



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES TO THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM

MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

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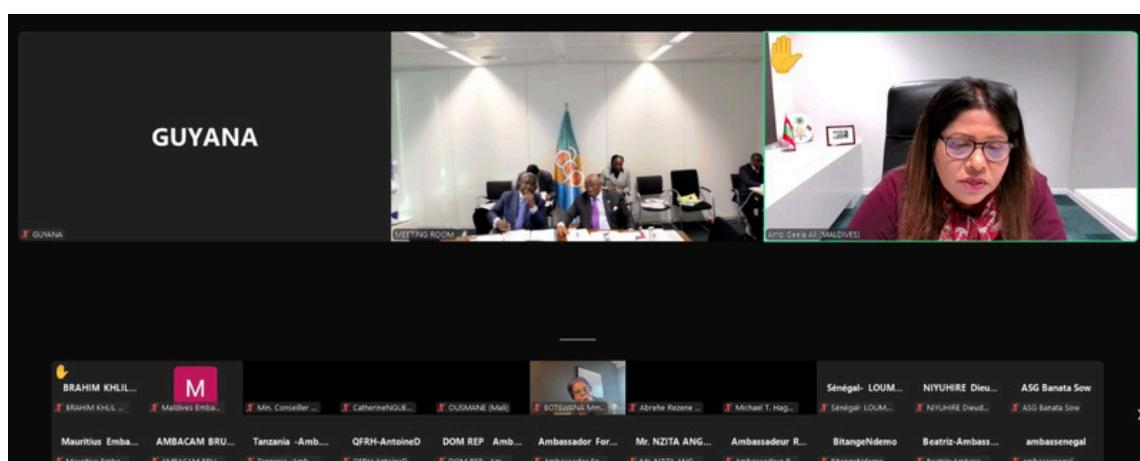
The mission participates in a workshop organized by the Egmont Institute of the Belgium Foreign Ministry

02 December 2024

The main purpose of the workshop was to exchange expertise in the fields of Human Security and Health and was focused on Indo pacific countries and their missions based in Brussels.

During the workshop, senior officials at the Belgium Foreign Ministry and former Ambassadors provided an outlook of the EU Indo Pacific Strategy from Belgium's perspective and also provided an insight to the Belgium's global health strategy.

20 Diplomats from the Indopacific region participated in this workshop. The Maldives mission was represented by First Secretary, Mohamed Shaffau Ibrahim.



Ambassador Geela participates at an extraordinary special session of the OACPS Committee of Ambassadors

02 December 2024

The session was focused on the preparations of the 118th session of the OACPS Council of Ministers.

During the meeting, the organization also welcomed new and incoming Ambassadors from Lesotho and Cameroon. The meeting also provided an update of the Ambassadorial Crisis Management Group as well as updates of respective subcommittees.



Ambassador Geela attends the National day reception organized by the Embassy of Thailand in Belgium

03 December 2024

Ambassador Geela conveyed best wishes to the Government and people of Thailand on this occasion and reiterated her commitment to enhance relations especially in the areas of trade and tourism

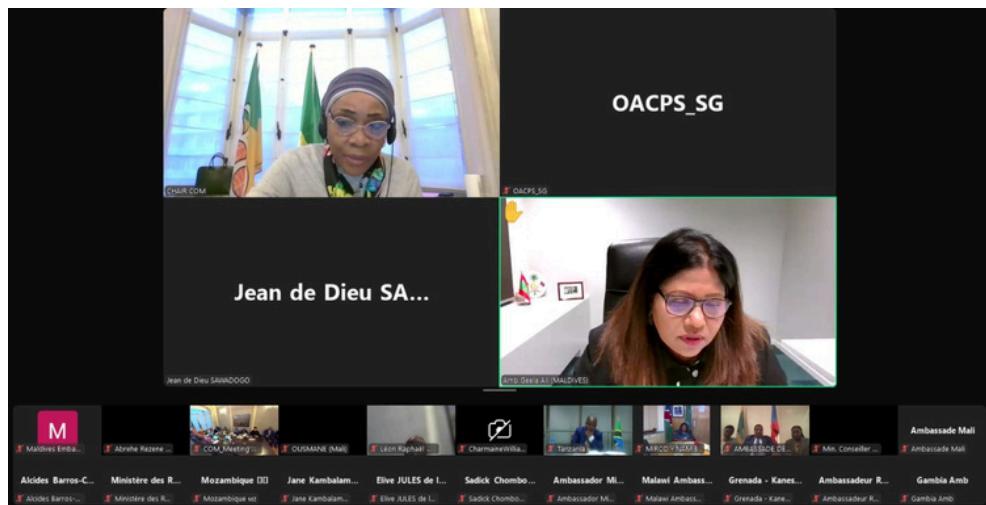
Ambassador Geela attends a reception to celebrate Romania's National day

03 December 2024

The reception was celebrated in the presence of Her Excellency Luminita Odobescu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania.

During the brief exchange, Ambassador Geela conveyed best wishes to the Foreign Minister, the Government and the people of Romania on this occasion.





Ambassador Geela delivers a statement on behalf of Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Abdulla Khaleel, at the 118th Council of Ministers of the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS)

04-06 December 2024

At the 118th Council of Ministers of the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), Ambassador Geela Ali, delivered a statement on behalf of Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Abdulla Khaleel. The meeting took place in hybrid format in Brussels, Belgium.

In her statement, Ambassador Geela expressed appreciation to the Member States and the Secretariat of the OACPS for the continued support afforded to the Maldives.

