



IPESEF 2022 Photo Summary



Kurumba, Maldives



Introduction



- U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM) and the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) co-hosted the Indo-Pacific Environmental Security Forum (IPESF) 1-4 August 2022 at Kurumba, Maldives.
- The IPESF was attended by 140+ participants from 22 countries and 18 organizations.
- IPESF themes included climate security and role of defence forces; ocean and water security; women, peace, and security; small island nation environmental security challenges; and climate change challenges.
- This presentation showcases photography from the event.



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Group Photo



Group photo captured by drone in the afternoon of the 1st Day of IPESF 2022



Day 0 – Planning Team Meeting



USINDOPACOM, MNDF, TCEM, and Redhorse Team meeting day before IPESF commencement



Day 1 – Opening Greetings



Left: Brigadier General Gavin Gardner greets Vice President of the Maldives His Excellency Faisal Naseem and Maldives Minister of Defence, Ms. Mariya Didi at the Kurumba dock. Right: Brigadier General Gardner and Vice President Naseem shake hands prior to signing the IPESF posters and prior to commencement of the IPESF.



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Day 1 – Opening Ceremony



Cultural performers kicked off the opening ceremony for 2022 IPESF



Day 1 – Opening Ceremony



Vice President Naseem provides inaugural remarks (left) and Vice Chief of Defence Force General Abdual Raheem Adul Latheef (top right) and Brigadier General Gardner (bottom right) continued the opening ceremony with keynote speeches.



Day 1 - Speakers



Moderator for Day 1, Stephen Frano (USINDOPACOM Climate Impacts PM) introduced the theme for Day 1



Master of Ceremony, Lt Col Ahmed Zubair, kept the participants engaged and entertained



Admiral Piya De Silva spoke on Climate Change Security Challenges and Sri Lanka Navy's Contribution



Day 1 - Speakers



Brigadier Ashurst (AUS) delivers presentation on climate change challenges for Defence Forces



Maldives Minister of Defence Mariya Didi discussed new defence threat vectors created by climate change and actions the Maldives National Defence Force are taking.

Day 1 - Speakers



Ms. Tilly Hampton, NZ MoD Policy Analyst, spoke on New Zealand's Defense Climate Change Policy



Ms. Shiloh Fetzek spoke to Situating Defence within whole-of-government climate security risk management.

Day 1 – Panel Session





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Day 1 – Working Group Three-Year Plan Development Afternoon Sessions





Day 1 – Evening Ice Breaker





Day 2 - Speakers



Brigadier General Waheed introduced Day 2 Theme and highlighted vulnerability of Small Island Developing States



Ms. Muhsina Abdul Rahman presented on opportunities and challenges of protected areas in the Maldives.



The Soneva Namoonaa Team, Mr. Gordon Jackson and Ms. Azhoora Ahmed presented on the 5-Step Namoonaa Sustainable Waste Management Model and engaging Maldives Island Councils.



Day 2 - Speakers



Ms. Aishath Azfa spoke on women's socio-economic security in a rapidly changing climate environment



Brigadier General Tedja Ekaputra and Ms. Damayanti Ratunanda presented on Forest and Land Fire Management in Indonesia and the Long-Term Strategy for Low Carbon and Climate Resilience



Day 2 - Speakers



Ms. Celina Agaton spoke on Open Knowledge Kit, providing locally led solutions to Gender, Jobs, and Climate Challenges



Mr. Schannel Sagele van Dijken spoke on implementing the “Guardians” Youth Environmental Education Outreach and Training Program in Samoa and Tokelau.



Day 2 – Panel Session





Day 2 – K. Huraa Site Visit



Top Left: Participants beginning the 4 stop Site Visit at K. Huraa. Top Right: Participants looking at the inside of a Desalination Plant. Bottom: Aerial of Mangrove Forest Restoration.



Day 2 – K. Huraa Site Visit



Left Column: Cultural showcases from K. Huraa School and Gift Exchange.
Top Middle: Participants walking to Waste Management Area
Bottom Right: Aerial View of Waste Management Area





Day 3 - Speakers



USINDOPACOM Environmental Security Program Manager, Mr. Chris Sholes introduced Day 3 Theme.



Col Ibrahim Hilmy Commandant, MNDF Coast Guard spoke on IUU Fishing and Maritime Pollution Response in the Maldives.



