



ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The 2022 Indo-Pacific Environmental Security Forum (IPESF) will be held at Kurumba Maldives, Republic of Maldives from **1-4 August 2022**. There will be a speaker and facilitator training held the day before the event, on 31 July 2022 (more information on that will be sent directly to the speakers and facilitators). Below is basic information to help you prepare for your trip.

1. ONLINE REGISTRATION

Online registration for the IPESF is available at <http://pesforum.org>. Click the **Register Link** in the *IPESF 2022* sections of the home page. The link will pass you to the registration portal. Complete the form and submit your information. You will receive an automated e-mail with a IPESF ticket and registration confirmation. You can also register directly at Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-indo-pacific-environmental-security-forum-ipesf-male-maldives-tickets-259718042657>

2. CONFERENCE FEE:

There may be a food fee collected at the event for which government-allocated per diem may be used. IPESF event planners will provide more information via e-mail if a fee is necessary.

3. TRAVEL and VISAS:

In preparation to travel to the Maldives for the IPESF you must send a copy of your passport, travel itineraries, COVID-19 vaccine certificates to the IPESF event coordinators **at least 3 weeks prior to your departure**. Reminder emails will be sent one month prior to the event itself. MNDF must provide all this information to Maldives immigration and the IPESF event coordinators need to provide all of this information to Kurumba so it is imperative that this action is completed as soon as possible.

Tourist visa is granted for all nationalities on arrival to Maldives. As such, a foreigner travelling to Maldives as a tourist does not require pre-approval for the visa. However, the person must satisfy the basic entry requirements to get immigration clearance upon arrival.

The basic entry requirements are as follows.

1. A passport or a travel document with Machine Readable Zone (MRZ) with at least 1 month's validity.
2. A pre-paid hotel booking/accommodation.
3. Sufficient funds to last for the intended period of stay in Maldives.
4. Confirmed onward/return tickets to home country or to country of residence (not applicable for valid resident permit holders).
5. Entry facilities to their onward destinations; for example, the visa.
6. [Traveler Declaration](#) must be filled in and submitted by all travelers travelling to and from Maldives, within 72 hours to the flight time. The form must be submitted electronically via [IMUGA](#).
7. Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate, if applicable. [Click here](#) to check the Yellow Fever endemic countries.



The maximum number of days granted on arrival would be 30 days, unless agreed by any bilateral means or treaty. This period of stay is not for the visitor to claim but lies at the discretion of the Maldives Immigration to grant any number of days less than or equal to 30. Additional information on Maldives Immigration can be found at <https://immigration.gov.mv/> .

4. COVID-19 Requirements:

On 13 March 2022, the Maldives Minister of Health Ahmed Naseem revoked the Public Health Emergency for the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Following this, changes to COVID-19 preventive measures have been made:

1. **Pre-arrival PCR test is NOT required for all passengers arriving in the Maldives.** However, all individual(s) except tourists and Maldivians are recommended to undertake PCR testing between 3-5 days after arrival. Travelers who have symptoms of COVID-19 may take an antigen test.
2. **Travel-related quarantine is no longer required**
3. Wearing a mask is only mandatory under the following conditions:
 - In all health facilities, regardless of outbreak status, staff, patients, and visitors must wear mask.
 - In outbreak areas (where sample positivity is above 20%), masks must be worn in public areas as per current guidelines for outbreak areas.

Wearing a mask is recommended in:

1. Services where crowding takes place
2. Gatherings in confined indoor spaces
3. Transport vehicles where many people travel and when using public transportation such as bus, ferry, taxi)
4. Crowded places/ gatherings
5. People who have symptoms of COVID-19

Persons who are high risk for COVID-19 or who live with/care for high-risk people are advised to continue wearing masks when in public.

Even though the Public Health Emergency has been revoked, COVID-19 positive isolation, quarantining of contacts and testing before release will be continued as per current guidelines. More guidance from the Ministry of Health, Republic of Maldives can be found here: <https://covid19.health.gov.mv/guidance-for-international-travelers-to-the-maldives/?c=0> .

NOTE: Be sure to check your own country and airline requirements around COVID-19 testing and foreign travel.

5. CLIMATE:

August is a tropical month in the Maldives. High temperatures will be around 30 ° C (86 ° F), and the low temperature about 25 ° C (77° F). Wind speed average is approximately 17 km/h (10.6 mph), and 20 mm (.787 inches) of rain normally falls throughout the month, averaging 15 days of rainfall during the month of August. High humidity throughout the month of August with an average of around 80%. IPESF attendees should consider bringing a light umbrella.



6. DRESS CODE:

The dress code during the plenary sessions, afternoon workshops, and site visits for all attendees is island sharp. There will be an informal icebreaker session on the evening of 1 August, dress code is island casual (shorts, t shirts, sandals, etc.) for all attendees. For the island site visit on 2 August the dress code is also island casual. On 3 August, Minister Mariya Didi will be hosting the Official Dinner, dress code is island sharp.

