



Curriculum Vitae

of Dr. Mohamed Shaheem Ali Saeed

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Dhivehi, Arabic, English, and Urdu

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Dr. Mohamed Shaheem Ali Saeed currently serves as Minister of Islamic Affairs and Endowments of the Republic of Maldives and Chairman of Maldives Zakat House. At the international level, he serves as Alternate Governor of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) representing the Maldives, Member of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and Member of the Supreme Council of the Muslim World League (MWL), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Through these roles, he contributes to advancing Islamic governance, scholarly engagement, and international cooperation across the Muslim world.

He was the first Vice Chancellor of the Islamic University of Maldives and later served as Chancellor, where he established the Islamic University of the Maldives and developed the very first PhD programmes offered in the Maldives in the field of Islamic studies. This landmark achievement significantly strengthened the country's Islamic higher education landscape and created a national pathway for advanced scholarship in Islamic studies. Dr. Shaheem

is a distinguished Hafiz, Islamic scholar, senior government official, Imam, academic leader, and institutional strategist with extensive experience in Islamic governance, administration and management, higher education, Qur'anic education development, legal and Shariah advisory services, public policy, and international Islamic cooperation. Dr. Shaheem is widely recognized for his sustained ministerial leadership across multiple government administrations. He has served as Minister of Islamic Affairs under President Dr. Mohamed Waheed Hassan Manik, President Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom and President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu, and is currently serving as Minister of Islamic Affairs and Endowments under President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu. He previously served as Minister of State for Islamic Affairs during the administration of President Mohamed Nasheed. His international leadership roles have included service as Governor to the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) for the Maldives, Adviser at the Cabinet of the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), In-Charge of The Voice of Wisdom Centre (Sawt Al-Hikma), and Supervisor of the Dialogue and Communications Department of the OIC in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Through these roles, he has contributed to strengthening dialogue, cooperation, and intellectual engagement within the global Muslim community.

Academically, Dr. Shaheem holds a Bachelor's degree in Islamic Shariah from the Islamic University of Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and both a Master's degree and a Doctor of Philosophy in Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Heritage (Fiqh and Usul al-Fiqh) from the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). His scholarly expertise spans Islamic jurisprudence, Qur'anic education, Islamic finance, Arabic language, Shariah governance, and higher education development. He has held senior academic leadership positions including founding Vice Chancellor and Chancellor of the Islamic University of Maldives, and has contributed extensively to higher education as a lecturer, curriculum developer, and founder of educational institutions, including Kokkomen Preschool and the ILM Institute for Islamic Studies. He also led the founding of the Faculty of Shariah and Islamic Studies at Villa College, contributing to the institutional development of Islamic higher education in the Maldives.

Throughout his public service career, Dr. Shaheem has led and contributed to several major national institutional achievements that have significantly strengthened the Islamic institutional framework of the Maldives. Among his most notable contributions are the leadership and establishment of the Maldives Hajj Corporation, Maldives Zakat House, the transformation of the College of Islamic Studies into the Islamic University of Maldives, the introduction of Maldives Halal Certification, and the establishment of the Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Maldives. He also contributed to the establishment and development of Maldives Islamic Bank PLC, the country's first fully fledged Shariah-compliant banking institution, marking a major milestone in the development of Islamic finance in the country. In the field of civil society and intellectual development, he is the founder of the Islamic Organization for Culture and Civilization (IOCC) and a co-founder of the humanitarian and educational charitable organization Jamiyyathu

Rahma. He also played a leading role in strengthening the waqf sector in the Maldives, including the establishment of Dar Al-Eiman, the country's first structured real estate-based waqf development project.

Dr. Shaheem has also contributed to international Islamic scholarship and intellectual dialogue. He led the implementation and publication of "Coexistence and Acquaintance in Islam: Simplified Concepts" (2022) as part of the International Islamic Encyclopedia of Tolerance, an initiative of the Sawt Al-Hikma Center under the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). His professional engagements have extended across numerous international platforms in countries including the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, State of Qatar, Jordan, Bahrain, Türkiye, the United Kingdom, the United States, Libya, Azerbaijan, Somalia, Sri Lanka, India, and Bangladesh, where he has represented the Maldives in Islamic institutions, international summits, conferences, seminars, and scholarly forums.

In recognition of his leadership and contributions to Islamic governance and public service, Dr. Shaheem has received several prestigious distinctions, including the Administrative Leadership Award – The 500 Most Influential Muslims, awarded by the Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Centre, Jordan (2010–2025). He has also received Alumni Leadership Awards from both the Islamic University of Madinah and the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) in recognition of his outstanding leadership, public service, and contributions to the global Muslim community.

A published author and public intellectual, Dr. Shaheem has contributed extensively to Islamic scholarship, religious awareness, and public education through published books, numerous research works, Friday sermons, television and radio programmes, digital platforms, and multilingual publications. His work reflects a sustained commitment to authentic Islamic knowledge, ethical leadership, community development, and national and international service, and continues to influence Islamic scholarship, institutional development, and public discourse in the Maldives and beyond.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- 2010 - 2013 ● **Doctor of Philosophy in Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Heritage (Fiqh and Usul Al-Fiqh)**
International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Thesis title: Development of the Maldives Zakat System: Problems and Solutions
Research thesis Passed and approved with a recommendation to publish
- 2006 - 2008 ● **Master of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Heritage (Fiqh and Usul Al-Fiqh)**
International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Published a research study examining DNA and its impact on the "Lian"
- 2000 - 2004 ● **Bachelor's in Islamic Shariah**
The Islamic University of Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah, Madinah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- 1999 - 2000 ● **Special Studies in Islamic Shariah and Arabic Language**
Institute of Special Studies, Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt
- 1996 - 1998 ● **Diploma in Sharia and Educational Science**
Imam Abu Hanifa Higher Institute for Teachers, Peshawar, Pakistan
- 1994 - 1996 ● **Hifz-UI-Qur'an (Quran Memorization)**
Jamia Ashrafia (Ashrafia Islamic University), Lahore, Pakistan
- 1990 - 1993 ● **Foundation in Quranic Studies**
Institute of Islamic Studies (Ma'hadhu Dhiraasathil Islamiyya), Male', Maldives
- 1986 - 1989 ● **Foundation Certificate in Qur'an Recitation**
Institute of Islamic Studies (Ma'hadhu Dhiraasathil Islamiyya), Male', Maldives

