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Ambassador Geela attends the New Year Reception held by the King and Queen of Belgium

8 January 2026

Ambassador Geela attended the New Year Reception held by the King Philippe and Queen Mathilde of Belgium.

The reception was held for the heads of diplomatic missions accredited to Belgium at the Royal Palace in Brussels.



Ambassador Geela hosts lunch for Ms. Barbara of Diplomatic World Magazine

9 January 2026

Ambassador Geela, together with the Ambassadors of Bhutan and Sri Lanka, hosted a lunch for Ms. Barbara Dietrich, CEO of Diplomatic World Magazine, to thank her for covering the tourism promotional event “The Enchanting Trio.”



Ambassador Geela joins celebrations of the 25th anniversary of Diplomatic World Magazine

12 January 2026

Ambassador Geela joined fellow diplomats, business leaders, and industry representatives in Belgium to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Diplomatic World Magazine.

Diplomatic World is a quarterly international magazine published quarterly focusing on worlds politics, diplomacy, business, finance, art and culture.

The Maldives has worked with Diplomatic World Magazine several times, with interviews of Maldivian Ambassadors and high-level government officials published in the magazine.



Ambassador Geela attends New Year Reception hosted by King and Queen of Netherlands

13 January 2026

Ambassador Geela attended the New Year Reception hosted by the King and Queen of the Netherlands for the diplomatic corps, held at the Royal Palace in Amsterdam.



Ambassador Geela attended the New Year Reception hosted by the Grand Duke and the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg

14 January 2026

Ambassador Geela attends the New Year reception hosted by the Grand Duke and the Grand Duchess of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, held at the Palais Grand-Ducal in Luxembourg.



Ambassador Geela meets with the Tanzanian Ambassador

20 January 2026

Ambassador Geela met with the Ambassador of Tanzania, His Excellency Jestas Abouk Nyamanga.

During the meeting, both Ambassadors discussed potential activities for the new year, especially through collaboration and cooperation within the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS).



Ambassador Geela attends dinner hosted by Samoa

20 January 2026

Ambassador Geela joined a dinner hosted by the Ambassador of Samoa to Belgium, for Ambassadors of SIDS countries.

The dinner was hosted in honor of the chair of AOSIS Her Excellency Ilana Seid, the Permanent Representative of Palau to the United Nations, & Her Excellency Fatumanava Paoelei Luteru, the Permanent Representative of Samoa to the United Nations.

During the dinner, Ambassadors discussed the importance of continuing efforts made by SIDS countries utilizing the platform available through the international arena to raise attention to the priorities of SIDS.



Ambassador Geela meets with the Ambassadors of Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka

20 January 2026

Ambassador Geela hosted the Ambassadors of Bhutan, Nepal and, Sri Lanka to Belgium at the Embassy for a joint meeting.

During the meeting, the Ambassadors explored the potential opportunities available for collaborative activities in 2026.



Ambassador Geela attends farewell dinner held in honor of the Ambassador of Botswana

22 January 2026

Ambassador Geela attended the farewell dinner of the Ambassador of Botswana to Belgium, Her Excellency Mmasekgoa MASIRE-MWAMBA.

During the dinner, which was hosted by Ambassador of Tanzania, His Excellency Jestas About Nyamanga, Ambassadors noted the exemplary service of the Botswanan Ambassador to the OACPS.



Ambassador Geela attends the 1st EU-Bhutan Business Forum.

26 January 2026

Ambassador Geela attended the opening of the 1st EU-Bhutan Business Forum, held Brussels, Belgium.

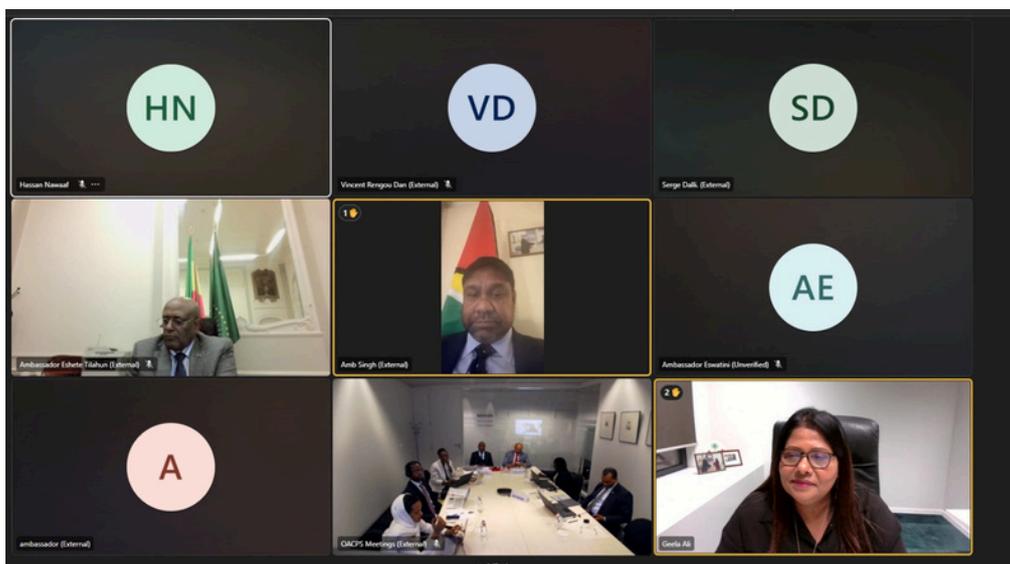
His Excellency Dasho Tshering Tobgay, Prime Minister of Bhutan gave the keynote address at the forum. The meeting was also attended by high level officials from the EU and Bhutan, including stakeholders from both the public and private sector.

Ambassador Geela meets with DMD Paola Pampaloni

29 January 2026

Ambassador Geela met with the Deputy Managing Director (DMD) for the Asia and the Pacific at the European External Action Service (EEAS), Ms. Paola Pampaloni.

Ambassador Geela and DMD Ms. Paola discussed the ongoing preparation of the Maldives - European Union Partnership Dialogue scheduled to be hosted by the Maldives, following the signature of the Samoa Agreement by the Maldives.



Ambassador Geela attends the meeting of the Incoming and Outgoing Bureau of the OACPS Committee of Ambassadors.

29 January 2026

Ambassador Geela participated in the meeting of the Incoming and Outgoing Bureau of the Organization of the African, Caribbean, and Pacific States (OACPS) Committee of Ambassadors.

During the meeting, Ambassadors acknowledged the efforts the outgoing Chair of the OACPS Committee of Ambassadors and the bureau members, and welcomed the new Chair, The Gambia and the members of the incoming Bureau. Members of the new bureau reaffirmed their commitments towards further elevating the OACPS.



Ambassador Geela attends the Special Meeting of the OACPS SIDS Forum

30 January 2026

Ambassador Geela attended the Special Meeting of the OACPS SIDS Forum, co-hosted by the OACPS and H.E. Mr. Ignacio Ybáñez, EU Special Envoy on SIDS. H.E. Ms. Christina Kokkinakis, EU Ambassador to UNESCO and the OECD, also participated in the meeting.

Discussions in the meeting focused on the importance of reigniting discussions on the challenges SIDS member countries face and the potential opportunities available for SIDS countries to elevate their socio-economic development through sustainable means.



Ambassador Geela attends the annual dinner organized by Cercle Royale Gaulois

30 January 2026

Ambassador Geela attended the annual dinner diplomatic dinner organized by Cercle Royale Gaulois.

The dinner receptions brought together diplomats in Brussels, government officials, private sector representatives, members of civil society, and stakeholders from various industries.