

DENMARK TO FUND MALDIVES CLIMATE PROJECTS

27 November 2010 - The Danish Minister for Development Cooperation Mr Søren Pind today announced that Denmark would fund the Maldives'

climate change projects through its fast-track initiative.

Speaking at a press conference in Malé along with President Mohamed Nasheed and Danish Minister for Climate Change and Energy Dr. Lykke Friis on Sunday, Mr Pind said Maldives was among three countries selected to support different climate change projects.

“We will see, in close support with the government, how we can cooperate and make projects, for instance, to stop erosion”, he said.

While details are yet to be finalised, it is expected that Denmark will provide funding for infrastructure and capacity building projects in the Maldives.

At the press conference, Minister for Climate Change and Energy Dr. Lykke Friis said during her trip to the Maldives, she got a very clear indication that urgent action was needed to address climate change.

“What we also take back home is it is not enough just to talk about climate change, but you have to walk the talk”, she said.

President Nasheed thanked the Danish government for its role in climate change and for sending the ministers to the Maldives.

Before the press conference, President Nasheed met with the two visiting ministers and held extensive discussions on a range of issues, including climate change, democratic reform, and religious extremism.

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