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

- 2017 ● **Training Course on International Humanitarian Law and Islamic Shariah**
The Islamic Forum of International Humanitarian Law and the Islamic University of Maldives, Male', Republic of Maldives
- 2009 ● **Fundamentals of Islamic Finance Course**
Bank Negara Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2008 ● **Training Programme on Leadership and Planning**
World Assembly of Muslim Youth, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2007 ● **Part-Time General English Pre Intermediate D - English Language Achievement Certificate**
British Council Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2007 ● **International English Language Testing System**
British Council, University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2006 ● **Communicative English Programme**
ELS Language Centres, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2026 - Present ● **Minister of Islamic Affairs and Endowments**
Ministry of Islamic Affairs and Endowments, Maldives
- 2023 - Present ● **Chairman**
Maldives Zakat House, Maldives
- 2023 - 2026 ● **Minister of Islamic Affairs**
Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Maldives
- 2021 - 2023 ● **Chairman / Director**
Al-Madheena Investments PVT LTD, Maldives

- 2021 - 2023 ● **Chairman**
Kokkomen Preschool, Maldives
- 2020 - 2023 ● **Director General**
Ilm Institute for Islamic Studies, Maldives
- 2021 - 2023 ● **Founder and President**
The Islamic Organization for Culture and Civilization (IOCC), Maldives
- 2020 - 2023 ● **Chief Editor**
Maaldif Online, Maldives
- 2021 - 2023 ● **Managing Partner**
H & S Consultancy Law Firm LLP, Maldives
- 2020 - 2023 ● **Chairman**
Maaldif Group PVT LTD, Maldives
- 2022 - 2023 ● **Chairman/Director**
Qibla Hajj and Umrah PVT LTD, Maldives
- 2019 - 2022 ● **Chief Advisor**
Qibla Hajj and Umrah PVT LTD, Maldives
- 2015 - 2023 ● **Co-Founder and Advisor**
Jamiyyathu Rahma, Maldives
- 2019 - 2021 ● **Supervisor**
Dialogue and Communications Department at the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- 2019 - 2020 ● **In-Charge**
The Voice of Wisdom Centre (Sawt Al-Hikma) at the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- 2019 - 2021 ● **Adviser at the Cabinet of the Secretary General**
The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- 2019 - 2020 ● **Columnist**
Avas News, Maldives

- 2016 - 2018 ● **Chancellor**
Islamic University of Maldives (IUM), Maldives
- 2015 - 2016 ● **Vice Chancellor**
Islamic University of Maldives (IUM), Maldives
- 2015 - 2018 ● **Part-Time Lecturer**
Islamic University of Maldives (IUM), Maldives
- 2020 - 2021 ● **Advisor**
Avid College, Maldives
- 2013 - 2015 ● **Minister of Islamic Affairs**
Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Maldives
- 2012 - 2013 ● **Minister of Islamic Affairs**
Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Maldives
- 2011 - 2012 ● **Dean**
Faculty of Shariah and Islamic Studies, Villa College, Maldives
- 2010 - 2013 ● **Part-Time Lecturer**
Faculty of Shariah and Islamic Studies, Villa College, Maldives
- 2008 - 2010 ● **Minister of State for Islamic Affairs**
Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Maldives
- 2008 - 2009 ● **Part-Time Lecturer**
Faculty of Shariah and Law, Maldives National University, Maldives
- 2009 ● **Part-Time Lecturer**
College of Islamic Studies, Maldives
- 2004 - 2007 ● **Mushrif Musaa'idh**
Centre for the Holy Quran, Maldives
- 2006 - 2007 ● **Imam**
Masjid Thoiba, Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, Maldives
- 1999 ● **Teacher - Quran**
Al Madhurasathul Arabiyyathul Islaamiyya, Maldives

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ADVISORY ROLES

- 2025 – Present ● **Chairperson of Islamic Waqf Fund Board of Trustees**
Ministry of Islamic Affairs and Endowments, Maldives
- 2025 – Present ● **Chairman of Legal and Policy Framework Committee**
Ministry of Islamic Affairs and Endowments, Maldives
- 2023 – Present ● **Chairman of Zakat Council**
Maldives Zakat House, Maldives
- 2023 – Present ● **Chairman of Islamic Affairs Committee**
Ministry of Islamic Affairs and Endowments, Maldives
- 2023 – Present ● **Member of Halal Certification Executive Committee**
Ministry of Islamic Affairs and Endowments, Maldives
- 2021 – 2023 ● **Member of Islamic Council**
The Islamic Organization for Culture and Civilization (IOCC), Maldives
- 2017 ● **Member of Administrative Committee for Fostering and Promoting Islamic Unity and National Spirit among Maldivians**
The President's Office, Maldives
- 2014 - 2015 ● **Chairman of the Presidential Committee to transform the College of Islamic Studies into the Islamic University**
The President's Office, Maldives
- 2013 - 2014 ● **Vice Chair of Cabinet's Social Council**
The President's Office, Maldives
- 2012 - 2015 ● **Member of National Tharika Committee**
The President's Office, Maldives
- 2012 - 2015 ● **Member of Higher Education Council**
The President's Office, Maldives
- 2015 ● **Member of Special Committee to Develop Societal Status of Maldives**
Established by the President of Maldives, The President's Office, Maldives

