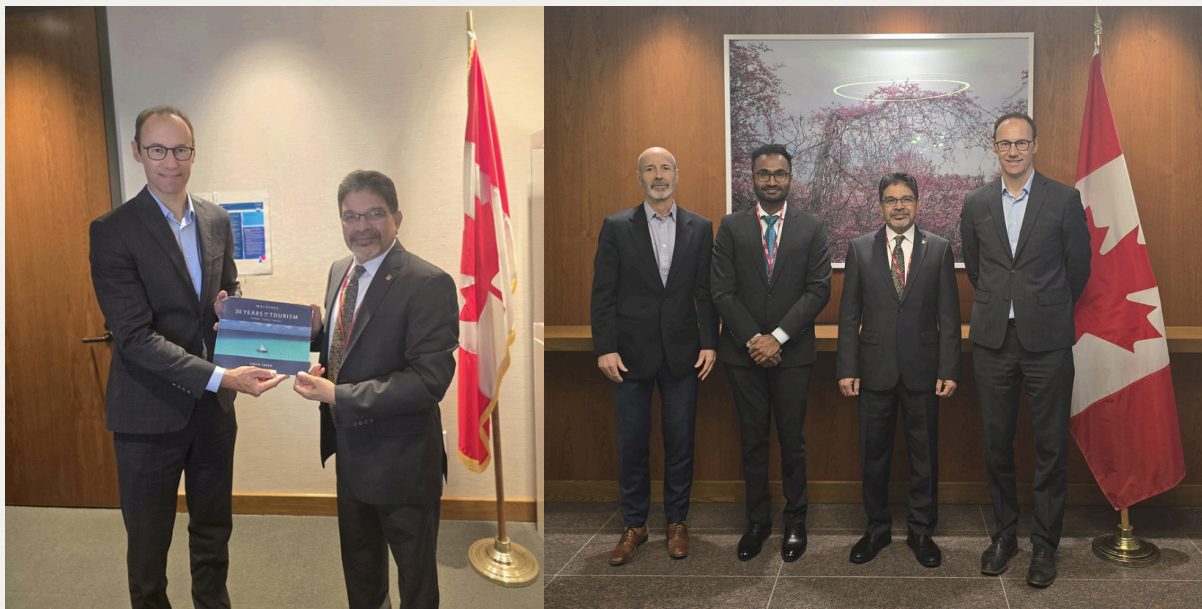
During the meeting that followed the ceremony, High Commissioner Ghafoor conveyed greetings and best wishes from His Excellency President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu to the Governor General and reflected on the longstanding friendly relations between the Maldives and Canada. He reaffirmed the commitment of the Government of Maldives to deepen and diversify the bilateral and multilateral engagement between the two countries.

The Governor General congratulated High Commissioner Ghafoor on his appointment and recognized Maldives' contributions to global efforts in combating climate change. She also expressed Canada's readiness to enhance cooperation in areas of mutual interest.

During his visit to Ottawa, High Commissioner Ghafoor also held discussions with senior officials from Global Affairs Canada on exploring avenues to further strengthen Maldives–Canada cooperation.

High Commissioner Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed was appointed by President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu on 4 March 2025. He also serves as the Ambassador of the Maldives to the United States of America.

High Commissioner Meets Canadian Assistant Deputy Minister for Indo-Pacific



30 April 2025, Ottawa, Canada; Non-Resident High Commissioner of the Maldives to Canada, Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed, held an introductory meeting with Mr. Weldon Epp, Assistant Deputy Minister for Indo-Pacific at Global Affairs Canada today.

The meeting underscored the shared commitment of the Maldives and Canada to deepen bilateral relations, broaden avenues of cooperation—particularly in promoting people-to-people engagement—and maintain robust collaboration within multilateral frameworks. The High Commissioner was accompanied by Second Secretary Ibrahim Haail.

High Commissioner Engages Canadian Officials on Climate and Environmental Cooperation



30 April 2025, Ottawa, Canada; The High Commissioner of the Maldives to Canada, Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed, met with senior officials from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) to discuss strengthening bilateral cooperation on climate and environmental issues.

The meeting focused on exploring opportunities to expand Maldives–Canada collaboration in key areas such as climate action, environmental protection, and sustainable resource management.

The High Commissioner was accompanied by Second Secretary, Ibrahim Haail.



Ambassador Meets U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary Ahead of 60th Anniversary of Diplomatic Ties



10 April 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed met with Ms. Nicole Chulick, Deputy Assistant Secretary at the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs.

The meeting focused on identifying new areas of cooperation and reinforcing existing ties as both countries prepare to mark the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations

The Ambassador was accompanied by Ms. Zeena Didi, Counsellor at the Embassy of the Maldives.



Ambassador Meets Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary at U.S. Department of State



21 April 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed met with Ms. Elizabeth Horst, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary at the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs.

The discussion centered on deepening Maldives–U.S. relations across multiple areas of cooperation.

The Ambassador was accompanied by Ms. Zeena Didi, Counsellor at the Embassy of the Maldives.

Embassy takes part in events of V20 on the sidelines of Spring Meetings 2025



22 April 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended the Carbon Finance Workshop titled "Advancing Climate Prosperity: Leveraging Voluntary Carbon Markets and Article 6 Mechanisms", held on the margins of the 2025 Spring Meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank Group.

Organized by the CVF-V20 Secretariat in collaboration with the Voluntary Carbon Markets Integrity Initiative (VCMI), the workshop focused on mobilizing carbon finance through voluntary markets and enhancing participation in global carbon mechanisms under the Paris Agreement.

