

AN MOU HAS BEEN SIGNED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF MALDIVES AND CLINTON FOUNDATION



A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Diesel Replacement Project of the Clinton Climate Initiative's Clean Energy Initiative, a program of the William J. Clinton Foundation (the “Clinton Foundation”), and the Government of Maldives on 10 January 2013 . The MOU was signed by the Minister of Environment and Energy Dr. Mariyam Shakeela on behalf of the Maldivian government. Mr. Ira C. Magaziner, the Chairman signed from the Clinton Climate Initiative's Clean Energy.

The main aim of this project is to aids governments and assists in the design and implementation of the government's demonstration projects and policies that directly reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the decreased use of diesel fuel and create replicable and scalable implementation models for others to follow. According to the MOU, options were explored to reduce dependency on diesel fuel to generate energy and reduce energy importation by initiating renewable energy projects which will be implemented by Maldives. It also addresses the additional issue of the production of clean water and undertake a resource assessment for waste, solar and biomass, in order to identify possible contributions for electricity from these resources.