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Ambassador Geela visits Ecosteryl 2 July 2025

Ambassador Geela visited Ecosteryl site in Mons, Belgium and met with the leadership of Ecosteryl. She was given a tour of the factory by the President of the Ecosteryl, Mr Olivier Dufrasne. Following the tour Ambassador Geela sat down for a meeting during which, she discussed with Mr. Dufrasne, the possibility of collaboration between Maldives and Ecosteryl. Ecosteryl is a Belgian company developing innovative environmental solutions in the field of medical waste treatment in Belgium.

Ambassador of Maldives to the European Union, Geela Ali, participates in the ordinary meeting held by the European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with the Countries of South Asia (DSAS) 3 July 2025

Ambassador Geela, was invited to participate in the ordinary 'in-camera' meeting of the European Parliament's Delegation for relations with countries of South Asia (DSAS).

The main purpose of these regular meetings organized by the European Parliament's DSAS is to review the developments in areas of bilateral cooperation and strengthen relations between countries in South Asia and the European Parliament.

In her remarks Ambassador Geela reiterated the commitment of the Government of Maldives to strengthen ties with the European Union and conveyed appreciation for the enduring support and cooperation extended by the European Union over the years.

Ambassador Geela also updated the DSAS on the ongoing initiatives of the Government in areas including social and economic reform, judicial reform, trade, climate change and environment as well as fisheries and tourism.

Thanking DSAS for the opportunity to brief on the Maldives-EU bilateral partnership, she particularly noted the ongoing security cooperation between the Maldives and the European Union. Ambassador Geela reiterated the Government's commitment to work together to ensure peace, stability and security within the Indian Ocean region.

Ambassador Geela attends Amsterdam Ambassador's Forum 3 July 2025

Ambassador Geela attends the Amsterdam Ambassador's Forum, held to celebrate the city of Amsterdam's 750th anniversary.

The forum was attended by Heads of Mission's accredited to the Netherlands, Dutch leaders, government officials, CEO's and business leaders.



Ambassador Geela visits Union Chimique Belge 4 July 2025

Ambassador Geela joined diplomats in Brussels in a visit to the pharmaceutical company, Union Chimique Belge (UCB,) organized by the Sablon Diplomatic Circle.

The visit gave an overview of Belgian pharmaceutical sector and the production of medicine and medical research by UCB.

Ambassador Geela attends an event held to mark the Independence Day of Burundi 5 July 2025

Ambassador Geela participated in the celebrations marking the 63rd Independence Day of Burundi.

Warm greetings to the government and the people of Burundi, on this joyous occasion.





Embassy of Maldives co-hosts a tourism promotional event in Brussels

9 July 2025

The Embassy co-hosted a tourism promotional event in Brussels, together with the Embassy of Bhutan and Embassy of Sri Lanka in Belgium, with the title 'The Enchanting Trio'. The event held at the De Warande Club, was attended by over 100 officials, including senior officials from the Government of Belgium, the European Union and Tour Operators based in Brussels .

Speaking at the event, Ambassador Geela presented a brief outline of the sustainable tourism industry of the Maldives and highlighted the Government's efforts to diversify the industry further in efforts to cater to all types of travellers.

The Chief Guest, Deputy Managing Director at the European External Action Service, Madam Paola Pampaloni also made a short remark at the event. In her speech, she expressed appreciation for the initiative taken by the Embassies of Bhutan, Maldives and Sri Lanka and reiterated her support to promote their tourism industries. The Ambassador of Bhutan to Belgium, Tshoki Choden, and the Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Belgium, Chandana Weerasena, also made remarks presenting their countries at the event.

The European market has remained a key source market for the Maldives, with European tourists making 59 percent of overall tourists visiting the Maldives. The main purpose of this event was to increase European travellers to the Maldives by providing up-to date information on travel, resorts, guesthouses, culture and cuisine of the Maldives.

At the event, three exclusive raffles were conducted to award vacation stays in Bhutan, the Maldives, and Sri Lanka. Among the winners, Ms. Françoise Masson was selected for a five-night stay at the Holiday Home Dhiffushi, Maldives.

This is the first time the Embassy of Maldives in Brussels has taken initiative to host a tourism event in Belgium. The Embassy would like to express appreciation to the Ministry of Fisheries and Ocean Resources, Maldives Marketing and Public Relations Corporation, Maldives Industrial Fisheries Company, the Honorary Consul of Maldives to Flanders, Mr. Gerard Huiting, Horizon Fisheries and Holiday Home Dhiffushi for their support in organizing this event.



Ambassador Geela attends the Flemish National Day reception 10 July 2025

Ambassador Geela attended the Flemish National Day reception hosted by the Minister-President of Flanders, Mr. Matthias Diependaele.

The diplomatic corps in Belgium participated in the event

Ambassador Geela meets with the Commercial Partnerships Director at The Brussels Times, Mr. David Young 14 July 2025

Ambassador Geela met with the Commercial Partnerships Director at The Brussels Times, Mr. David Young, at the Embassy.

At the meeting, Ambasssador Geela and Mr. Young discussed content collaboration and participation in events organised by The Brussels Times Magazine in Brussels.



Ambassador Geela meets with His Excellency Jean-Louis Thill, Ambassador of Luxembourg to Belgium
15 July 2025

Ambassador Geela had an introductory meeting with His Excellency Jean-Louis Thill, Ambassador of Luxembourg to Belgium.

The Ambassadors reviewed the existing bilateral relations between the Maldives and Luxembourg and discussed expanding cooperation in areas of higher education, trade and tourism



Ambassador Geela joins a breakfast meeting of the Women Ambassadors Network (WAN)
16 July 2025

Ambassador Geela joined a breakfast meeting of the Women Ambassadors Network (WAN) held to bid farewell to H.E. Mrs. Tokozile Xasa, the Ambassador of South Africa, held in the presence of H.E. Mr. Maxime Prévot, Deputy PM and Foreign Minister of Belgium.

Ambassador Geela attends event held by Botswana its OPCW candidature 17 July 2025

Ambassador Geela attended an event held by Botswana to introduce the candidature of the Ambassador of Botswana to Belgium, Her Excellency Mmasekgoa Masire-Mwamba for the position of the Director-General of the OPCW



Ambassador Geela joins dinner hosted by the Ambassador of Thailand 18 July 2025

Ambassador Geela attended a dinner hosted by H.E. Mrs. Kanchana Patarachoke, Ambassador of Thailand to Belgium, to bid farewell to H.E. Ms. Tokozile Xasa, Ambassador of South Africa, and H.E. Ms. Symone Betton Nayo, Ambassador of Jamaica.



Ambassador Geela attends events held to celebrate Belgian National Day 21 July 2025

Ambassador Geela attended the Belgium National Day reception at Egmont Palace, as well as the National Day Parade.

Warm greetings and felicitations to the Government and people of Belgium on the occasion of their National Day.



Maldives participates in the 974th meeting of the OACPS Committee of Ambassadors

24 July 2025

Maldives participated at the 974th meeting of the OACPS Committee of Ambassadors.

The meeting focused on the importance of enhancing the organization capacity including the role of its secretariat.



Ambassador Geela attends the flag-hosting ceremony to commemorate the Independence Day of Maldives

24 July 2025

Ambassador Geela attended the flag-hoisting ceremony held this morning at the Republic Square to commemorate the 60th Independence Day of the Maldives.



Ambassador Geela attends the official ceremony held to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Maldives
26 July 2025