7. AIRPORT PROCEDURES:

a) Arrival



Step 1: Please disembark the aircraft and follow signs leading to Passport Control.

Step 2: Present your passport and travel documentation at the immigration counter.

Step 3: Proceed to the Baggage Claim area.

Step 4: After you have your baggage, proceed through the customs inspection (if needed). Make sure you declare any food items you are carrying, and any other items that are asked about on the Customs Declaration Form, by ticking “YES.” Fines can be applied for false declarations. If you have nothing to declare, use the exit stating “**Nothing to Declare.**”

Step 5: In the arrival terminal there are several resort hotel counters, look for the Kurumba Resort Counter-Counter Number 4 and check-in with the Kurumba Resort Host. The Host will take your luggage and will escort you to the Kurumba Maldives Resort boats that will transport you to the Kurumba Resort Island (~15-minute boat ride). Note that you might have to wait until other members of the group arrive to be escorted to the boat.

Step 6: Arrive at Kurumba Maldives Resort and Check-In.

b) Departure

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Kurumba Maldives will have flight itineraries of all the conference attendees and will adjust attendees' check-out time from Kurumba and coordinate boat transport to the airport so that all attendees arrive at the airport between 2-3 hours before their scheduled departure time.

Upon arrival at the airport, passengers will check-in to their airline counter to receive their boarding pass and check luggage, undergo security inspection, go through passport control, proceed to the gate, and await boarding.

8. IPESF VENUE and LODGING:

The 2022 IPESF event will be conducted at Kurumba Maldives Resort with accommodations provided on site.

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For more information on Kurumba Maldives Resort please visit the resort website at:
<https://www.kurumba.com/>

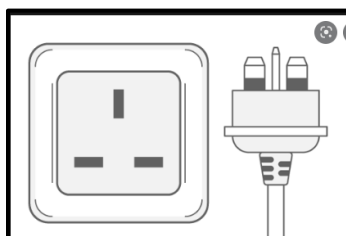
Please DO NOT contact the hotel to make your reservation. When you register for the IPESF please enter in the dates of arrival and departure from Kurumba. Event planners will confirm your accommodation needs via email and add you to the Kurumba lodging list. Note if you have registered for the event/lodging and ultimately do not end up using it or canceling your attendance all together, you are responsible for paying a 50% accommodation fee to the hotel.

You will be met upon arrival by Kurumba's welcome team. They will walk you over to the welcome/reception hall for check-in. Attendees will pay for their lodging and meal plan at check-in. Internet will be provided with all rooms.

SETTLING ACCOUNTS: The U.S. and the Maldives will not cover additional costs associated with room service, mini bar, hotel laundry, resort activities, etc. Each participant is responsible for all bills, including in-room telephone calls, mini-bar, laundry, and room service. These charges must be settled prior to departure. The hotel accepts all major credit cards.



9. ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS: Maldives electricity is at 230 volts. The pins to plug into an outlet are shown below.





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10. REGISTRATION TABLE: On the afternoon of 31 July between 4 – 5 p.m., participants should confirm their registration by visiting the IPESF registration table located outside the main conference hall. Participants will be issued a nametag and information packet. Please wear the nametags while attending all IPESF activities. The nametag has within a sticker, which will indicate a work group assignment for various activities. Registration will also be open the morning of 1 August between 7:15 – 8:15 a.m. prior to the commencement of the event.

11. EVENT BOOKLET:

The IPESF is proud to be a primarily paper-free event. As such, we strongly encourage all participants to download a copy of the latest event booklet, agenda, and support documentation from <http://pesforum.org> prior to arriving at the venue. These documents will be available for download in early July and will be regularly updated. Therefore, we recommend that participants download the latest version before they depart their home duty station. An email reminder will be sent to all registered participants.

12. DIET: When registering to attend the IPESF, please denote any dietary requirements you may have. Vegetarian options will be available at the IPESF.

13. SPECIAL NEEDS: Please advise the organizing staff of any special needs or disabilities. Smoking is allowed outside in designated areas.

14. MEDICAL SUPPORT: The closest hospital in Malé for emergencies is ADK Hospital, 5GF8+X4G, Sosun Magu, Malé 20070, Maldives. It is open 24/7 and the main number is +960 331-3553. You can learn more about ADK Hospital at: <http://www.adkhospital.mv/>

For regular medical consultation in non-emergency situations, Kurumba Maldives has an on-site medical clinic.

15. FINANCE: The local currency in the Maldives is the Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR) but most businesses take US Dollars as well. Major credit cards --Visa, MasterCard and American Express -- are accepted nearly everywhere.

16. SECURITY: For security and safety purposes, only those persons registered with an IPESF badge will be allowed entry into the conference hall and breakout rooms. On the first day of the event, because of the opening ceremony participants, attendees may need to walk through a metal detector. This will not be necessary for the remainder of the event.



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17. KURUMBA MAP

