



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

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To: All tourist resorts
Subject: Call for Expression of Interest – iCOAST Maldives

The Ministry of Tourism and Environment, in partnership with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF), invites all tourist resorts to express their interest in joining the iCOAST Maldives Project.

Integrated Collaborative Approaches for Sustainable Tourism (iCOAST) is a national initiative which will support selected resorts in enhancing sustainability through technical assistance, pilot activities, and sector-wide collaboration.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

Participating resorts will benefit from:

- **Expert Technical Support:** to reduce water, energy, and chemical consumption.
- **Sustainable Procurement Assistance:** Assistance in greening procurement – replacing imports with local, sustainable alternatives
- **Global and Local Recognition:** Be recognized as a sustainability leader in the Maldives and on the international stage.
- **Training & Capacity Building:** Access to training and capacity building for hotel staff and management
- **Eco-Marketing Opportunities:** Inclusion in international and regional eco-marketing campaigns
- **Support for Net-Zero and Nature-Based Solutions:** Implement nature-based, net-zero, resilient, zero-waste, and pollution-free tourism strategies and technologies.
- **Stronger Local Supply Chains:** Enhance sourcing in agriculture, F&B, construction, textiles, electronics, and services.
- **Collaborative Opportunities:** Strengthen supply chains (agriculture, food & beverage, construction, retail, textiles, electronics, and services).
- **Pilot Project Funding:** Receive financial and technical support to implement innovative sustainability pilots.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Priority will be given to resorts that:

- Demonstrate a strong commitment to sustainability and innovation
- Are already investing in sustainable practices (in-kind co-financing)
- Collaborate with local consultants, authorities, and suppliers
- Are willing to share data and participate in assessments

HOW TO APPLY

To express your resort's interest in the iCOAST Maldives Project, please complete and submit this form.

<https://forms.office.com/r/LhAVLsdcrq>



Deadline: Wednesday, 11 June 2025, 12:00pm

(Please note that submission of an Expression of Interest does not guarantee selection for participation in the project)

We strongly encourage resorts that are actively involved in sustainable and innovative practices to take advantage of this opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the advancement of sustainable tourism in the Maldives.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Abdullah Niyaz

State Minister