

ENVIRONMENT MINISTER CALLS UPON GOVERNMENTS AROUND THE WORLD TO CHOOSE THE PATHWAY TOWARDS GREEN ECONOMIES



Environment Minister Mohamed Aslam has called upon the countries of the world to choose green energy to build their economies. Speaking at the 4th Preparatory Commission Meeting of the International Renewable Energy Agency held in Abu Dhabi on 24th October 2010), the minister also raised concerns and highlighted the challenges humanity is facing as a result of increased carbon emissions into the atmosphere.

The minister also highlighted about the threats that are faced by the small island states like the Maldives as a consequence of climate change stemming from carbon emission into the atmosphere since industrial revolution. He also stressed that climate change negotiations are not to be dealt same as any other business negotiations since we are talking about the survival of millions of people who had a negligible contribution to climate change. He also called upon the governments to draw their energy policies providing space to promote renewable energy technologies as this is a key step in reducing CO2 emissions. He also urged the governments to take immediate measures in finding solution to climate change and asked the countries not to wait for years but to start tackling it immediately.

He also stated that the Maldives will fully support the activities of IRENA in its efforts to promote renewable energy development.

More than 42 countries have now ratified IRENA and is expected to complete its preparatory phase soon to become a full fledged international organisation.

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