





## Curriculum vitae

### Personal information

Surname(s) / First name(s)

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Nationality

Maldivian

Date of birth

24 June 1975

Gender

Male

### Occupational field

**Foreign Service, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the Republic of Maldives**

### Work experience

Dates

January 2015 till date

Occupation or position held

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Maldives to the Kingdom of Belgium

Head of the Mission of the Republic of Maldives to the European Union

Non-Resident High Commissioner to The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Dates

March 2012 to January 2015

Occupation or position held

Acting High Commissioner, Maldives High Commission to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Additional Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Main activities and responsibilities

- Advise and brief the Minister/Foreign Ministry on bilateral and international issues;
- Advise and brief the Minister/Foreign Ministry on Commonwealth Affairs;
- Liaison and advise Foreign Minister/Foreign Ministry on issues relating to the UK;
- Prepare reports, briefs, position papers and statements on issues related to the UK and Commonwealth;
- Undertake other responsibilities and assignments that may be delegated by the Foreign Minister/Foreign Ministry.

Dates

September 2012 – June 2013, and February - December 2014

Occupation or position held

Non-resident, Overseeing the Maldives Embassy to Belgium and Maldives Mission to European Union

Dates

February 2008 – March 2012

Occupation or position held

First Secretary and Minister-Counsellor at the High Commission of Maldives to the United Kingdom (Director and Deputy Additional Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Dates	September 2007 – January 2008
Occupation or position held	Director (International Organisations and Conferences Department)
Main activities and responsibilities	Head of the Division for United Nations, Commonwealth, OIC, NAM, G77 and other organisations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supervise the work of the staff of the Division and provide them with consultations, guidance and direction in their respective responsibilities;</li> <li>- Advise and brief the Minister of Foreign Affairs on international issues;</li> <li>- Liaison and advise other Government Offices on international issues;</li> <li>- Identify and study organisations that are pertinent to the Maldives;</li> <li>- Suggest techniques to enhance the relations with organisations that Maldives are members to;</li> <li>- Prepare reports, briefs, position papers and statements on issues related to the Division;</li> <li>- Undertake other responsibilities and assignments that may be delegated by the Minister, State Minister and Deputy Minister.</li> </ul>

Dates	November 2006 – September 2007
Occupation or position held	Assistant Director (International Organisations and Conferences Department)

Dates	2002 – 2004
Occupation or position held	Senior Desk Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Dates	February – September 1999
Occupation or position held	Attaché
Name and address of employer	High Commission of Maldives to the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland

Dates	1998 and 2002 United Nations General Assembly Sessions
Name and address of the employer	Maldives Mission to the United Nations, New York

Dates	June 1996 – January 1999
Occupation or position held	Desk Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

## Education and training

Dates	September – December 2010
Title of qualification awarded	Advance Security Cooperation Course Certificate (Post Graduate level)
Name and type of organisation providing the training	Asia Pacific Centre for Security Studies, Hawaii, USA

Dates	October 2005 – October 2006
Title of qualification awarded	Master of International Relations (American Studies)
Principal subjects/Occupational skills covered	Political Science (American Business and Government) History (History of American Foreign Policy) Geography (Social and Political Geography of the United States of America) Constitutional Law
Name of the University	University of Heidelberg, Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany
Level in national or international classification	1.2 * (Excellent)

Dates	September 1999 – April 2002
Title of qualification awarded	Bachelor of Arts

Principal subjects/Occupational skills covered  
 Name of the University  
 Level in national or international classification  
 Dates  
 Title of qualification awarded  
 Principal subjects/Occupational skills covered  
 Name and type of organisation providing organisation and training  
 Dates  
 Title of qualification awarded  
 Principal subjects/Occupational skills covered  
 Name and type of organisation providing organisation and training

Economics (Micro and Macro Economics, Development Economics and Indian Economics)  
 History (Modern European History and Indian History)  
 Political Science (International Relations, Political Theories and Public Administration)  
 Christ College, Bangalore University, Karnataka, India  
 First Class (Highest marks level)  
 May – July 1997  
 Certificate, 14<sup>th</sup> Professional Course for Foreign Diplomats  
 Communication Skills and Negotiation, Economic Diplomacy, International Institutions, International Law, Diplomatic Protocols, Correspondences and Etiquette.  
 Foreign Service Institute, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, India  
 August 2001 – March 2002  
 Certificate Course in Legal Literacy  
 Criminal, Civil, Property, Environmental and International law  
 Christ College in association with National Law School of India University, India

