



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

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Key Highlights

Ambassador Ghafoor Meets with The President of Asia Foundation to discuss Maldives' Development Initiatives



12 August 2024, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed met with Laurel E. Miller, President and CEO of The Asia Foundation, to discuss ongoing and future collaborations between the Foundation and the Maldives.

During the meeting, Ambassador Ghafoor expressed his deep appreciation for The Asia Foundation's long-standing commitment to the Maldives, particularly its efforts in expanding civil society activities and promoting good governance.

Ambassador highlighted the significant impact these initiatives have had on the country's socio-economic development.

Ambassador Ghafoor Meets with Australian Ambassador Kevin Rudd to Bolster Maldives-Australia Relations

14 August 2024, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed met with Kevin Rudd, former Prime Minister and current Australian Ambassador to the United States, to discuss the strengthening of Maldives-Australia relations. The meeting underscored the significance of the recent establishment of the first resident Australian Embassy in the Maldives, marking a new chapter in bilateral ties.

During the discussion, Ambassador Ghafoor expressed his gratitude for Australia's ongoing AUSAID program, which plays a vital role in empowering Maldivian youth and further solidifying the relationship between the two nations. Both parties reaffirmed their commitment to deepening collaboration across various sectors, with a focus on sustainable development and mutual prosperity.



Ambassador Ghafoor Meets with USAID's Änjali Kaur to Expand Maldives-USAID Collaboration



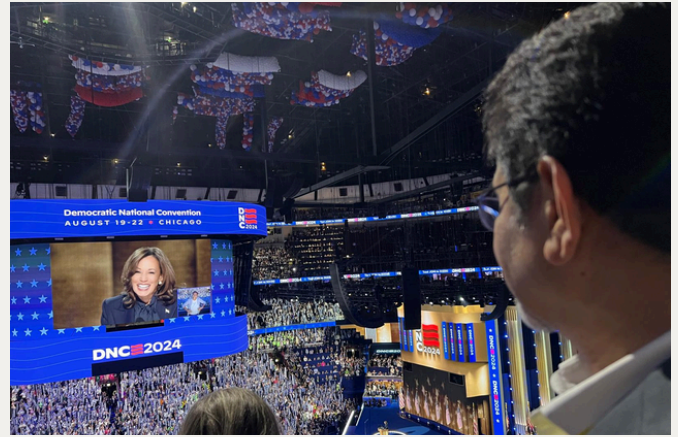
15 August 2024, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed met with USAID Deputy Assistant Administrator Änjali Kaur to further explore the expanding partnership between the Maldives and USAID. The meeting focused on broadening USAID's portfolio in the Maldives, building on the momentum generated from the recent TIFA discussions.

Ambassador Ghafoor and Ms. Kaur shared perspectives on enhancing current projects and identifying new areas for cooperation that align with the Maldives' development priorities. The conversation reaffirmed their mutual commitment to fostering sustainable growth and strengthening the Maldives-USAID partnership.

They also discussed the recent decision by the U.S. to open a dedicated USAID office in the Maldives, following Administrator Samantha Power's visit in November 2023, during which she represented the U.S. at the Inauguration Ceremony of President Dr. Muizzu. This development marks a significant step in enhancing bilateral cooperation and supporting the Maldives' future development initiatives.

Ambassador Ghafoor Attends 2024 Democratic National Convention (DNC) in Chicago

Chicago, Illinois; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended the 2024 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Illinois. The invitation, extended by the Democratic National Committee through coordination with the U.S. State Department, brought together diplomats, leaders, and policymakers from around the world to engage in meaningful discussions on global and domestic policy issues.



The convention, which was held from August 19 to 22, 2024, provided a crucial platform for Ambassador Ghafoor to connect with other members of the diplomatic corps in the United States, as well as some prominent political personalities. It also provided insights into the U.S. electoral system and policy priorities of a potential Democratic Administration led by the current US Vice President and Democratic Party presidential nominee Kamala Harris.

Ambassador Ghafoor also attended the Republican National Convention (RNC) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, held from 15 – 18 July 2024.

Ambassador Ghafoor Attends the Commemoration of International Day of Indigenous Peoples at the Residence of Colombia.



30 August 2024, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended an event hosted by the Embassy of Colombia to commemorate the International Day of Indigenous Peoples. The event highlighted the "Estrategia SaNaciones: Caminos de Resistencia," a healing strategy developed by Colombia's Indigenous peoples.

Ambassador Ghafoor conveyed the Maldives' commitment to fostering diplomatic ties and expressed appreciation for Colombia's efforts in promoting cultural preservation and healing. The Maldives and Colombia have shared a strong diplomatic relationship since 1988.



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