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Press Release

Minister of Tourism and Environment H.E. Mr. Thoriq Ibrahim participates in UN Secretary-General's Special High-level Event on Climate Action during UNGA

24 September 2025: Minister of Tourism and Environment, H.E. Mr. Thoriq Ibrahim, participated in the Special High-Level Event on Climate Action convened by the UN Secretary-General on September 24th, during the 80th United Nations General Assembly at UN Headquarters in New York.

At the event, Minister Thoriq reaffirmed the Maldives' commitment to lead on climate action, and highlighted Maldives' submission of the country's third Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). This third and updated NDC serves as Maldives' National Climate Action Plan through 2035. Minister Thoriq further underlined that the Maldives Climate Action Plan outlines a clear pathway toward low-emission development, and resilience, reflecting both ambition and urgency at this critical juncture for global climate action.

The Maldives Climate Action Plan includes the country's most ambitious mitigation target to date, aiming to generate 33 percent of electricity from renewable sources by 2028. Additionally, adaptation constitutes a central pillar of the Maldives' climate strategy, with priorities spanning across food and water security, disaster risk management, and coastal protection. Speaking at the High-Level Event, Minister Thoriq underscored the importance of locally led solutions, innovation, and partnerships to strengthen resilience in the face of increasing climate risks.

Despite this ambition, Minister Thoriq emphasized that the successful implementation of the NDC hinges on international support. He noted that the implementation gap for the Paris Agreement has widened over the past decade and urged that adequate access to climate finance, technology transfer, and capacity building is essential to translate commitments into action and keep global warming within the 1.5-degree limit.

The High-Level Event on Climate Action was convened with the purpose of serving as a launchpad for COP30 later this year. During the event, Heads of State, government leaders, representatives from the business community, and civil society stakeholders presented pledges on climate action, alongside new national climate action plans.
