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Hybrid Press Breakfast with President Mohamed Nasheed on COP26 and Creating a Special Rapporteur on Climate Change at the UN Human Rights Council

Featuring:

- *HE Mohamed Nasheed, former Maldives president, Speaker of Parliament, & Climate Vulnerable Forum Ambassador for Ambition*

WHEN:

Thursday 16 September 2021

8:45am-9:30am CET

WHERE:

Intercontinental Hotel

7-9 Chemin du Petit Saconnex, 1209 Geneva

REGISTER:

To register for the event online or in-person, kindly sign-up via the following Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/climate-vulnerable-nations-press-breakfast-with-president-mohamed-nasheed-tickets-171274495627>

WHAT:

In-person and hybrid press conference. Will be an opportunity for journalists to hear from, and discuss, with President Nasheed on the priorities of the world's vulnerable nations in the run up to COP26, and following the recent release of the [Climate Vulnerable Forum manifesto](#).

The discussion will also focus on the CVF's call to establish a UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Climate Change at the 48th UN Human Rights Council currently in session in Geneva.

FORMAT:

Introductory statements from the panelists followed by moderated breakfast media roundtable; participants can also attend via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83657573337?pwd=VEdnTHhMaGs0akZHRWJBN2duYm9Kdz09>

Language will be in English; with Q&A in English and French

A continental breakfast will be served to participants joining the meeting in person.

FURTHER INFO:

The press conference, organized by Aroha, the Climate Vulnerable Forum secretariat hosted at the Global Center on Adaptation, and the Permanent Mission of the Marshall Islands to the United Nations Office at Geneva. Present at the briefing and supporting the panel, will also be:

- *HE Doreen De Brum, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Marshall Islands to the United Nations, Geneva*
- *HE Samuel K. Jr. Lanwi, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Marshall Islands to the United Nations, Geneva*
- *Mr. Matthew McKinnon, Executive Director of Aroha and Head of the CVF & V20 Program of the Global Center on Adaptation*

PANDEMIC PROTOCOLS:

The Meeting is taking place inside the Hotel Intercontinental and a valid Swiss COVID-19 certificate will be required for entry. The room will ensure 1.5 metre distancing between seats and facemasks will be provided and hand sanitizer will be available in room.

BIOGRAPHY OF PRESIDENT NASHEED:

Mohamed Nasheed was the Maldives' first democratically elected President. He remains a figurehead for the promotion of human rights and democracy in Islamic countries, and an international icon for action against climate change. President Nasheed is the Speaker of the People's Majlis (Parliament of the Maldives) and President of the ruling Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP). On 6 May 2021, Islamic

extremists attempted to assassinate President Nasheed in Male', exploding an IED, hidden in a motorcycle, as he walked past. After four back-to-back lifesaving surgeries, he survived and is currently recuperating in England.