Dr. Athaulla Rasheed presented on the Oceans-Climate-Security Nexus in the Indo-Pacific Island Nations



Day 3 - Speakers



Right: Ms. Rili Djohani delivered a presentation on women, peace, and security and the role of women in the protection of marine biodiversity, food security, and blue economy.

Bottom: Dr. Adam Smith spoke to the latest research on the health of the Great Barrier Reef and management of marine protected areas.





Day 3 - Speakers



Right: Ms. Geethamali Chandrisiri addresses cross border disputes, poaching, ocean pollution, and overfishing in the Indo-Pacific Region

Bottom: Ms. Amanda Ellis and Dr. Tries Razak delivered a joint presentation on Global Coral Reef Habitat Maps and Reef Conservation - Allen Coral Atlas





Day 3 – Panel Session





Day 3 – Project Development Afternoon Session

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Facilitators met individually with each country for Working Group Project Development Sessions





Day 4 - Speakers



Ms. Khadeeja Naseem introduced the Day 4 Theme



Mr. Mauman Abdul Rasheed presented on Climate Change Policy in the Maldives



Dr. Lee Bint and WGCDR Trev Hammond Developed a Carbon Footprint for the IPESF and shared with participants



Mr. Stephen Frano spoke to Integrating the Military into Climate Adaptation Solutions



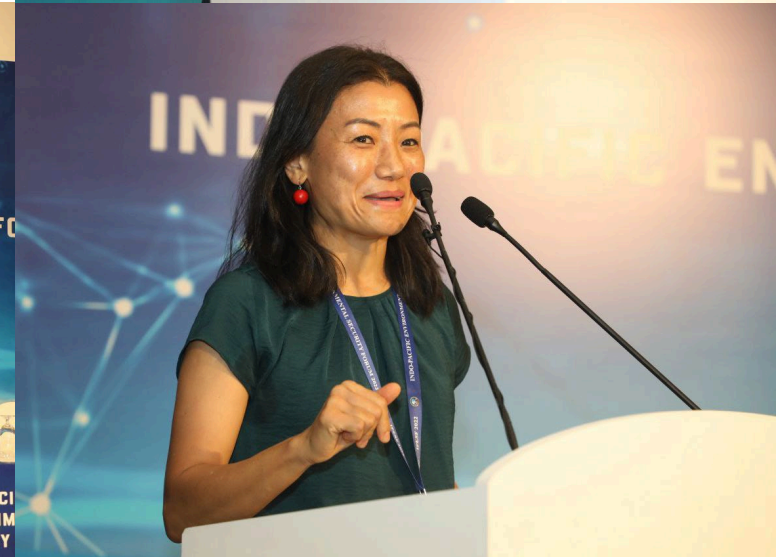
Day 4 - Speakers



Upper Right: Ms. Lasantha Withanage spoke on Environmental Litigation as a Solution to Climate Resilience.

Lower Right: Ms. Thinley Choden spoke to Bhutan's Climate Vulnerability and threats to women, economics, and politics.

Lower Left: Ms. Lauren Sorkin discussed building clean, healthy, and climate resilient cities and seas in the Indo-Pacific Region and Resilient Cities' Urban Ocean program.





Day 4 – Panel Session





Day 4 – Three-Year Plan Debriefs



Ms. Jessica Givens presented the updates to the Education Working Group Three-Year Plan



Major Travis Collins presented the updates to the Networking Working Group Three-Year Plan



Ms. Amy Ching presented the updates to the Policy Working Group Three-Year Plan



Col Melvin Ibarreta presented the updates to the Mitigation Working Group Three-Year Plan



Day 4 – Closing Ceremony



Top Right: Mr. Chris Sholes gives gratitude to MNDF, TCEM, Speakers, and all Stakeholders that contributed to the execution of IPESF 2022.

Middle and Bottom Right: Ms. Amanda Ellis and Mr. Schannel van Dijken receive gifts on behalf of all of the participants from Minister of the Environment, Climate Change, and Technology, Mrs. Shauna Aminath.

Bottom: Brigadier Ashurst, Brigadier General Gardner, and Minister Aminath exchanged thanks to each other as well as to all of the participants of IPESF 2022.





Thanks!