- 2011 - 2015 ● **Member of Shari'ah Council of MMA**
Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA), Maldives
- 2009 - 2011 ● **Member of Islamic Fiqh Academy**
Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Maldives
- 2009 - 2010 ● **Board Member**
College of Islamic Studies, Maldives

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIONS

- 2024 – Present ● **Member of International Islamic Fiqh Academy**
Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- 2024 – Present ● **Member of Supreme Council**
Muslim World League (MWL), Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- 2023 – Present ● **Alternate Governor to IsDB from the Maldives**
Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- 2010 - 2015 ● **Governor to IsDB from the Maldives**
Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- 2009 - 2010 ● **Governor to IsDB from the Maldives**
Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- 2009 - 2014 ● **Shariah Board Member**
Amana Takaful PLC, Sri Lanka
- 2010 ● **Represented Maldives in Development of International Zakat Organization**
The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2005 ● **Represented Maldives on Libya International Holy Quran Memorizing and Reciting Competition**
Libya
- 1999 ● **Represented Maldives on 21st King Abdul Aziz International Holy Quran Competition for Memorization, Recital, and Explanation**
Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Dawah and Guidance, Makkah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS AT MINISTRY OF ISLAMIC AFFAIRS AND ENDOWMENTS

- Serving as a religious scholar since 2005, actively contributing to Islamic religious services and community guidance in the Maldives. Delivered religious lectures and scholarly presentations across a wide range of platforms, including mosques, symposiums, forums, workshops, conferences, and panel discussions, both within the Maldives and internationally in countries such as Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, State of Qatar, Jordan, Bahrain, Türkiye, the United Kingdom, the United States, Libya, Azerbaijan, Somalia, Sri Lanka, India, and Bangladesh, addressing contemporary religious, social, and ethical issues.
- Led the establishment of the Zakat Fund on 3 February 2010 under the Ministry of Finance and Treasury, administered by the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, creating a structured mechanism for the collection and distribution of zakat to support social welfare and religious development initiatives. The fund provides financial assistance for medical treatment of disadvantaged individuals, support for persons with disabilities, aid for economically vulnerable households, and court-verified debt relief. It also extends support to new converts to Islam, promotes Quranic education and competitions, and finances religious awareness programmes and capacity-building initiatives for Quran teachers, Islamic educators, funeral service practitioners, Imams, and Khateeb. Additionally, the fund supports the development and maintenance of mosques, prayer facilities, schools, graveyards, and other community religious infrastructure, provides assistance to individuals affected by natural disasters or emergencies, and offers support to Maldivians facing crises abroad. Further led initiatives to strengthen the sustainability of the Zakat Fund through strategic development and investment mechanisms aimed at generating continuous income for long-term charitable impact.
- Led the establishment of the Maldives Zakat House on 18 December 2023, under the direction and guidance of H.E. President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu, strengthening the national zakat governance framework through the introduction of structured mechanisms for zakat collection and distribution, the implementation of Shariah-compliant investment strategies to ensure long-term sustainability, and the development of a national poverty registry designed to enhance transparency, improve beneficiary identification, and promote sustainable socio-economic empowerment and self-sufficiency among eligible recipients.
- Formulated and initiated implementation of the Zakat Act (Act No. 27/2025) under the direction and guidance of H.E. President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu on 06th December 2025,

introducing, for the first time in Maldivian history, a comprehensive legislative framework governing zakat administration, governance, compliance, and institutional accountability.

- Led the establishment of Zakat-funded scholarship initiatives to support higher education in Islamic and related academic fields in the year 2025, utilizing zakat resources to expand access to advanced religious scholarship and professional development. The initiative provides structured financial assistance to eligible students, strengthening the development of qualified Islamic scholars and educators in the Maldives. In 2025, scholarships were awarded to 25 recipients to pursue higher studies under this program.

- Enabled the utilization of zakat funds for life-saving medical assistance, including bone marrow transplant treatment for thalassemia patients in the year 2025, expanding the humanitarian and social welfare application of zakat within Shariah-compliant frameworks.

- Led the digital transformation of Zakat Medical Welfare Services through integration with the OneGov platform (04 November 2024), enabling citizens to submit applications electronically and monitor application progress, thereby improving accessibility, transparency, and service efficiency.

- Secured grant funding from the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) for the development of a national zakat management software system, supporting digital transformation, transparency, and efficiency in zakat administration.

- Contributed to the establishment of the Maldives Hajj Corporation Limited (16 May 2013), a government-owned institution created to deliver reliable, affordable, and professionally managed Hajj and Umrah services, including supplementary services such as Aqeeqah arrangements and structured Hajj savings schemes to encourage early pilgrimage planning among citizens.

- Led and facilitated the inclusion of the Republic of Maldives in the Makkah Route Initiative, a flagship pilgrimage facilitation program of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and officially launched the initiative nationally on 26 May 2025. The program streamlines pre-departure immigration and pilgrimage procedures within the Maldives, significantly improving operational efficiency, reducing travel-related administrative processes for pilgrims, and enhancing the overall Hajj experience for Maldivian pilgrims through coordinated international collaboration.

- Led the strategic initiative to secure international financing for the Hulhumalé Iconic Grand Mosque Project, formalized through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Al Rajhi Company on 31 March 2026.

This milestone advanced a major national Islamic infrastructure project planned to commence in conjunction with the 900th anniversary of the Maldives' embrace of Islam, in line with the vision announced by H.E. President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu. Conceived as a landmark Islamic development, the project will incorporate a grand mosque, Qur'an museum, commercial complex, hotel, residential and commercial facilities, parking areas, and essential service amenities. Structured on a waqf-based financing model, the project is designed to generate sustainable revenue to support Islamic affairs in the Maldives, linking major religious infrastructure development with long-term institutional and community benefit. Upon completion, it is expected to become one of the largest mosques in the Maldives.