Ambassador Geela also emphasized the crucial role of the OACPS in bringing countries together in their efforts to address, sustainable development, climate crisis, and maintaining global peace and security. She also highlighted the OACPS-EU partnership and reaffirmed the commitment of the Government of Maldives to work together with OACPS member states.

The Embassy of the Republic of Maldives in the Kingdom of Belgium and Mission of the Republic of Maldives to the European Union also participated in the sessions of the Council of Ministers which was held from 04th to 06th December 2024.

Ambassador Geela attends the launch of the Nepalese photo and film Exhibition

05 December 2024

The exhibition was hosted at the European External Action Service (EEAS) and marked the anniversary of diplomatic relations between Nepal and the European Union.

The photo exhibition was officially launched by the Deputy Managing Director at EEAS, Ms. Paola Pampaloni.





Ambassador Geela attends the celebrations of the National Day of Qatar

05 December 2024

Ambassador Geela conveyed best wishes to the leadership of Qatar and reaffirmed the commitment of Maldives to further expand cooperation between the two countries.

Ambassador Geela attends a coordination meeting of the East African Region (EAR) at OACPS

06 December 2024

The main purpose of the meeting was to prepare and harmonize efforts following the conclusion of the 118th session of the OACPS Council of Ministers.

Ambassador Geela attends an event at the Egmont Palace - Royal Institute for International Relations

11 December 2024

The event was focused on providing information to newly appointed Ambassadors in Brussels regarding the Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, the Federal Parliament and different institutions in Belgium.





Ambassador Geela joins a lunch organized by the Women Ambassadors Network and South African Chamber of Commerce to Belgium

11 December 2024

During the event, Ambassadors engaged in knowledge sharing of economic, commercial and investment activities of their respective countries. His Excellency Alexander De Croo, Prime Minister of Belgium also participated at the lunch and shared Belgian perspectives.

Ambassador Geela meets the CEO of Travel tomorrow

12 December 2024

Ambassador Geela had a fruitful meeting with Mr. Antonio Buscadini, CEO of Travel Tomorrow.

Travel Tomorrow is a global media outlet reporting on the travel and tourism industry and is a flagship brand of Buscardini Communications, a Brussels-based communications agency.

During the meeting, Ambassador Geela expressed interest to collaborate with the media outlet to further promote Maldivian tourism industry in Europe.



Ambassador Geela meets the Assistant Secretary General of Structural Economic Transformation and Trade at OACPS

13 December 2024

Ambassador Geela had a productive meeting with Mr. Junior Lodge, Assistant Secretary General of Structural Economic Transformation and Trade at OACPS.

The meeting provided an avenue to review the existing cooperation and identify new areas within the various programmes of SETT.



Ambassador Geela joins with OACPS Women Ambassadors to bid farewell to the Ambassador of Bahamas

14 December 2024

The women Ambassadors of OACPS member countries held a farewell lunch to the Ambassador of Bahamas to Belgium and EU, Her Excellency Cheryl Bazard, following the end of her term in Brussels.

Ambassador Geela attends a reception to celebrate the National day of Bhutan

17 December 2024

Ambassador Geela joined the celebrations of the 117th National Day of the Kingdom of Bhutan hosted by Her Excellency Kutshab Tshoki Chodenand.

Ambassador Geela expressed warm greetings to the Government and the people of Bhutan on this occasion.

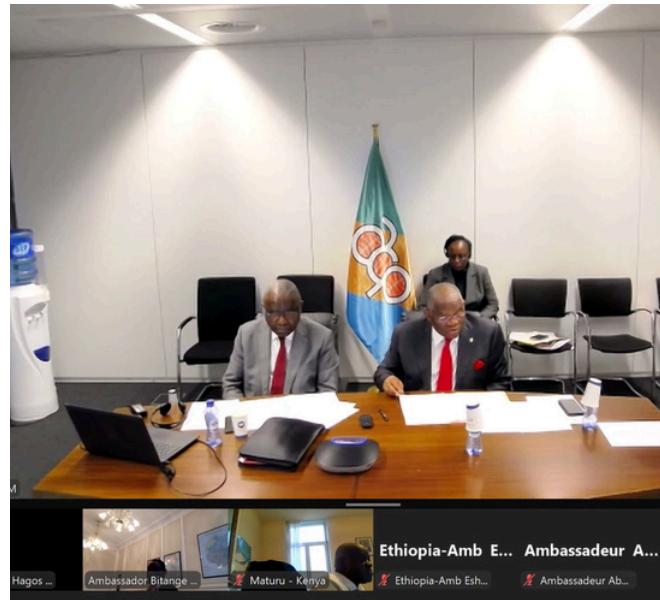


The Mission participated at a special session of the OACPS Committee of Ambassadors

19 December 2024

During the meeting, Ambassadors of OACPS member states reviews the discussions of the 118th session of the Council of Ministers.

The meeting also provided opportunities for member states to express their views on the priorities of OACPS for the year 2025.



Ambassador Geela calls on the Minister of Higher Education, Labour and Skills Development of Maldives

25 December 2024

Ambassador Geela had meeting with Her Excellency Dr. Maryam Mariya, Minister of Higher Education, Labour and Skills Development.

The meeting provided an avenue to discuss higher education opportunities for Maldivians in Belgium and Europe.



Ambassador Geela meets with the leadership of Maldives Marketing and Public Relations Corporation

26 December 2024

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