

MATI AGM DOCUMENTS

Important Meetings participated by MATI during the year 2011 (up to Sept. 2011)

- 2 Jan Participated at the TGST info session held by MIRA.
- 12 Jan Attended meeting at MMA regarding MATI comments on Bill to amend the MMA Act.
- 16 Jan Held a Special Meeting of the MATI Executive Board to discuss Maldives promotional issues and MTPB budget.
- 18 Jan Held a meeting of the MATI Executive Board with MMA Governor Mr. Fazeel Najeeb.
- 18 Jan Executive Board members attended a presentation to reveal the new slogan and logo for Maldives to the cabinet held at the President's Office.
- 20 Jan Participated at the discussion meeting on handling conflicts between resort management and staff held by the Human Rights Commission of the Maldives.
- 24 Jan Attended meeting on resort security issues held by the Ministry of Tourism.
- 27 Jan Attended a meeting on pensions scheme.
- 2 Feb Participated at the TGST info session held by MIRA.
- 13-14 Feb Attended the stakeholder workshop for the Review of the Third Tourism Masterplan held at the Ministry of Tourism.
- 14 Feb Attended a meeting regarding the revision of Import Regulations held at the Ministry of Economic Development.
- 21 Feb Attended meeting regarding the revision of Import Regulations held at the Ministry of Economic Development.
- 22 Feb Attended a meeting for the MATI Executive Board to meet with the ILO/USDOL Project Design Mission held at the Ministry of Human Resources, Youth and Sports.
- 23 Feb Attended the National Awareness Raising Workshop on Tobacco Control organized by the Ministry of Health.
- 24 Feb Participated at the meeting on SME legislation organized by the UNDP who were assisting the Ministry of Economic Development to develop.

- 24 Feb Attended the first meeting of the Third Master Plan review Advisory Committee held at the Ministry of Tourism.
- 24 Feb Held a meeting of the MATI Executive Board Meeting with the MMPRC to discuss the proposed Rebranding of the Maldives Destination.
- 10 Mar Attended meeting at MIRA to discuss T-GST issues.
- 20 Mar Executive Board Members had meeting with the World Bank delegation to discuss the Maldives tourism sector.
- 23 Mar Chief of Political Affairs Dr. Paul Carter and Desk Officer Nolan Klein of the US Embassy in Colombo met with MATI to update themselves on the concerns of investors and the threats facing the tourism industry.
- 30 Mar Attended a Business Council Meeting.
- 3 Apr Held a special meeting of the MATI Executive Board to discuss MATI's position on the reported hike in Custom's duty, T-GST and strikes and violent crimes against resorts.
- 4 Apr Attended meeting of the Maldives Polytechnic Advisory Council.
- 4 Apr Held a meeting for MATI and the Airline Operators Committee (AOC) with the Minister of Tourism to discuss the serious issues at the airport that will impact airline frequency and arrival figures, mainly to do with an increase in over 60% of ground handling charges. These increases have come without a particular raise in services or facilities according to AOC.
- 5-6 Apr Participated at the seminar on Security in the Tourism Industry organized by the Ministry of Tourism in association with MATI, Maldives Police Service and Maldives National Defence Force.
- 6 Apr Attended Majlis Committee Meeting on the revision of Law 8/2009 (Pensions Act).
- 13 Apr MATI Executive Board met with Japan's Sakasava Peace Foundation study team at the request of the Ministry of Defence and National Security.
- 20 Apr MATI Executive Board attended a meeting of the national Crime Prevention Committee held at the President's Office.

- 24 Apr Attended meeting of the National Security Advisory Committee (NSAC) regarding the formulation of a training programme for resort security staff.
- 2 May Attended MMA meeting regarding Money Changing Regulations.
- 3 May Attended meeting of the National Security Advisory Committee.
- 5 May Attended the Sixth Business Council Meeting at the Ministry of Economic Development.
- 9 May Attended meeting of the National Security Advisory Committee.
- 11 May Attended MMA Meeting regarding payment in Rufiyaa.
- 15 May Attended meeting of the National Security Advisory Committee.
- 17 May MATI Executive Board Members attending meeting with the IMF Article IV Consultation Mission.
- 18 May Attended meeting at the Ministry of Tourism regarding MATI's request for amendments to the Regulation on the Protection and Conservation of Environment in the Tourism Industry.
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- 23 May Held a Joint-Industry Meeting to Facilitate Minimum Wage
- 25 May Attended the Sixth Business Council Meeting at the Ministry of Economic Development.
- 25 May Attended meeting with the Minister of Tourism and the Ministry of Housing and Environment with regard to the Bachelor of Environmental Management conducted by the Maldives National University in conjunction with the Maldives Environmental Management Project.
- 6 Jun Held a joint-industry meeting between MATI, MATATO, MNCCI, Restaurant Association and Seafood Exporters to discuss the issues of concern to the business community.
- 15 Jun Held the 140th MATI Executive Board Meeting.

