



Ministry of Environment and Energy

Republic of Maldives



CBD COP 11

CEPA SIDE EVENT

SUSTAINING CORAL COMMUNITIES:

Sustainable and climate resilient future through the first UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in Maldives

Thursday: 11 October 2012, 13:30 – 14:30

Venue: GF, HICC, Hyderabad, India

The side event organized by the Government of Maldives in partnership with Atoll Ecosystem Conservation Project and UNDP Maldives, will share its story of the first UNESCO Biosphere reserve and its contribution to climate change resiliency and sustainable future. The event will provide the lessons learnt by Maldives in establishing the first biosphere reserve in the Maldives and the opportunities and advantages this biosphere reserve has brought to the local communities of Baa Atoll.

Time	Topic	Presenter	Organization
Facilitator	Mr. Ahmed Saleem, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Maldives		
13:30	Welcome address	Dr. Mariyam Shakeela Minister of Environment and Energy, Maldives	Ministry of Environment and Energy, Maldives
13:35	Statement from CBD	Mr. Braulio Ferreira De Souza Dias Executive Secretary	CBD
13:40	Documentary: The story of the first UNESCO BIOSPHERE RESERVE in Maldives and its contribution to climate change resiliency and sustainable future		
13:50	Statement from GEF	Ms Nicole Glineur, Sr Environmental Specialist	GEF
13:55	Statement of UNDP	Dr. <u>Veerle Vandeweerd</u> – Director, Environment & Energy, Bureau for Development Policy	UNDP (HQ)
14:00	Statement of UNESCO MAB	Dr. Ram Boojh	UNESCO MAB
14:05	Dawn of Baa Atoll UNESCO Biosphere Reserve	Ms Mariyam Rifga, Environment Analyst	Environment Protection Agency, Maldives
14:10	Management of Baa Atoll UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and Challenges	Ms Faseena Fariq, Managing Director	Baa Atoll Biosphere Reserve Office
14:20-14:30	Questions and Answers		



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