**Personal skills and competences**

Mother tongue(s) Dhivehi (Maldivian)

Other language(s)

Self-assessment  
 European level <sup>(1)</sup>

**English**  
**Hindi**  
**German**

Understanding				Speaking				Writing	
Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user
C1	Proficient user	A2	Basic user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	A2	Basic user
A2	Proficient user	A2	Proficient user	A2	Proficient user	A2	Basic user	A2	Proficient user

<sup>(1)</sup> Common European Framework of Reference (CEF) level

Social skills and competences

- Excellent mediating skills: acquired through training, experience, from peers as well as from official visits;
- Excellent communication skills: gained through by training and by organising and coordinating dozens of foreign visits (Head of States and other dignitaries) and meetings;
- Team spirit: acquired through work experience as well as from Sports.
- Excellent ability to adapt to multicultural environments: gained through studying years in Sri Lanka, India, Germany and USA, and also through work experiences in London, New York, and Brussels.

Organisational skills and competences

- Excellent ability to lead acquired through training, experience and from peers;
- Excellent ability to organise: acquired through training and experience. Coordinated and participated in three Commonwealth Heads of Governments Meetings (Uganda, Trinidad and Tobago and Australia); coordinated and participated in two Organisation of Islamic Conferences (Malaysia and Burkina Faso); Involved in organising two SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) summits, number of SAARC Ministerial meetings, coordinated and facilitated dozens of conferences, meetings and foreign visits;
- Conducted diplomacy classes for new recruits (Foreign Ministry).

Other skills and competences

- Excellent ability to draft letters, statements and policy papers, acquired through specialist training and experience.
- Excellent ability to negotiate acquired through training, experience and from peers.
- Hobbies; fishing, snorkelling and diving.



## Additional information

- \* a) 1.0 to 1.5: Excellent
- b) 1.5 to 2.0: Very Good
- c) 2.0 to 2.7: Good
- d) 2.7 to 3.5: Satisfactory
- e) 3.5 to 4.0: Pass
- f) 4.0 to 5.0: Fail

- Sports; football and tennis;
- Voluntary work in the city slums and old-age homes in Bangalore, India.
- Member of number of National Coordinating Committees; Bio-safety & Environment.
- Member of the Commonwealth Board of Governors.
- Member of the Management Committee that restructured the Commonwealth Foundation.
- Participated and represented Maldives, at various levels, in more than 40 international conferences, summits, seminars and meetings, across five continents.
- Married with two children.
- Additional references could be supplied on request.

## Biographical Note: Ambassador Ahmed Shiaan




Ahmed Shiaan is the Ambassador of Maldives to the Kingdom of Belgium, Head of Mission to the European Union, and the non-resident High Commissioner of Maldives to the United Kingdom.

Since joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Maldives in 1996, Mr Shiaan has acquired a wealth of experience at the Foreign Ministry and at overseas missions to become one of Maldives' most seasoned career diplomats. He has not only served at both the London High Commission and the Permanent Mission of Maldives to the United Nations in New York, but also held a wide range of positions at the Foreign Ministry ranging from Head of Division to Head of Department. He has also served as the Director of the Foreign Service Institute of Maldives, conducting diplomatic training courses for Maldivian Foreign Service officials, and served as a member on a number of National Committees focusing on the environment, health and security.


Mr Shiaan has represented his country at a multitude of international meetings and conferences in over 40 countries across 5 continents. He has also coordinated and organised dozens of international meetings, conferences and seminars, including Heads of Government visits to and from Maldives.

Mr Shiaan holds a Bachelors Degree in Political Science and Economics (Bangalore University, India), a Masters Degree in International Relations (Heidelberg University, Germany), and specialist training in Security Studies (Hawaii, USA). Additionally, he has completed number of training courses in diplomacy, international negotiation, security studies and environmental diplomacy in India, Malaysia, UK, Germany and USA. In addition to his mother tongue Dhivehi, Mr Shiaan is a fluent speaker of English and Hindi. He is married with two children.

  
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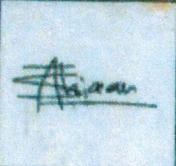
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