



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES TO THE  
KINGDOM OF BELGIUM  
MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES TO THE  
EUROPEAN UNION

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

June 2024

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04 June 2024

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The meeting was chaired by Mauritania with core members from Central Africa, East Africa, Southern Africa, West Africa, Caribbean and the Pacific.



Ambassador Geela meets with the executives from Belgium Travel EXPO

05 June 2024

During the meeting, Ambassador Geela presented the executives with an overview of strategic targets of the Maldivian tourism industry and explored opportunities to collaborate with the organizers to further promote Maldives in Belgium.

Both the Ambassador and the executives also discussed collaborating in international tourism promotional events organized in Europe.

Ambassador Geela holds an introductory meeting with the Secretary General of Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti

12 June 2024

Ambassador Geela held an introductory meeting with His Excellency Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti, the Secretary-General of OACPS at the OACPS Headquarters in Brussels.

Ambassador Geela conveyed Dr. President Muizzu's interest and commitment to enhance cooperation with OACPS and its member states. The Secretary-General highlighted that OACPS has been coordinating with Maldives since it became a member and reassured the support of OACPS to the Maldives.



Ambassador Geela attends an event on promotion of tourism in Central Viet Nam

14 June 2024

The event was organized by the Embassy of Vietnam in Belgium with the presence of a high-level delegation from Quang Binh Province led by Chairman of People's Committees of Vietnam, His Excellency Tran Thang.

During the meeting that preceded the event, the Chairman of People's Committees of Vietnam and Ambassador Geela discussed ways to share best practices between the Maldives and Vietnam on developing a sustainable tourism industry.

Ambassador Geela hosts a lunch to the Maldivian families living in Belgium on the occasion of Eid-Al-Adha 1445

17 June 2024

To celebrate Eid-Al-Adha 1445, Ambassador Geela hosted a lunch to the Maldivian and their families living in Belgium.





Ambassador Geela signs the Book of Condolences at the Embassy of Malawi in Brussels, following the tragic demise of the late Vice President H.E. Dr. Saulos Klaus Chilima

18 June 2024

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In her message she conveyed condolences on behalf of President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu, the Government and the people of Maldives following the tragic plane crash which caused the untimely death of His Excellency Dr. Saulos Klaus Chilima, Vice President of Malawi.



Ambassador Geela meets with the Director General and EIB Permanent Representative to the EU Institutions in Brussels, Mr. Kim Jørgensen

18 June 2024

Ambassador Geela met with His Excellency Kim Jørgensen, the Director General and EIB Permanent Representative to the EU Institutions in Brussels.

During the meeting, Director General Jørgensen shared the EIB operations in Maldives and its strategic priorities for the next months. Ambassador Geela briefed the Government's development agenda including efforts to green transition and expressed hope that Maldives will continue to receive EIB's support.



Ambassador of Maldives to Belgium, Geela Ali presents her Letters of Credence to His Majesty King Philippe of Belgium

18 June 2024

The newly appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Maldives to the Kingdom of Belgium, Her Excellency Geela Ali, presented her Letters of Credence to His Majesty King Philippe of Belgium. The ceremony took place at the Château de Laeken in Brussels.

Following the Credential ceremony a private audience was held during which King Philippe congratulated Ambassador Geela on assumption of her duties as the Ambassador. Ambassador Geela expressed her gratitude for the warm welcome extended to her and conveyed greetings from President Dr. Muizzu and the people of Maldives to His Majesty the King and the people of Belgium.

She also assured King Philippe of the commitment of the Government of Maldives to enhance the bilateral ties between the two countries and to work together to foster closer collaboration in areas of common interest



On this occasion celebrating International Day of Women in Diplomacy, the Mission is delighted to work under the leadership of the first woman Ambassador of Maldives accredited to Belgium and the European Union.

From their pivotal role in negotiating critical peace treaties to championing human rights and environmental causes, women's contributions have been invaluable. Let us collectively aspire to increase our efforts in empowering, supporting and recognizing the role of women diplomats.



Embassy of Maldives to Belgium and Mission to the European Union

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF  
**WOMEN IN  
DIPLOMACY**

## Ambassador Geela meets the Secretary General of the European Travel Agent's and Tour Operators Association, Mr. Eric Dresin

25 June 2024

During the meeting, Ambassador Geela presented an overview of the strategic targets of the Maldivian tourism industry and expressed the Government's interest to enhance collaboration with travel agencies and tour operators in Belgium. Mr. Dresin briefed the Ambassador on the Association and their work and discussed ways to collaborate to further promote Maldivian tourism industry in Belgium and Europe.

## Ambassador Geela participates in the 966th Meeting of the Committee of Ambassadors of OACPS

27 June 2024

During the meeting, Ambassador Geela was welcomed to OACPS today at the 966th Meeting of the Committee of Ambassadors of OACPS by Secretary General Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti.

Ambassador Geela thanked members states and reaffirmed Maldives' commitment to collaborate on areas of mutual interests



Ambassador Geela concludes an introductory meeting with His Excellency Diego Mellado, Head of Protocol of the European Council

24 June 2024

Ambassador Geela had an introductory meeting with His Excellency Diego Mellado, the Head of Protocol of the European Council. The main purpose of the meeting was to hand over the true copies of her letters of credence addressed to the President of the European Council and the European Commission.

Both the Ambassador and the Head of Protocol discussed the European elections that convened in June 2024 and the accreditation process of the different institutions of the European Union.

