

**Maldives Partnership Forum
25 & 26 June 2006**

Venue: Orchid Room, Bandos Island Resort, Maldives

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09:00 – 17:00

Field visits

Option 1 – Economic development/long term development:

Trip to greater Male' region: To observe possibilities for long term private sector development (Islands of Thilafushi, HulhuMale, Male') including panel discussion/lunch with key business sector individuals and Minister of economic development and trade.

Option 2: Tsunami Recovery: Opportunities, Challenges and Constraints

Islands of Guraidhoo, Thulusdhoo and Huraa to witness tsunami recovery: IDP issues; housing and shelter reconstruction; infrastructure (Harbour and Jetties); Water and Sanitation; Waste disposal; environmental challenges; challenges on accessibility related to health, education & employment; economic development.

Both groups would depart for the field visits from Bandos Island Resort by speed boats, and return from the visit to the resort directly

19:30 – 21:30

Welcome reception hosted by Hon Dr Ahmed Shaheed, Minister of Foreign Affairs at Bandos Island Resort

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- 09:30 – 09:35 Recitation of Holy Quraan
- 09:35 – 09:45 Introduction – outlining of the day's proceedings
- *Department of External Resources*
- 09:45 – 10:15 Inaugural Address
His Excellency Mr. Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, President of the Republic of Maldives
- 10:15 – 10:35 Coffee/Tea

Maldives moving from an LDC towards an MIC: Challenges, Constraints and Opportunities

- 10:35 – 11:15 Macro-Economic Situation
- *Co-Chaired by the Minister of Finance and Treasury & the World Bank*
- *Presentation followed by plenary discussion*
- 11:15 – 12:00 Opportunities for investments and economic growth in Maldives
- *Co-Chaired by the Minister of Economic Development & Trade and the ADB*
- *Presentation followed by plenary discussion*
- 12:00 – 12:15 Coffee/Tea
- 12:15 – 13:00 The 7th National Development Plan 2006-2010 – key priorities and sectors
- *Co-Chaired by the Minister of Planning and National Development and UNDP Resident Representative*
- *Presentation followed by plenary discussion*
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch hosted by UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative

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Build Back Better – tsunami recovery

- 14:00 – 15:00 Building Back Better – progress on tsunami recovery and reconstruction and addressing the challenges ahead
- *Co-Chaired by the Minister of Construction and Public Infrastructure and IFRC Head of Delegation*
- *Presentation followed by plenary discussion*

Governance and democratic reform

- 15:00 – 16:30 Political reform progress
- *Co-Chaired by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the High Commissioner of India*
- *Presentation followed by plenary discussion*
- 16:30 – 17:00 Break
- 17:00 – 17:30 Wrap-up with conclusion and final communiqué to be issued –
- 17:30 – 18:00 Press Conference