

MALDIVES CALLS SAARC COUNTRIES TO COMMIT AN AGREED AMOUNT OF GOVERNMENT REVENUE ON RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

Minister of State Mr. Akram Kamaludeen has called member countries of SAARC to commit an agreed amount of the Government revenue on renewable energy development. Speaking at the Ninth SAARC Environment Ministers Meeting held in Thimpu, Bhutan, he further said that the Maldives is pleased that SAARC family are taking interest greater than ever before to increase the national share of renewable energy and that, policies and national strategies are being increasingly aligned to move away from fossil fuels. He also said that the Maldives hoped that the region as a whole will soon come out with a road map and an action plan on how renewable energy development can work in South Asia.

Stressing on the importance of such an initiative in the region, Minister of State Kamaludeen noted that if the SAARC region could come up with such an initiative, it would also give a clear message to the rest of the world to do the same.

The one day meeting will review the status of implementation of directives/decisions of the 16th SAARC Summit held in Thimphu in 2010 that are related to environment.

The delegation led by the Minister of State for Housing and Environment Mr. Akram Kamaluddeen includes officials from the Ministry of Housing and Environment and Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Director of SAARC Coastal Zone Management Centre Dr. Mohamed Shiham also participated in the meeting.