Issues discussed:

- MMA regulation 2007
- IFC Cleaner Production Energy
- Other business related issues
- Pending proposal from the Trade Rep. Association
- Attending GMR workshop on 19th June
- Participating at meeting with Malaysian delegation
- Responsibility to MIRA re comments on BPT Regulations
- Letter from Crown Company re, TOP Resort Brochures

15 Jun MATI Executive Board Members attended meeting at the MMPRC regarding the new slogan/logo design.

19 Jun MATI Executive Board Members attended a presentation by GMIAL on the new terminal development and master planning of Male' International Airport.

23 Jun MATI Executive Board Members attended meeting with the consultants formulating the Employment Action Plan Framework and Tourism Human Resources Plan.

29 Jun Attended the Seventh Business Council Meeting at the Ministry of Economic Development.

29 Jun Attended the Tourism Security Seminar at the Ministry of Tourism.

30 Jun Held the 141st Meeting of the MATI Executive Board.
Issues discussed:

- MMA regulation 2007
- IFC's new submission to Executive Board on Cleaner Energy Audit
- Industrial Relations Bill and Workers Accommodation Regulation –
- Letter from AAA Hotels and Resorts regarding issues related to obtaining expatriate work permits and payment of fees. These now have to be paid to MIRA and MNDP is now manning the counters.
- Tourism Security Meeting follow-up
- Maldives Polytechnic Advisory Council Meeting on 30th June 2011
- Letter from Nadhuva Husein, ABA (Applied Behavioral Analysis) specialist requesting sponsorship for her postgraduate ABA therapy course

30 Jun Attended the Wage Board Meeting with stakeholders. The purpose of this meeting was to present the findings of the Wage Board regarding the minim wage to the main stakeholders.

- 3 Jul Held the 142nd Executive Board Meeting of MATI to continue with the issues on the Agenda of the 141st EB Meeting on 30th June.
- 6 Jul MATI Executive Board Members attended meeting with the ADB Mission at the Ministry of Finance and Treasury.
- 6 Jul Attended the 3rd Meeting of Male' International Airport Facilitation Committee
- 7 Jul MATI Executive Board Members met the US Ambassador to the Maldives and Sri Lanka, Ambassador Butenis.
- 14 Jul Attended the Tourism Fund Trustees meeting at the Ministry of Tourism.
- 19 Jul MATI Executive Board Members met with the IMF Mission regarding discussions related to strengthening of legal work for foreign exchange and foreign exchange accounting issues.
- 20 Jul Attended the Eighth Business Council meeting at the Ministry of Economic Development.
- 24 Jul Attended a discussion meeting on the implementation of regulations under the tobacco control law.
- 11 Aug Attended meeting of the National Security Advisory Committee.
- 15 Aug Attended the People's Majlis committee meeting on the revision of law nbr 8/2009 Pensions Act.
- 21 Aug The MATI Executive Board participated that a meeting of Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) with Maldivian Business Community organized by the Ministry of Economic Develoment.
- 23 Aug Held an informal meeting of the MATI Executive Board to discuss the issue of safety in over bungalows making rounds in the local media.
- 24 Aug The MATI Executive Board Members attended the ADB gender and development specialist consultant Ms. Lota Bertulfo.
- 28 Aug Held a Special Meeting of the MATI Executive Board to discuss Foreign Exchange Regulations.
- 29 Aug Attended the People's Majlis commission discussion on the MMA Act.

2 Sep

MATI Executive Board Members met Mr. Charles Fowler, Economic Officer of the US Embassy in Colombo.