



# CATA

43rd Technical Conference

*Maldives*  
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### 43<sup>rd</sup> CATA Technical Conference

10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Villa Nautica – Paradise Island, Rep. of Maldives

#### 1. Venue

The 43<sup>rd</sup> CATA Technical Conference will be held at Villa Nautica – Paradise Island, Maldives.

##### Full Address:

Dhinasha Hall

Villa Nautica – Paradise Island,

Lankanfinolhu, 08420,

North Male' Atoll,

Maldives

#### 2. Registration

Delegates are required to register online via the website launched for the 43<sup>rd</sup> CATA Technical Conference. The information submitted on the link will solely be used for delegates' event badge and other event arrangements. Once registrations are approved by the Maldives Inland Revenue Authority (MIRA), delegates will receive a confirmation email with log in details to update registration information (general information and travel details).

Registrations for physical attendance is now officially closed. Please email [internationaltaxation@mira.gov.mv](mailto:internationaltaxation@mira.gov.mv) with requests to accommodate additional participants.

Virtual registrations are open from **Monday, 3 July 2023**. Kindly please visit the website (<https://cata.mira.gov.mv/>) and submit registrations no later than **Friday, 7 July 2023**.

#### 3. Event Access Badge

Delegates will receive an event access badge upon arrival.

Participants are required to use access badge to enter the conference venue and hospitality premises. It contains personal information such as name, designation, institution and representing country/organization. The access badge is non-transferable.



For security reasons, delegates are advised to wear their event badge during the entire course of the conference, welcome dinner, CATA night and social event. Delegates may be required to show their event badge upon request.

#### 4. Visa Requirements

On-arrival visa will be arranged for delegates participating in the conference. Delegates can use either diplomatic/service passport or regular passport to enter Maldives.

The same visa arrangements will be extended to any family accompanying the delegates on this trip – please update the details of family members on the registration portal (as per the passport).

No charges are applicable for the on-arrival visa.

The basic entry requirements are as follows:

1. A passport or a travel document with Machine Readable Zone (MRZ) with at least 1 month validity (Passengers with an extended validity in their passports are not allowed to enter).
2. A complete travel itinerary including return journey confirmed tickets, with a prepaid confirmed hotel booking at a registered hotel, or provide proof of financial means for sufficient funds to support the stay in Maldives, or hold a pre-approved visa sponsorship Maldives Immigration.
3. Entry requirements to their onward destinations; for example, the visa and passport validity.
4. [Traveller Declaration](#) must be filled in and submitted by all travelers travelling to and from Maldives, within 96 hours to the flight time. The form has to be submitted electronically via the Maldives Immigration website, [IMUGA](#).
5. Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate, if applicable. Children under 1 year of age are exempt from Yellow Fever vaccination. List of the Yellow Fever endemic countries can be found [here](#).

Relevant links for more information:

- FAQs: <https://www.immigration.gov.mv/faq-for-visiting-the-maldives/>

#### 5. Travel Restrictions and Health Protocol

Since Maldives re-opened its borders to tourists of all nationalities on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020, all travel restrictions have been lifted.

Arriving passengers are no longer required to quarantine or possess a negative PCR test result, this includes vaccinated and unvaccinated passengers.



Masks are not mandatory, delegates are free to wear masks if they choose to do so.

As Maldives is a 100% Muslim country, there are certain restrictions by the [Maldives Customs Service](#) and local traditions of Maldives to take note of. In this regard some important pointers are highlighted below:

- Alcohol cannot be imported or consumed in local islands
- Pork cannot be imported or consumed in local islands
- Non-halal food items cannot be imported or consumed in local islands
- Public observance of any religion other than Islam is prohibited
- Dressing conservatively on local islands

If delegates experience any symptoms of Covid-19 while in Maldives, please inform the organizing team (+960 762 6763/+960 779 7794) and the resort reception. An in-house clinic is available round the clock (24 hours) to attend to any medical needs of delegates. Please note that organizing team can be reached out through WhatsApp, Viber or Telegram.

Should delegates require arrangements to be made for a negative PCR test prior to departure from the Maldives, kindly please contact the assigned liaison officer. The PCR test result will usually be available within 24 hours after sample collection.

