

Ms. Mariyam Hussain Didi

Proposed Elected Director Candidate

Mariyam Hussain Didi is a senior financial-sector and central-banking professional with vast experience in banking operations, payment systems, reserve management and financial-sector development. She holds a Master of Finance from the University of Wollongong, Australia, and a Bachelor of Commerce from Flinders University of South Australia.

She most recently served as an Advisor at the Maldives Monetary Authority (“MMA”) from August 2024 to February 2026. In this capacity, she supervised the overall implementation of foreign-exchange policy measures introduced in 2024 to stabilise the exchange rate and strengthen foreign-exchange reserves.

Prior to this, Ms. Mariyam served as Assistant Governor of MMA from May 2013 to August 2024. Her responsibilities covered banking operations, payment-system services, currency and numismatic functions, reserve management and financial-sector development. She also provided oversight and guidance in relation to financial consumer protection, the Credit Information System and Shariah-compliant services supporting different functions across the Authority.

During her tenure as Assistant Governor, she oversaw several significant national initiatives. These included the implementation of the Maldives Instant Payment System, Favara, in 2023; the introduction of the “Ran Dhihafaheh” polymer banknote series in 2016; and the implementation of the Cheque Imaging and Truncation service.

Before her appointment as Assistant Governor, Ms. Mariyam served as Executive Director of the Corporate Division at the MMA. In this role, she oversaw budgetary control, financial management and reporting, and support services across the Authority. Across her career, she held positions ranging from Officer to Senior Manager in the Foreign Exchange Section of MMA from 1983 to January 2008.

Additionally, Mariyam Hussain Didi has served on several key policy, steering and technical committees of MMA, including the Monetary Policy Committee, Investment Committee, Executive Committee, Maldives Payment System Development Project Steering Committee, Tender Committee and Ran Dhihafaheh Banknote Steering Committee. She also served as Alternate Director to the Asian Clearing Union.

Additionally, she served as Chairperson of the Capital Market Development Authority from January 2009 to December 2011 and as a member of its Board from June 2014 to October 2016.