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## Ambassador Geela visits the High Commission of Maldives in Malaysia 6 August 2025

Ambassador Geela paid a visit to the High Commission of Maldives in Malaysia and met with Her Excellency Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed and the diplomats and staff working at the High Commission.

During the visit, both Ambassadors discussed the essential role played by diplomats and staff in showcasing the foreign policy positions of the government and providing support for Maldivians living abroad.



## Ambassador Geela signs the book of condolence opened for the late Hassan Sobir 11 August 2025

Ambassador Geela signs the book of condolence opened for the late Hassan Sobir, recipient of the Order of the Distinguished Rule of Izzuddin.

She noted his decade long public service and contributions to various sectors of the Government, including his Ambassadorship in Brussels.



## Ambassador Geela meets with the Vice Chancellor Dr. Aishath Shehenaz Adam at the Maldives National University 12 August 2025

Ambassador Geela convened a fruitful meeting with the Vice Chancellor at the Maldives National University (MNU) and senior officials to discuss potential cooperation between Maldives and Europe in the area of higher education. Ambassador Geela elaborated on some of her earlier meetings especially with Riga Stradins University (RSU) in Latvia and discussed way forward on developing a potential partnership between MNU and RSU.



### Ambassador Geela meets with Minister of Health 1 September 2025



Ambassador Geela met with the Ambassador of Netherlands to Belgium H. E. Ms. Brechje Schwachöfer.

The Ambassadors reviewed the and longstanding relations the Maldives and the Netherlands, countries. They also discussed ways to further strengthen bilateral and multilateral collaboration, including efforts in international platforms to advance shared priorities.



### Ambassador holds a bilateral meeting with the Ambassador of Netherlands in Belgium 12 September 2025

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### Ambassador Geela meets the Ambassador of Belize 12 September 2025

Ambassador Geela held a bilateral meeting with Her Excellency Dr. Gianni Avila, Ambassador of Belize in Belgium.

Both the Ambassadors reflected on the bilateral relationship between the two countries and discussed enhancing cooperation especially in the multilateral arena. The Ambassadors also conversed on their roles as member states at the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS).



### Ambassador Geela meets the Ambassador of Mozambique 15 September 2025

Ambassador Geela had a productive meeting with Her Excellency Berta Celestino Cossa, the Ambassador of Mozambique to Belgium this afternoon.

Noting the friendly relations between Maldives and Mozambique, both the Ambassador discussed ways to further their collaboration in Belgium especially in the areas of tourism, fisheries and investment.



### Ambassador Geela attends the commemoration of the 204<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Independence of Costa Rica 15 September 2025

The Embassy of Costa Rica hosted a cultural event at the Charlier Museum in Brussels to mark their 204<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Independence.

Ambassador Geela conveyed warm greetings to the Government and the people of Costa Rica on this special occasion.



## Ambassador Geela attends the Independence day reception hosted by the Embassy of Kyrgyz Republic in Belgium 17 September 2025

Ambassador Geela participated in the celebrations of the Independence day of Kyrgyz Republic in Belgium. The reception was hosted by His Excellency Aidit Erkin, the Ambassador of Kyrgyz Republic to Belgium and the European Union.

Ambassador Geela conveyed warm greetings to the Government and friendly people of Kyrgyz Republic on this occasion.



## Ambassador Geela meets with the Ambassador of Lesotho to Belgium 18 September 2025

Ambassador Geela convened a fruitful meeting with Her Excellency Mantoetsi Liteboho Mohatonyane, Ambassador of Lesotho to Belgium this afternoon.

During the meeting, Ambassador Geela shared the interest of the Maldivian Government to diversify its trade relations, especially in the areas of fishing and tourism and expressed interest to enhance cooperation with Lesotho.



## Ambassador Geela meets with the Ambassador of Liberia to Belgium 19 September 2025

Ambassador Geela held a productive meeting with His Excellency Levi Demmah, Ambassador of Liberia to Belgium.

Both the Ambassadors discussed ways to enhance relationship on areas of mutual interest and to further cooperation in the multilateral fora as well.

The Ambassadors also discussed enhancing collaboration within the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS).

## Ambassador Geela attends the reception to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> National day of Singapore 19 September 2025

Ambassador Geela participated in the celebrations of the 60<sup>th</sup> National Day of Singapore. The reception was hosted by His Excellency Lim Hong Huai, the Ambassador of Singapore to Belgium.

Ambassador Geela conveyed warm greetings to the Government and people of Singapore on this special occasion.





## Ambassador Geela attended the celebrations of the Walloon Festivities in Brussels

20 September 2025

Ambassador Geela participated at the celebrations held for the Walloon Festivities. The events held during the day including the reception hosted by Minister-President of Wallonia, Mr. Adrien Dolimont, the reception hosted by the Acting Mayor of Namur, Mrs. Charlotte Bazelaire and the “Ambassadors’ Lunch”, hosted by the Governor of the Province of Namur, Mr. Denis Mathen, and the acting Mayor of the City of Namur, Mrs. Charlotte Bazelaire.



