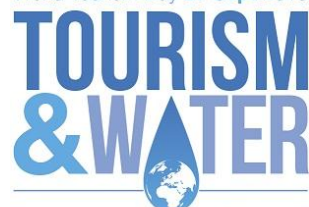




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Kurumba Island Resort, Vihamanaafushi

Preliminary Programme (22 September 2013)

Wednesday, 25th – Thursday, 26th September 2013

Arrival of Delegates & Registration – Transfer to Kurumba Maldives

Thursday, 26th September 2013 - Kurumba Maldives

18:00 – 19:30 **Welcome Cocktail** by the Minister of Tourism Arts and Culture, H.E. Ahmed Adeeb Abdul Gafoor (by Invitation only)

Friday, 27th September 2013 - Kurumba Maldives

08:00 – 09:00 Registration of local delegates

09:00 – 10:00 **Morning Session: Official Opening**

Recitation of Holy Quran

Welcome Address by H.E. Ahmed Adeeb Abdul Gafoor, Minister of Tourism, Arts & Culture, Republic of Maldives

Address by H.E. Taleb Rifai, Secretary-General, World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

Inaugural Address by H.E. Mohammed Waheed Hassan Manik, President, Republic of Maldives (tbc)

Presentation of Major Strategic Directions for the Tourism Sector of Maldives - Launching of the Fourth Tourism Master Plan of Maldives by H.E. Dr. Mohamed Waheed Hassan

Overview of Climate Change Adaptation Project for the tourism sector of Maldives

10:00 – 10:30 Photo Session

10:30 Departure of Invitees

10:30 – 11:30 **Press Conference at Kurumba Maldives**

H.E. Ahmed Adeeb Abdul Ghafoor, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Republic of Maldives

H.E. Taleb Rifai, Secretary-General, World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

13:00 – 14:00 Hosted Lunch for seminar participants at Kurumba Maldives (by invitation only)

14:00 – 16:30 **Afternoon Session**

WTD High-Level Think Tank at Kurumba Maldives

Inauguration by H.E. Taleb Rifai, Secretary-General, World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

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- Moderator: Luigi Cabrini, Director-Advisor of the UNWTO Secretary-General on Sustainability
- Video Message: H.E. Mr. Alain Saint-Ange, Minister of Tourism and Culture, Seychelles addressing World Tourism Day 2013
- Speakers: Asad Ali, Executive Board Member, Maldives Association of Tourism Industry (MATI)
Martin Craigs, CEO, Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA)
Josefina Maestu, Coordinator/Director, United Nations Office to Support the International Decade for Action: "Water for Life" 2005-2015
Theresa Manavalan, Associate Editor, Life & Times, New Straits Times
Dr. Simad Saeed, Managing Director, CDE (Commerce Development and Environment) Consulting Pvt Ltd – Maldives
Jennifer Willig, Founder, Global Hospitality and Tourism Campaign 'Whole World Water'
Xu Jing, Director Regional Programme for Asia and the Pacific World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

16:30 – 17:00 **Concluding Session**

Luigi Cabrini, Director-Advisor of the UNWTO Secretary-General on Sustainability
Vote of thanks

17:00 – 17:15 Presentation of 2014 World Tourism Day by official Host Country Mexico – (tbc by UNWTO)

19:00 Closing Reception at Kuda Bandos by the Maldives Tourism Industry (by invitation only)

Saturday, 28th September 2013

Technical Visit (Optional)

Aerial tour & Visit to Conrad Maldives at Rangali Island in South Ari Atoll by sea plane.

Saturday, 28th – Sunday 29th September 2013

Departure of delegates

Note:

* 26th & 27th Sept– Welcome Reception (26th), WTD Ceremony and Think Tank Seminar(27th) will be held in **Kurumba Maldives**

* 27th Sept – Closing Dinner will be held in **Kuda Bandos** (nearby Picnic Island - All transfer arrangements made by the organizer)

*28th Sept - Technical Visit to **Conrad Maldives at Rangali Island** (All transfer arrangements made by the organizer)