- Introduced the Maldives Halal Certification System on 20 April 2014, establishing the national regulatory framework under the Regulation for Issuing Halal Certificates (1632-R/2013). In August 2014, the Maldivian Halal logo received international recognition from Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura (MUIS) and subsequently from the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM), enabling internationally recognized halal certification and branding for Maldivian fish exports to global markets.

- Led the establishment of the Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Maldives in 2008, appointing a diverse body of Islamic scholars specializing in various fields of Islamic jurisprudence to serve as a national scholarly authority providing authoritative fatwas, legal opinions, and religious guidance to the Government and the public on contemporary and emerging fiqh issues, including family law, taxation, and complex social issues. As of 2026, the Academy has published three official booklets compiling fatwas issued by the Supreme Council for Fatwa, which have been made publicly accessible through the Council's website to enhance transparency and public access to religious rulings.

- Led the strategic development and institutional strengthening of the Waqf sector in the Maldives, introducing a modernized framework for sustainable Islamic endowment management under the Ministry of Islamic Affairs and Endowments. As part of this initiative, introduced Cash Waqf mechanisms and real estate-based Waqf property development models, positioning Waqf as a long-term financing instrument to support Islamic religious services, educational initiatives, and community development.

- ✓ Introduced the Maldives' first structured real estate-based Waqf development project, "Dar Al-Eiman," a 10-storey Waqf building operationalized on 31 December 2016, creating a sustainable revenue-generating asset to support mosque development and Islamic service initiatives.

- ✓ Initiated the Darul Salaam Waqf Building Project in Hulhumalé, a major 12-storey, 20,000-square-foot endowment development, with the official groundbreaking held on

26 November 2025. The project is designed as a multifunctional Waqf asset incorporating basement parking, reception facilities, commercial outlets, office spaces, meeting rooms, multi-purpose halls, a daycare centre, and a rooftop terrace to ensure long-term revenue generation for Islamic affairs programs.

✓ Further advanced the national Waqf infrastructure through the Darul Arqam Waqf Building Project in Malé, with the groundbreaking held on 20 November 2025, forming part of a broader strategic initiative to strengthen the financial sustainability and institutional self-sufficiency of Islamic affairs institutions while reducing reliance on state budget allocations.

✓ In October 2025, launched the Atoll and City Waqf Project Framework, designed to establish regionally based Waqf funds capable of generating sustainable income to finance Islamic affairs, religious education, and community services within respective atolls and cities.

• Led the establishment of the Mosque Waqf Fund on 3 February 2010 under the Ministry of Finance and Treasury, administered by the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, creating a sustainable endowment mechanism to support mosque construction, renovation, and the provision of essential facilities and assets, including prayer spaces and ablution areas in schools and public institutions.

• Organized and led a national telethon fundraising campaign on 18 June 2012 in collaboration with television channels, radio stations, and online media platforms, successfully raising over MVR 2 million (approximately USD 129,702) for the Mosque Waqf Fund. The funds were allocated in accordance with established regulations to support mosque construction, renovation, and procurement of essential equipment for mosques nationwide, particularly ahead of the Ramadan period.

• Led the establishment of the Religious Waqf Fund on 3 February 2010 under the Ministry of Finance and Treasury, administered by the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, creating a sustainable funding mechanism to support nationwide Islamic religious services and awareness initiatives. The fund finances religious symposiums, seminars, workshops, and scholarly forums; facilitates the engagement of local and international Islamic scholars for public religious outreach; supports the publication and dissemination of religious literature including Friday sermons, translations, books, and educational materials; and sponsors Quran memorization programmes, Quran competitions, and religious awareness campaigns across the Maldives. The fund also supports the development of human capacity through local and international training programmes, establishment and operation of Islamic Studio production facilities, procurement and maintenance of technical equipment for religious broadcasting, and the production of educational media content such as programs, documentaries, and

instructional videos. Additionally, it provides financial support for the expansion of Quran education programmes through the National Centre for the Holy Quran and private sector initiatives across the islands.

- Led the formulation and institutionalization of the Islamic Waqf Fund on 14th April 2025 by integrating the Religious Waqf Trust Fund and the Mosque Waqf Trust Fund under the administration of the Ministry of Islamic Affairs. The Fund was established as a comprehensive national endowment mechanism to support the promotion of Islamic affairs, Islamic Da'wah, religious education, and the preservation and advancement of Islamic civilization in the Maldives. It provides financial support for initiatives such as mosque construction and maintenance, establishment of prayer facilities, Islamic education scholarships, development of Islamic libraries, Quran memorization programmes, and humanitarian assistance for vulnerable communities. The Fund also contributes to healthcare support and broader community welfare initiatives aligned with Islamic values.

- Implemented a sustainable Shariah-compliant investment framework for the Islamic Waqf Fund to ensure long-term financial sustainability and growth. This strategy includes investments in income-generating real estate assets, Shariah-compliant financial instruments such as Sukuk and halal investment funds, and ethical business ventures that align with Islamic principles. Through reinvestment of generated income and a structured endowment growth strategy, the Fund aims to create a sustainable financial ecosystem that continuously supports religious, educational, and community development initiatives across the Maldives.

- Launched the 500 Hafiz Development Project in 2012, a national initiative aimed at expanding Quran memorization capacity and nurturing future generations of Hafiz across the Maldives. As of February 2026, the Maldives records 301 certified Hafiz, with 1,873 students actively engaged in Quran memorization programs nationwide. To strengthen island-level Hifz education, facilitated the deployment of qualified foreign Hifz instructors to 17 islands, supporting the establishment and delivery of structured Quran memorization classes for children and community learners.

- Designed and launched the Young Khateeb Development Initiative (26 June 2024), a structured youth training programme targeting students in Grades 10–12 and individuals under 18 years of age, aimed at developing future religious leaders and addressing imam capacity gaps across mosques nationwide and develop 1000 Young Khateeb within 5 years duration. The initiative targets the development of 1,000 Young Khateeb within five years, and as of 2026 has successfully trained 510 Young Khateeb.