## Ambassador Geela meets with the Ambassador of Kyrgyz Republic to Belgium

22 September 2025

Ambassador Geela held a fruitful meeting with His Excellency Aidit Erkin, Ambassador of Kyrgyz Republic to Belgium this morning.

Both the Ambassadors discussed ways to enhance relationship on areas of mutual interest and to further cooperation in the multilateral fora as well.



## Ambassador Geela attends the reception to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> National day of Viet Nam

23 September 2025

Ambassador Geela participated in the celebrations of the 80<sup>th</sup> National Day of Viet Nam. The reception was hosted by His Excellency Nguyen Van Thao, Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

Ambassador Geela conveyed warm greetings to the Government and people of Viet Nam on this special occasion.



## Ambassador Geela holds a meeting with the Ambassador of Guyana to Belgium

24 September 2025

Ambassador Geela held a bilateral meeting with His Excellency Sasenarine Singh, Ambassador of Guyana to Belgium.

As OACPS member states, both the Ambassadors discussed ways to further enhance collaboration within the Organization as well as to enhance the friendly relations between the two countries.



## Ambassador Geela attends the reception to mark the 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China

24 September 2025

Ambassador Geela participated in the celebrations of the 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China this evening. The reception was hosted by His Excellency Cai Run, Ambassador of China to Belgium, at Tangla Hotel in Brussels.

Ambassador Geela reflected on the close partnership between Maldives and China and conveyed warm greetings to the Government and people of China on this special occasion.



## Ambassador Geela joins a workshop organized by OACPS regarding ICJ Advisory Opinion on climate change 25-26 September 2025

Ambassador Geela joined OACPS member states in a workshop organized by OACPS to leverage the ICJ Advisory Opinion on the obligation of states in respect of climate change.

The workshop aimed to empower OACPS member states with the knowledge and strategies to leverage ICJ Advisory Opinion, effectively driving transformative changes in national, regional and international efforts.

The 2 day workshop welcomed Heads of Missions of OACPS member states and was facilitated by International law experts.



## Ambassador Geela participated in the Europe – Africa Investment Forum organised by Credassur Group 26 September 2025

Ambassador Geela, in her remarks underscored the country's vulnerability as a small island developing state facing climate change and economic challenges. She called for stronger Asia–Africa–Europe cooperation to promote inclusive, sustainable growth through fair trade, investment, and climate action.

Highlighting the Maldives' strategic location in the Indian Ocean, the Ambassador also emphasized the importance of infrastructure and connectivity for global trade and energy security.

Before concluding, she also acknowledged the support from international partners such as the EU and China and stressed on the need to further enhance cooperation to build a more resilient and inclusive future.





## Ambassador Geela joined the event to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jelena De Belder Kovacic

29 September 2025

Ambassador Geela joined the event hosted by the Embassy of Slovenia, to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jelena De Belder Kovacic this morning.

Jelena De Belder-Kovacic was a renowned Slovenian horticulturist and rose breeder who, helped develop hundreds of rose varieties celebrated for their beauty, resilience, and ecological value. She played a key role in reviving hybrid musk and shrub roses, promoting hardy, low-maintenance varieties suited for modern landscapes. Her work blended scientific expertise with artistic vision, leaving a lasting influence on sustainable rose breeding and European horticulture.



## Ambassador Geela holds a bilateral meeting with the Ambassador of Samoa to Belgium

30 September 2025

Ambassador Geela held a bilateral meeting with Her Excellency Francella Strickland, Ambassador of Samoa to Belgium.

As SIDS and members of OACPS, both the Ambassadors discussed issues of mutual importance and explored avenues to further enhance cooperation both bilaterally and in the multilateral arena.



## Ambassador Geela and Secretary Multilateral, Ambassador Shiaan meets with the Director/Deputy Managing Director for Asia and Pacific at the European External Action Service (EEAS)

30 September 2025

Ambassador Geela and Secretary Multilateral, Ambassador Shiaan met with Director/Deputy Managing Director for Asia and Pacific at the European External Action Service (EEAS), Ms. Paola Pampaloni, this evening.

Discussions were centered around further enhancing the Maldives – EU cooperation, especially through increased trade and political dialogue between the two parties.



## Ambassador Geela and joined the Special Autumn Conference of the Sablon Diplomatic Circle

30 September 2025

This conference was attended by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belgium, His Excellency Maxime Prevot and distinguished Heads of Missions residing in Belgium.

The Belgian Foreign Minister in his speech reflected on his vision to forge a resolute Belgian diplomacy and on the importance of multilateral cooperation.