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Canberra Fellowships Program (CFP)

Maldives: Building Resilient, Accountable States

14 – 21 September

Visit Overview

Six Maldivian delegates visiting Australia under the DFAT funded Canberra Fellowships Program. They all have senior roles in key governance commissions and offices.

1. Mr Ibrahim Fazeel, Assistant Auditor General
2. Uz.* Adam Shamil, President of the Anti-Corruption Commission
3. Mr Hamdhy Ageel, President of the Privatization and Corporatization Board
4. Mr Mohamed Nasih, President of the Civil Service Commission
5. Uza.* Shamra Shameem, Assistant Prosecutor General
6. Mr Idrees Ismail, Secretary General, Information Commissioner's Office

*Uz. (Oos-thaa-z) and Uza (Oos-thaa-zaa) are Arabic honorifics that signify someone licenced to practice law in Maldives. The title is to be used for nameplates, yet the delegates should be addressed as Mr Adam Shamil and Ms Shamra Shameem.

Maldives is a young democracy, and its institutions are still maturing. Stronger accountability and transparent regulatory frameworks are needed for good governance and to reduce corruption. Maldives consistently ranks poorly in international transparency and corruption rankings.

President Muizzu was elected in November 2023 on a strong anti-corruption platform and is expected to serve a five-year term. Since the opening of our High Commission in May 2023, Australia's expertise in governance has been raised several times by the new government. The visit seeks to address one of the Maldivian government's key policy priorities and demonstrate Australia is an engaged and reliable partner.

Governance has been a key area of Australia's bilateral cooperation with Maldives, including through programs delivered by the United Nations Development Program. This visit provides an opportunity to showcase Australian knowledge and credentials to the new administration, shape the new government's thinking and build peer-to-peer support networks.

The delegation will meet Commonwealth and WA State counterpart agencies in Canberra and Perth as well as attend a training course at the Australia New Zealand School of Government.

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Schedule

Saturday 14 September – Melbourne

Delegation arrives in Melbourne, Australia

Sunday 15 September – Melbourne

Cultural events

Monday 16 September – Canberra

Meeting with **National Anti-Corruption Commission**

Plimsoll Room lunch hosted by **DFAT Assistant Secretary Bruce Soar**

Meeting with **Australian Public Service Commission**

Meeting with **Australian Competition and Consumer Commission**

Tuesday 17 September – Canberra

Assistant Auditor General to individually attend **Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions Regional Working Group on Environmental Auditing**

Meeting with **Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions**

Australian Parliament House Tour

Senate Question Time

Meeting with **Productivity Commission**

Wednesday 18 September – Canberra

Full day **Australia New Zealand School of Government Course**

Thursday 19 September – Perth

Roundtable with WA agencies: **Corruption and Crime Commission, Office of the Auditor General, Public Sector Commission, WA Director of Public Prosecutions, WA Information Commission**

Lunch with WA agencies

Individual meetings with WA agencies

Friday 20 September – Perth

Cultural events

Saturday 21 September – Perth

Delegation departs for Maldives

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