The Ambassador was accompanied by Ms. Zeena Didi, Counsellor at the Embassy of the Maldives.

Embassy of Maldives Attends CVF-V20 Special Briefing



22 April 2025, Washington, D.C.; The Embassy of the Maldives was represented by Mr. Ibrahim Haail, Second Secretary, at a Special Briefing for Embassies of CVF-V20 Member Countries, hosted by the CVF-V20 Secretariat.

Held on the margins of the 2025 IMF–World Bank Spring Meetings, the session provided updates on the CVF-V20's institutional agenda, including financial architecture reform, carbon markets, and Climate Prosperity Plans. The briefing concluded with a networking session among member country representatives and the Secretariat.

Ambassador Participates in V20 High-Level Event on Climate Prosperity Platforms

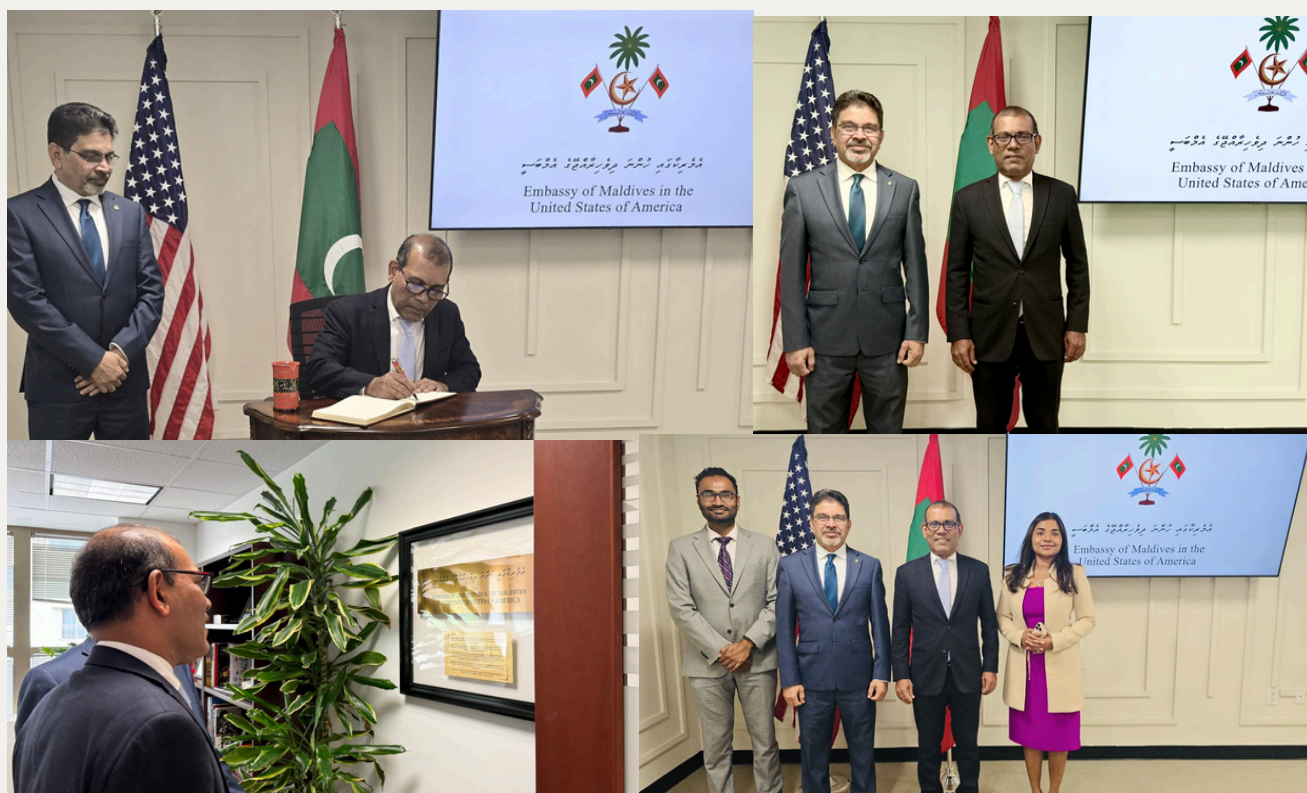


25 April 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed participated in the High-Level Event "Leveraging Country Platforms for Climate Prosperity", hosted by the CVF-V20 Secretariat in partnership with the Boston University Global Development Policy Center.

The event brought together policymakers and experts to explore how country-led platforms can unlock climate finance, implement Climate Prosperity Plans, and strengthen multilateral cooperation to address climate-related economic challenges.

The Ambassador was accompanied by Ms. Zeena Didi, Counsellor at the Embassy of the Maldives.

Ambassador Welcomes Former President and CVF Secretary-General Mohamed Nasheed to the Embassy



25 April 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed and the Embassy team were honoured to welcome His Excellency Mohamed Nasheed, former President of the Maldives and current Secretary-General of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF), to the Embassy of the Maldives during his visit to Washington, D.C.

Other Engagements



8 April 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended the National Day Reception of Bangladesh, hosted by His Excellency Asad Alam Siam, Ambassador of Bangladesh, at the Embassy of Bangladesh.

The Republic of Maldives and the People's Republic of Bangladesh established diplomatic relations on 22 September 1978.



17 April 2025, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended Brunei Darussalam's Cultural Day, hosted by His Excellency Dato Serbini Ali, Ambassador of Brunei Darussalam, at the Embassy of Brunei in collaboration with the Washington Educational & Cultural Attaché Association (WECAA) and Du Plain Global Enterprises.

The Republic of Maldives and Brunei Darussalam established diplomatic relations on 5 May 1984.



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