



**The 23rd Session of the Compliance Committee (CoC23) - 4 - 6 May**

**The 23rd Session of the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (SCAF23) 7 May**

**Adoption of the CoC23 and SCAF23 Reports - 8 May**

**The 10th Session of the Technical Committee on Management Procedures (TCMP10) 9 May**

**The 30th Session of the Commission (S30) - 11-15 May**

Hosted by the  
**Ministry of Fisheries and Ocean Resources**  
**MALE, MALDIVES**



## **1. Meeting dates and venue**

The meetings will be held from 4 May until 15 May and the venue will be the

**Barcelo – Nasandhura Male'**  
Male', Republic of Maldives



## 2. Contacts

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## 3. Arrival and entry formalities

All travelers are required to submit the Traveler Declaration which can be found on <https://imuga.immigration.gov.mv/traveller> should be submitted 96 hours before flight time for arrival. Participants may enter the Maldives on a visa issued on arrival which will be issued free of charge, subject to standard entry requirements. For more information on the standard entry requirements please refer to <https://www.immigration.gov.mv/visa/tourist-visa>.

According to Maldives Customs Service, passengers must not carry any type of alcohol when traveling to the Maldives and all passengers aged 18 years & above can bring, for personal use, no more than 200 cigarettes, or 25 cigars, or up to 250g of tobacco products. For further information, please visit the immigration website at <http://www.immigration.gov.mv>

Prescribed medicines are allowed for daily use. It is advisable to bring a prescription for any medicines you carry into the Maldives.

## 4. Health Precautions

Participants are advised to carry a valid Cholera and Yellow Fever vaccination certificate if they have recently visited or come from a country where these diseases are endemic. Other recommended vaccinations include Hepatitis A and B, Typhoid, in addition to routine vaccinations against Polio and Tuberculosis.

In case of medical emergencies or healthcare needs, ADK Hospital, one of the leading private hospitals in Malé, is located in close proximity to the meeting venue. The hospital provides 24-hour emergency services, outpatient care, and specialist medical services.

The following national emergency numbers apply in the Maldives:

**Police:** 119

**Ambulance:** 102

**Fire and Rescue:** 118

Participants are advised to contact the hotel reception or venue staff immediately should any assistance be required.

## 5. Accommodation Options

Participants are encouraged to make their own hotel reservations as early as possible to secure suitable accommodation. Websites such as Booking.com and Hotels.com often offer the best deals.

Barceló Nasandhura Malé is a 5-star hotel in the heart of Malé, offering a calm and comfortable stay overlooking the ocean. Located opposite the Henveiru Ferry Terminal and just a 10-minute drive from Velana International Airport, it provides easy access to the city and island transport. The hotel features a variety of accommodations, including rooms with ocean views and spacious apartments (2- and 3-bedroom options, duplexes, and a penthouse), all designed with modern, light-filled interiors for a sense of privacy and relaxation.

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email: [asm.maldives@barcelo.com](mailto:asm.maldives@barcelo.com)

- Hotel rooms – USD 335 per night

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- 2 Bedroom residence – USD 550 per night (breakfast included) (2 pax per bedroom, total 4 pax)
- 3 Bedroom residence – USD 695 per night (breakfast included) (2 pax per bedroom, total 6 pax)

The Greater Male' Area boasts many accommodation options at different prices ranges, with connectivity to Male'. The following hotels have offered special rates for the duration of the meetings:

a. **JEN MALDIVES, MALE' BY SHANGRI LA**

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email: [mohamed.ahmed@hoteljen.com](mailto:mohamed.ahmed@hoteljen.com)

Deluxe Room (Single) on Bed & Breakfast Basis - USD 244 per night

b. **MAAGIRI HOTEL**

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email: [reservations@maagirihotel.com](mailto:reservations@maagirihotel.com)

- i. Superior room – USD 200
- ii. Premier-room – USD 220
- iii. Junior-suite – USD 250
- iv. Executive-suite – USD 270.50

c. **VILLA NAUTICA PARADISE ISLAND RESORT** (you would need to arrange ferry service with the hotel)

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email: [reservations.nautica@villaresorts.com](mailto:reservations.nautica@villaresorts.com)

- i. Beach Villa – USD 354.40 per night on full board basis
- ii. Sunset Deluxe Beach Pool Villa – USD 712 per night on full board basis
- iii. Water Vilaa – USD 698.40 per night per night on full board basis

d. **SAII LAGOON MALDIVES** (you would need to arrange ferry service with the hotel)