- Initiated and led the organization of several national-level and International Islamic conferences for the first time in the Maldives, including the Fatwa Conference, Hajj and Umrah Conference, International Zakat Conference (INZAC) in 2024 and 2025, National

Imam Conference, and the National Religious NGOs Conference. These platforms brought together Islamic scholars, policymakers, service providers, and civil society representatives to address contemporary religious issues, strengthen institutional coordination, enhance Islamic governance, and promote scholarly dialogue on Islamic jurisprudence, pilgrimage management, zakat administration, and community engagement.

- Facilitated advanced capacity-building initiatives for Maldivian Imams through structured international training engagements and scholarly exchange programs in collaboration with institutions in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, and Malaysia, resulting in the specialized training of 93 Imams by 2026 strengthening professional competency and theological expertise. Additionally led a nationwide Imam Refresher Programme, training over 1,029 Imams across the Maldives in key areas including Tafsir, Fiqh, Hadith, Aqidah, Tajweed, mosque leadership, management, communication, and personal development to strengthen religious leadership and address capacity gaps. Further coordinated an Arabic language training programme for 33 Imams in collaboration with the Al-Azhar Mission in the Maldives to enhance linguistic and scholarly competencies.

- Facilitated international capacity-building initiatives for staff and religious scholars of the Ministry of Islamic Affairs and Endowments, supporting professional development through fully funded study tours and institutional exchanges in collaboration with foreign governments and international Islamic institutions. In 2024, six religious scholars participated in a study visit to China focusing on Islamic heritage and institutional practices. In 2025, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting of Pakistan hosted five Islamic Studio staff for a professional exchange program. Additionally, through collaboration with institutions in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 42 female staff members (2024–2025) and 20 male staff members were supported to participate in study tours and training programs, strengthening institutional capacity, professional skills, and international scholarly engagement in Islamic services.

- Established a digital charitable contribution mechanism through Bandeyri Pay (27 August 2024), enabling the public to contribute seamlessly to Ministry of Islamic Affairs waqf funds across eight designated charitable categories, including mosque construction and maintenance, Islamic educational initiatives, Hafiz Umrah sponsorships, Islamic library development, Quran memorization programs, Umrah pilgrimage assistance, and higher education in Islamic studies.

- Facilitated the establishment of an integrated digital donation mechanism in collaboration with the Maldives Inland Revenue Authority (MIRA) through the VaaruPay platform on 22nd March 2025, enabling the public to conveniently contribute to digital cash waqf, khairat (charitable giving), Quran centre development, mosque construction,

and mosque renovation initiatives, thereby improving accessibility, transparency, and efficiency in charitable and endowment contributions.

- Initiated and implemented a nationwide program for the development of Islamic Libraries within Islamic Centres across the Maldives, including the successful establishment of Islamic libraries at the King Salman Mosque and Ha. Dhidhoo Islamic Centre, strengthening access to Islamic knowledge and community learning resources. Through this initiative, Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) contributed 64,000 Islamic books to libraries nationwide, significantly enhancing the country's religious and academic knowledge infrastructure on 8 September 2025. Further, INCEIF University of Malaysia provided the complete ISRA Corner standard library books on 29 September 2025 for selected locations, including Gdh. Thinadhoo Islamic Centre, Ha. Dhidhoo Islamic Centre, R. Ungoofaaru Islamic Centre, and the Islamic Library at the King Salman Mosque, strengthening access to specialized knowledge in Islamic Banking, Islamic finance and economics. This collaboration reflects international academic partnership and supports the intellectual and spiritual development of Maldivian students, scholars, and the wider community while promoting religious literacy and preservation of Islamic scholarly traditions.

- Strategically utilized the R. Ungoofaaru Islamic Centre and Gdh. Thinadhoo Islamic Centre as regional hubs for continuous religious education and scholarly development, enabling the Islamic University of Maldives to deliver accredited academic programs at these centers, thereby decentralizing access to higher Islamic education in the year 2023.

- Led the expansion of Islamic Centres beyond Malé City, facilitating the establishment of modern religious and community infrastructure across the Maldives, strengthening nationwide access to religious services and education.

- Established and operationalized the National Mosque Majilis, officially launched on 28 December 2023, with members appointed on 25 February 2024 and the governing regulatory framework formally issued on 01 August 2024, strengthening institutional governance, coordination, and policy oversight of mosque administration nationwide.

- Initiated and implemented a national policy of the Government to assign two Imams to every mosque across all inhabited islands of the Maldives, enhancing continuity of religious services, improving operational resilience, and strengthening community religious engagement.

- Launched the Masjid Management Portal on 22nd February 2024, a centralized digital platform providing real-time operational oversight of mosques nationwide, including maintenance tracking, repair management, and administrative information relating to Imams and mosque services.

