

Press Release

SAARC Arbitration Council and Maldives International Arbitration Centre Sign Memorandum of Understanding

The SAARC Arbitration Council and the Maldives International Arbitration Centre (MIAC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 04 October 2026 in Malé, Maldives, with the objective of strengthening institutional cooperation and collaboration in the fields of arbitration and mediation.

The MoU was signed by Mr. Choining Dorji, Director General of the SAARC Arbitration Council, and Ms. Zeeniya Ahmed Hameed, Chief Executive Officer of the Maldives International Arbitration Centre, on behalf of their respective institutions.

The MoU provides a framework for cooperation between the two institutions to promote the effective resolution of commercial, trade and investment disputes through arbitration and mediation. It also seeks to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, expertise and experiences in the field of dispute resolution.

Under the MoU, the Parties will cooperate in areas including technical assistance, capacity development, joint programmes, seminars, workshops and conferences, as well as participation in other events. The Parties will also explore opportunities for joint research and studies; publications and other collaborative initiatives aimed at strengthening awareness and effective use of ADR mechanisms.

The MoU further provides for the exchange of relevant information and experiences and encourages closer institutional engagement in support of the development of arbitration and mediation practices at the national, regional and international levels.

The signing of the MoU marks an important step towards strengthening institutional linkages between the SAARC Arbitration Council and the Maldives International Arbitration Centre and reflects their shared commitment to promoting fair, efficient and effective mechanisms for the resolution of commercial and trade disputes.

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