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email: [rsvn.lagoon@saiihotels.com](mailto:rsvn.lagoon@saiihotels.com)

Several types of rooms including those with pool and or over water villas – USD 800 per night on full board basis

e. **HARD ROCK HOTEL MALDIVES** (you would need to arrange ferry service with the hotel)

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email: [rsvn@hrhmaldives.com](mailto:rsvn@hrhmaldives.com)

Several types of rooms including those with pool and or over water villas – USD 850 per night on full board basis

In addition to the packages detailed, there are numerous local hotels and guesthouses across Malé, particularly in Hulhumalé, which is conveniently connected to Malé by bridge. Rates for these guesthouses are widely available on popular booking platforms such as Agoda, Booking.com, and Trip.com.

## **6. Transportation**

Velana International Airport (VIA) is located on Hulhulé, a separate island from Malé. There are airport ferry services from Hulhulé to Malé, which take approximately five minutes. In addition to the ferry service, the airport is connected to Male' via bridge and to Hulhumalé via highway. Taxis can be conveniently hailed from the taxi queue at the airport or from ride hailing apps such as avasapp. Please note that taxis in the Maldives generally operate on a cash-only basis and do not accept credit or debit cards, with the exception of a limited number of taxis. Participants may also note that most hotels can arrange airport pick-up services upon request and are encouraged to contact their hotel in advance to make the necessary arrangements.

Male' Area Taxi Rates	
Sector	Rates (MVR)
VIA to Malé	70/-
VIA to Hulhumalé Phase 1	80/-
VIA to Hulhumalé Phase 2	85/-
Within Malé / Hulhumalé Phase 1/Phase 2	30/-
Male' to Hulhumalé Phase 1	85/-
Malé to Hulhumalé Phase 2	100/-
Hulhumalé Phase 1 – Phase 2	40/-



**Luggage:** MVR 5 extra for each piece over three pieces

<https://avasapp.com/>

**Domestic Terminal:** An extra charge (around MVR 10) may apply.

**Larger Vehicles:** Expect higher rates, e.g., MVR 45 for intra-zone (7–10-seater).

## 7. Documents

Participants are advised to download all documents from the IOTC website before arriving, as the meetings will be conducted paperless. Documents can be accessed at <https://iotc.org/meetings/30th-session-indian-ocean-tuna-commission>

## 8. Interpretation

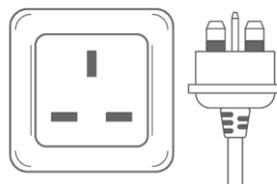
The meeting will be held in English and French and simultaneous interpretation in the other language will be provided.

## 9. Dress Code

The dress code for the meeting will be smart casual.

## 10. Electricity

Electricity in the Maldives is 220-240 volts, with a utility frequency of 50Hz and type G sockets are used.



## 11. Telephone mobile service

The international dialing code for the Maldives is +960. There are two operators, Dhiraagu ([www.dhiraagu.com.mv](http://www.dhiraagu.com.mv)) and Ooredoo (<https://ooredoo.mv>), both of which provide SIM cards and prepaid services. SIM cards are available at the operators teleshops, with several located in the arrival area at the airport or in Malé.

## 12. Internet

Wi-Fi will be available in the meeting room during meeting hours, and most major hotels also provide internet access. Internet service outside the conference will be at participants own expense.

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## **13. Currency**

The currency is the Maldivian Rufiyaa. The current exchange rate at the Bank of Maldives is 1 USD = MVR 15.42. All major currencies are exchangeable at banks, and US dollars are accepted at all hotels. Major credit cards are also accepted in hotels and shops.

ATMs are available outside the arrival and departure terminals at Velana International Airport. The nearest ATM to the meeting venue is located at the Bank of Maldives Main Branch on Boduthakurufaanu Magu (waterfront road), three blocks from Republic Square.

## **14. Food Options**

Lunch and tea coffee during breaks will be provided at the meeting venue. If you have any dietary preferences, please get in touch with the organizers. If delegates wish to dine outside the meeting venue, there are plenty of restaurant options that provide a variety of food options.

## **15. Weather**

The weather in the Maldives is warm and humid, with an average temperature of 30°C throughout the year. The Maldives experiences two seasons: a dry season (northeast monsoon) from January to April, and a wet season (southwest monsoon) from May to December. Since the weather can be unpredictable during the wet season, it is advisable to bring an umbrella.

## **16. Tourism**

For information on tourist resorts, you may visit <https://visitmaldives.com/en/>