- Led the development and official launch of the “Haji MV” Mobile Application (22 June 2025), a comprehensive digital platform providing guidance on Hajj and Umrah rituals, instructional videos, duas, and zikr resources, improving public access to authenticated religious guidance through mobile technology.
- Led and contributed to the promotion of Islamic knowledge and religious awareness in the Maldives through broadcast media, including the recording and live dissemination of educational television and radio programs on both national and private networks. Notably produced a 30-episode television series on Islamic Civilization for VTV, designed to enhance public understanding of Islamic history, culture, and scholarly heritage, and produced and presented the 30-episode program “Rahmathuge Nabiyya” (The Prophet of Mercy) for the national broadcaster Television Maldives (TVM), presenting the life, character, and teachings of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) to strengthen spiritual awareness, moral values, and religious literacy across the nation.
- Utilized digital platforms and social media to disseminate religious guidance, address contemporary religious questions, and promote informed understanding of Islamic principles among wider audiences.
- Since 2011, has regularly served as an Imam leading congregational Friday and Eid prayers, providing spiritual leadership and religious instruction to the public. Led major congregational prayers during Ramadan, including Taraweeh prayers at the Islamic Centre in Malé and several mosques across the Maldives, as well as Tahajjud prayers during the last ten nights of Ramadan at the Islamic Centre, the largest mosque in the country, contributing to the spiritual engagement of large congregations during the holy month.
- Contributed to the preparation, drafting, review, and approval of national Friday sermons (Khutbah) delivered weekly across mosques throughout the Maldives, aimed at promoting Islamic values, ethical conduct, and religious awareness within the community. Authored over than 40 khutbahs addressing diverse theological, social, and ethical themes, including Islamic jurisprudence, moral integrity, social cohesion, public health, family values, national unity, and contemporary global issues affecting the Muslim Ummah.
- Initiated the translation of Friday Sermons into English and Bengali, improving inclusivity and accessibility for foreign Muslim residents in the Maldives as well as international audiences.
- Introduced the live broadcasting enhancement of English subtitle integration for Friday Sermons (29 August 2024) across television and digital platforms, including Facebook

and YouTube live streams, supporting wider comprehension and engagement through multilingual religious outreach.

- Conceptualized and implemented the “Risalah Program,” and launched the program on 03rd January 2024, a nationwide religious awareness framework designed to promote in-depth understanding of Islamic pillars, Prophetic traditions, and the lives of the Sahabah, targeting students, youth, women, educators, and the wider community, with emphasis on social harmony, peace, and civic responsibility.

- Initiated and institutionalized “The Message” Series,” a structured youth-focused religious awareness programme promoting Islamic values, ethical responsibility, and positive civic engagement, featuring monthly public lectures by distinguished international scholars to enhance informed religious understanding and global scholarly exchange.

- Initiated and led the publication of the Islamic scholarly magazine “Hidayathuge Ali” under the auspices of the Ministry of Islamic Affairs and Endowments, with the first edition released on 12 October 2012. The publication features scholarly articles and research-based writings by Maldivian Islamic scholars, covering key areas such as Qur’anic interpretation (Tafsir), Islamic jurisprudence (Fiqh), Hadith studies, Islamic ethics, and contemporary social and religious issues. The magazine is digitally archived and publicly accessible through the official website of the Ministry of Islamic Affairs and Endowments and preserved in Islamic libraries nationwide, thereby ensuring sustained access to Islamic scholarly resources. As of March 2026, a total of 31 editions has been published, reflecting a continued institutional commitment to promoting Islamic intellectual development and strengthening public understanding of Islamic teachings in the Maldives.

- Facilitated the enhancement of the Government of Maldives’ financial recognition scheme for Quran memorizers by increasing the monthly lifetime allowance for Hafiz from MVR 2,000 to MVR 4,000 in the year 2025 successfully achieving the Presidential pledge by the Government, strengthening national support mechanisms for religious scholarship and Quranic excellence.

- Facilitated opportunities for Hafiz of the Holy Quran to undertake Umrah pilgrimages as recognition of achievement and to encourage continued excellence in Quranic memorization.

- Introduced distance learning and E-learning programmes at the National Centre for the Holy Quran in the year 2012, expanding access to Quranic education through digital learning platforms and enabling wider participation across geographically dispersed communities.

- Led the initiative on 05th October 2014 and publication of “Mushaf Maaldif,” the first Quran Mushaf specifically prepared for the Maldives, implemented as a national initiative to provide every Maldivian citizen with a copy of the Holy Quran. The publication was designed to reflect Maldivian Islamic identity, incorporating artistic elements inspired by the historic Friday Mosque, including traditional craftsmanship motifs within its cover, internal illustrations, and layout, thereby preserving national heritage while standardizing Quranic publication. Funding for the project was secured through a national campaign supported by government-owned enterprises, private sector organizations, individual citizens. Moreover, the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD), Jeddah also contributed \$50,000 for this initiative.
- Donated a Braille edition of the Holy Quran to the National Centre for the Holy Quran, promoting inclusive access to Quranic learning and supporting visually impaired individuals in religious education.
- Drafted comprehensive legislative frameworks including the Hajj Bill and the Awqaf Bill, establishing regulatory foundations to strengthen governance, accountability, and sustainable management of pilgrimage services and Islamic endowments.
- Facilitated the establishment of a fully equipped Islamic Studio within the Ministry of Islamic Affairs in the year 2015, incorporating green-screen virtual production capabilities to develop and disseminate high-quality religious educational content. The studio produces structured religious awareness television programs distributed to registered national broadcasters and publishes digital content across official social media platforms, including Facebook, TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, and X, with targeted short-form media designed to engage youth audiences.
- Issued national religious Statement discouraging Maldivian youth from involvement in extremist and terrorist organizations, reinforcing principles of moderation, social stability, and responsible religious understanding.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS AT THE ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC COOPERATION (OIC)

