



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

September 2024
Key Highlights

President Dr. Muizzu Attends High Level Week UNGA 79 - Advocates for Global Justice, Security Council Reform, and Small State Representation



President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu attended the UNGA 79 High Level Week in New York from 21st September to 27th September 2024. In his address to the UN General Assembly delivered on 24th September, President Muizz called for global unity to address the many critical challenges facing the international community. He emphasized the importance of a multilateral system that supports smaller nations like the Maldives and stressed that the UN must enforce its decisions globally and locally to create meaningful impact.

During his visit to UNGA 79, President Muizzu also made history by being the first ever Maldives President to address the United Nations Security Council, since the country joined the Organisation in 1965. He called for the reform of the Security Council, including the abolition of veto power, equal representation, and the establishment of a permanent seat for Small Island Developing States (SIDS). He also criticized the UNSC's inability to act on many key issues before the Council, particularly Palestine. President Muizzu also took the opportunity to attend a number



of side events held during the high-level week, including co-chairing the Summit of the Future: Interactive Dialogue 3, 'Towards a Common Digital Future: Strengthening Inclusive Innovation and Cooperation to Bridge the Digital Divides,' and the High-Level Meeting on Sea-Level Rise: Interactive Dialogue 3, 'Livelihoods, Socio-Economic Challenges, and Culture and Heritage in Relation to Sea-Level Rise. He also held bilateral discussions with several world leaders, reinforcing the Maldives' engagement and desire to be an active participant and advocate for SIDS on global challenges.

President Dr. Muizzu Meets with the Maldivian Community Residing in New York, New Jersey, and Washington DC.



22 September 2024, New York.; During his official visit to the U.S. for the 79th UNGA, President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu met with Maldivians residing in New York, New Jersey, and Washington D.C. in an informal gathering hosted by the Maldives Permanent Representative to the UN, Dr. Ali Naseer Mohamed at the Maldives' UN Mission.

During the friendly interaction, the President listened to their concerns, discussed challenges, and reaffirmed the Government's commitment to addressing their needs through open dialogue. Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed and the staff at the Maldives Embassy in DC also attended the event.

President Dr. Muizzu, Delivers Keynote at Princeton on Global Trade, Energy Security, and Climate Action



26 September 2024, New Jersey; President H.E. Dr. Mohamed Muizzu delivered a keynote address at Princeton University as part of the "Dean's Leadership Series" hosted by the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs. In his speech, President Muizzu emphasized the Maldives' strategic importance in global trade and energy security due to its key location in the Indian Ocean. He discussed the country's economic progress, focusing on diversification, foreign investment, and sustainable projects like the Ras-Malé eco-city. He called for urgent global action on climate change, especially reforms to help Small Island Developing States (SIDS) access climate adaptation funds. President Muizzu also reaffirmed his commitment to democracy and highlighted the Maldives' partnership with the U.S. for regional security. Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed also attended the event.

Maldives Participates in the 10th Ministerial Meeting of the Global Coalition to Defeat Daesh/ISIS



30 September 2024, Washington, DC.; The Maldives participated in the 10th Ministerial Meeting of the Global Coalition to Defeat Daesh/ISIS (D-ISIS) today, hosted by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken in Washington, D.C. This marks Maldives' inaugural participation in the D-ISIS Ministerial, following its formal membership to the Coalition in August 2023.

The country's engagement in this critical forum underscores its enduring and firm commitment to the global fight against Daesh/ISIS and all forms of terrorism, which threaten the peace, security, and stability of all nations.

The Maldives reiterated its unwavering belief that terrorism must never be associated with any religion, nationality, or ethnicity. With the Maldives engagement at the Ministerial Meeting, it also reaffirmed its commitment to fostering global security, promoting dialogue, and advancing the shared aspiration for a peaceful and prosperous world.

The Maldives was represented at the meeting by the Maldives Ambassador to the United States, Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed.

Ambassador Ghafoor Meets with President of Washington Diplomat Services (WDS)



02 September 2024, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed met with Ms. Cristina Hilsenrath, President of Washington Diplomat Services (WDS), to discuss potential avenues for collaboration between the Embassy of the Maldives and WDS.

Both parties highlighted areas of mutual interest and discussed potential future cooperation aimed at enhancing relations between the Maldives and diplomatic entities in Washington, D.C.

Other Engagments



05 September 2024, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended an event celebrating the 79th Independence Day of Vietnam.

The Maldives and Vietnam have shared a strong diplomatic relationship since 1975.



06 September 2024, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended a reception celebrating the 202nd Anniversary of Brazil's Independence.

The Maldives and Brazil have maintained diplomatic ties since 1988.



09 September 2024, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended a reception celebrating the 33rd Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The Maldives and Uzbekistan have shared a strong diplomatic relationship since 1994.



12 September 2024, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed attended a reception celebrating Singapore's 59th National Day.

The Maldives and Singapore have enjoyed a robust diplomatic relationship since 1975.



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