## 6. Accommodation

Accommodation for delegations have been arranged at special rates from Villa Nautica - Paradise Island, which is the venue of the conference. A promotional code and details for room booking will be provided upon confirmation of registration.

To minimize sea transportation, considering the weather conditions during July 2023 and the geographical factors, delegates are advised to arrange their accommodation at Villa Nautica - Paradise Island.

Please be advised that the use of the promotional code has been extended. This code will now be valid reservations made no later than **08 July 2023**.

## 7. Airport and Transportation

Name of airport: Velana International Airport (MLE)

All delegates will be greeted by a liaison officer at the airport. Transportation to and from the airport will also be provided for all delegates by the resort.

As Maldives is geographically dispersed, the main mode of transport used to travel is sea transfer. The journey from the airport to Villa Nautica - Paradise Island will take about 15 - 20 minutes.



## 8. Spousal Event

A special spousal program has been planned for the delegates who have family joining them on this trip. This would entail a captivating tour of the historical landmarks and museum within the greater Male' area covering the capital city of the Maldives, Male' City, and one of the most ambitious land reclamation & urban development projects in Maldives, Hulhumale'. This short 4 – 5 hour tour is scheduled to take place on 11th July 2023.

On this tour, participants will have the opportunity to sightsee, take pictures and enjoy shopping at the local souvenir shops located in Male' city. Please note that this tour would include both sea travel and bus travel.

No additional costs will be incurred during this event.

## 9. Social Event

A short 5 hour excursion trip has been planned to be conducted on 13th July 2023. This event will take place at a nearby local island, K. Huraa.

On this trip, delegates will be able to enjoy the local cuisine of the Maldives, tour the island and have the opportunity to purchase souvenir items as well. Those delegates who wish to have their family members join this trip are advised to kindly please update these details on the registration portal.




No additional costs will be incurred during this event.



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## 10. General Information

Item	Details
<b>Climate</b>	Maldives has a warm and humid climate, with a year-round temperature of around 28 Degrees Celsius. Maldives experiences two monsoon seasons; the dry season which runs from December to April, and the rainy season which runs from May to November.
<b>Weather Conditions</b>	Maldives expects wet weather (heavy rain and rough seas) in July, raincoats and umbrellas are recommended.  
<b>Religion</b>	Islam
<b>Currency</b>	Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR)
<b>Exchange Rate</b>	USD 1 = MVR 15.42 GBP 1 = MVR 18.25 EUR 1 = MVR 16.22
<b>Electric Voltage</b>	230V supply voltage and 50Hz
<b>Plug Type</b>	Type G 
<b>Time Zone</b>	GMT +5
<b>Telephone Area Code</b>	The international code for Maldives is +960. To call abroad from Maldives, please dial 00 followed by your country code.
<b>Alcohol Consumption</b>	This is an alcohol-free event – alcohol will not be served at the official conference, opening dinner, CATA night and social visit. Delegates are free to consume alcohol at their own expense.



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## 11. Important Contacts

#	Description	Email
1	For all substantive queries	<a href="mailto:internationaltaxation@mira.gov.mv">internationaltaxation@mira.gov.mv</a> <a href="mailto:r.patro@commonwealth.int">r.patro@commonwealth.int</a> cc <a href="mailto:himmath.m@mira.gov.mv">himmath.m@mira.gov.mv</a>
2	For administrative and logistical queries	<a href="mailto:internationaltaxation@mira.gov.mv">internationaltaxation@mira.gov.mv</a> cc <a href="mailto:himmath.m@mira.gov.mv">himmath.m@mira.gov.mv</a> <a href="mailto:ibha.m@mira.gov.mv">ibha.m@mira.gov.mv</a> <a href="mailto:rauha.r@mira.gov.mv">rauha.r@mira.gov.mv</a>
3	Registration link	<a href="https://cata.mira.gov.mv/Register">https://cata.mira.gov.mv/Register</a>
4	43 <sup>rd</sup> CATA Technical Conference	<a href="https://cata.mira.gov.mv/">https://cata.mira.gov.mv/</a>

## 12. Other Information

Further details regarding the event will be uploaded to the event website.



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