- Served as Adviser at the Cabinet of the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), contributing to strategic policy discussions and institutional initiatives within one of the world's largest intergovernmental organizations representing 57 member states across the Muslim world.
- Served as In-Charge of the Voice of Wisdom Centre, overseeing program development, international outreach, and collaboration with scholars, researchers, and communication specialists to produce analytical content and policy-relevant discussions aimed at promoting Islamic moderation, coexistence, and intellectual resilience. Led the development of the "Voice of Wisdom Centre (Sawt Al-Hikma)", a strategic initiative of the OIC designed to promote balanced Islamic discourse, counter extremist narratives, and strengthen intellectual engagement on issues affecting Muslim societies. The Centre was established as a platform for scholarly dialogue, strategic communication, and research on contemporary ideological challenges facing Muslim communities globally.
- Led the implementation and publication of the book "Coexistence and Acquaintance in Islam: Simplified Concepts" (2022) as part of the International Islamic Encyclopedia of Tolerance, a multilingual scholarly initiative supervised by the Sawt Al-Hikma Center under the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). The project involved contributions from approximately fifty scholars and intellectuals across the Islamic world, and was developed to promote Islamic principles of tolerance, moderation, and balanced religious understanding. The publication presents accessible and scholarly perspectives grounded in Islamic teachings to counter extremism, terrorism, and radicalization, while providing Muslim youth and wider audiences with a clear and moderate Islamic narrative. The work was produced as a comprehensive reference resource in both print and digital formats to address contemporary misconceptions and strengthen intellectual discourse on coexistence in Islam.
- Supervised initiatives within the Dialogue and Communications Department of the OIC, contributing to international dialogue efforts aimed at strengthening intercultural understanding, peaceful coexistence, and constructive engagement between Muslim societies and the wider international community.
- Actively participated in international conferences, global policy forums, and academic dialogue platforms, representing the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and delivering

presentations on Islamic moderation, balanced religious discourse, and the role of Islamic institutions in addressing contemporary global challenges.

- Contributed to strengthening the global narrative on Islam as a religion of peace, tolerance, and intellectual tradition, while supporting OIC initiatives that promote dialogue, communication strategies, and scholarly engagement to counter misinformation and ideological extremism.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS AT ISLAMIC ORGANIZATION FOR CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION

- Founded and serves as President of the Islamic Organization for Culture and Civilization (IOCC), established on 21 September 2021 as an international educational and intellectual platform dedicated to promoting Islamic culture, scholarship, and civilizational dialogue. The organization aims to strengthen Islamic thought and knowledge dissemination, support youth education and leadership development, and foster collaboration with international academic and policy institutions to advance human development and intellectual engagement in the Maldives and beyond.

- Established IOCC Publisher and knowledge dissemination initiatives, producing scholarly publications and religious awareness books in collaboration with the IOCC Islamic Social Fund (IISF). Publications address contemporary Islamic thought, jurisprudence, and prophetic studies, including works such as Islamic Perspectives, Contemporary Jurisprudential Principles and Legal Perspectives Related to Zakat, Islahu Nizamul Zakat Fi Jumhooriyathul Maaldif, The Admissibility of DNA Evidence in Li ān Cases, DNA Fingerprinting and Its Impact on the Legal Rulings of Li ān, and The Prophetic Life (Sīrah) of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). All revenue generated from IOCC publications is allocated as Waqf to support educational and charitable initiatives.

- Promoted international academic collaboration and knowledge exchange, including donating IOCC publications to the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) Library, producing Islamic educational television programs, and actively participating in international conferences and scholarly forums to deliver lectures and engage in global discourse on Islamic civilization and contemporary issues.

- Established the IOCC Study Scholarship Scheme, offering financial assistance and academic support to qualified students seeking to pursue higher education in local and international universities, contributing to the development of future scholars and professionals committed to advancing Islamic knowledge and societal development.

- Launched the IOCC International Scholarship Initiative, facilitating opportunities for Maldivian students to pursue advanced higher education. In partnership with Jamiyyathu Rahma, the program awarded 11 PhD scholarships to Maldivian scholars at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) and Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) on 6 December 2022, strengthening national academic capacity in Islamic studies and related fields.
- Established the IOCC Islamic Social Fund, an independent Shariah-governed social finance mechanism supporting humanitarian and educational initiatives. The fund mobilizes resources through zakat, sadaqah, infaq, qard hasan, and cash waqf, ensuring transparent governance and adherence to Shariah principles in managing Islamic social finance instruments.
- Developed the IOCC Think Tank, a research and policy platform dedicated to producing academic publications, policy studies, and hosting conferences, seminars, and workshops. The Think Tank works closely with scholars, policymakers, and community leaders to bridge knowledge gaps on contemporary social and religious issues, including regular intellectual forums, discussions, and scholarly engagements.
- Established the IOCC Publication House, focusing on producing and distributing high-quality Islamic research and scholarly publications at accessible prices. The initiative provides a platform for academics and practitioners to publish research and contributes to strengthening intellectual discourse and public awareness on Islamic knowledge.
- Formed the IOCC Islamic Advisory Council, composed of distinguished Shariah scholars who provide authoritative religious guidance and advisory opinions to address emerging religious issues and support informed decision-making within the community.
- Created the Al-Quds and Al-Aqsa Mosque Awareness Special Unit, aimed at educating the public on the historical, religious, and geopolitical significance of Al-Quds and Al-Aqsa Mosque, promoting awareness and solidarity within the broader Muslim community.
- Produced educational television programs on Islamic themes, developing and overseeing media content aimed at enhancing religious awareness, strengthening understanding of Islamic teachings, and promoting ethical values among the wider community. These programs addressed a range of topics including Islamic jurisprudence, prophetic traditions, moral guidance, and contemporary issues affecting Muslim societies, contributing to accessible religious education through broadcast media.

- Represented the Islamic Organization for Culture and Civilization (IOCC) at international conferences and scholarly forums, delivering religious lectures and keynote presentations as a guest speaker. Through these engagements, contributed to global dialogue on Islamic scholarship, cultural exchange, and contemporary challenges facing the Muslim world, while strengthening academic and institutional collaboration between the Maldives and international Islamic institutions.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS AT ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF MALDIVES

- Served as Chairman of the Presidential Committee appointed by H.E. President Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom while serving as Minister of Islamic Affairs, leading the successful transformation of the College of Islamic Studies into the Islamic University of Maldives, officially established on 21 February 2014 as the first Islamic university in the country.

- Served as the founding Vice Chancellor (2015–2016) and later as Chancellor (2016–2018) of the Islamic University of Maldives (IUM). Provided strategic leadership in advancing and institutional strengthening of the IUM, enhancing its academic excellence, research capacity, international collaboration, and community engagement, while integrating Islamic scholarship with contemporary socio-economic and governance priorities at both national and international levels.

- Under the leadership of Dr. Shaheem and through a collaborative team-based approach, led the formulation and implementation of the inaugural Strategic Plan (2015–2020) and Action Plan (2015) of the Islamic University of Maldives (IUM), establishing the University's first comprehensive institutional planning framework. This initiative provided a strategic roadmap for academic excellence, research development, governance, quality assurance, international collaboration, and institutional growth, laying a strong foundation for the long-term development of the Maldives' first Islamic university.

- Led the formulation of the core governance framework of the IUM through IUM teamwork following its establishment, including the development of institutional policies, procedures, standard operating procedures, rules, and regulations required to operationalize and administer the University effectively. This initiative established a strong foundation for governance, academic administration, quality assurance, and institutional accountability during the University's formative years.

- Spearheaded the introduction and institutionalization of comprehensive Islamic Finance academic programmes, including Advanced Certificate in Islamic Finance,

Diploma in Islamic Finance, Bachelor of Islamic Banking and Finance, and Master's in Islamic Finance Practice, positioning IUM as the first higher education institution in the Maldives to offer structured Islamic Finance qualifications.

- Development and introduction of the first Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programmes in the Maldives in the field of Islamic Judicial Sciences and Legislative Policy, marking a historic milestone in the country's higher education system.

- Led the formation of a multidisciplinary academic development team at the Islamic University of Maldives, bringing together religious scholars and technical experts educated in Egypt, Malaysia, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Through collaborative leadership, the team formulated and introduced several contemporary degree and master's programmes, including Bachelor of Imamship and Local Governance, Master of Fiqh and Usul al-Fiqh, Master of Islamic Judicial Sciences and Shari'ah Policy, Master of Qirā'ath, Master of Islamic Revealed Knowledge, Leadership and Administration, Master of Aqidah and Islamic Thought, Master of Education in Leadership and Administration, and Master of Arts in Journalism and Media Communications, along with other Arabic and Islamic studies courses, strengthening academic specialization and professional capacity in fields relevant to modern Islamic service and governance.

- Introduced University Core modules across all levels, from Pre-University to Doctorate programmes, aligning institutional curricula with Islamic values, ethical frameworks, and national educational objectives.

- Initiated and established IUM Holdings Pvt Ltd in September 2017 as a strategic institutional enterprise designed to generate sustainable revenue for the Islamic University of Maldives (IUM). The company was structured with 99% ownership held by IUM and 1% by the IUM Student Union, creating a hybrid institutional holding model aimed at strengthening financial sustainability and reducing long-term dependence on state funding.

- Led the strategic planning and structuring of the IUM Sanabil Project, a major infrastructure initiative aimed at establishing the first tertiary education centre of the Islamic University of Maldives in Hulhumalé. The project involves the development of a purpose-built university facility located near Hulhumalé Central Park to expand access to higher education in Islamic studies and related disciplines. Dr. Shaheem also led the initiative to secure and acquire the land for the project, laying the foundational groundwork for its implementation.

- Led the publication of a special Arabic language teaching book series "Silsilathul Maaldif Li Thauleemul Luqathul Arabiyyah" (The Maldives Series for Teaching the Arabic Language) through the IUM in 2016 under Dr. Shaheem leadership and dedicated team of

IUM, adapted from the Yemen Institute for Arabic Language (YIAL) curriculum. 32 books out of the planned 43-book series were successfully published with funding from the Zakat Fund administered by the Ministry of Islamic Affairs. The series supported specialized Arabic language education through diploma-level pathways in Arabic for Diplomatic Purposes, Commercial Purposes, Media Purposes, Tourism Purposes, and Religious Purposes, strengthening Arabic proficiency and professional language capacity in the Maldives.

- Led the development of the Islamic University of Maldives' international academic cooperation framework by negotiating and concluding strategic Memorandum of Understanding with leading international institutions, including the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), the Islamic University of Madinah, the International Islamic University Islamabad, and the Apex Modern American University of Science and Technology. These partnerships strengthened global collaboration in academic exchange, joint research, curriculum development, faculty and student capacity-building, scholarly mobility, and the co-organization of international conferences and academic programmes, significantly enhancing the University's international profile and advancing Islamic higher education and scholarly excellence.
- Strengthened advanced Arabic language education at the Islamic University of Maldives by recruiting qualified professors from Arab countries to teach Arabic language courses within master's programmes for the first time at IUM.
- Initiated PhD scholarship programmes for lecturers at the IUM, enabling academic staff to pursue advanced doctoral studies and strengthen the university's research and teaching capacity.
- Established the largest Islamic Finance library in the Maldives at IUM, enhancing research capacity, academic resources, and industry-oriented scholarship in the field of Islamic Finance.
- Organized and led the International Conference on Islamic Awakening (ICIA 2016 and 2017) focused on sustainable and resilient growth of the Islamic Finance industry through innovation, leadership, and management, convening over 300 industry leaders, researchers, and academics to formulate strategic policy and development roadmaps; this followed the first-ever International Conference on Islamic Finance held in the Maldives.
- Dedicated a special issue of the multidisciplinary international journal Al-Manhaj to Islamic Finance research, strengthening academic dissemination, peer-reviewed scholarship, and evidence-based discourse in the sector.

- Contributed to the international recognition of IUM through leadership in Islamic Finance development, culminating in the University receiving the “Education Provider of the Year 2017” Silver Award at the Islamic Finance Forum of South Asia (IFFSA).
- Initiated and produced national religious awareness media programmes promoting moderation and countering extremism, including the 30-episode television series “Prophet of Mercy” and the 5-episode series “Ulul-Azm,” during Ramadan 1438H and 1439H, thereby strengthening public religious literacy and social cohesion.
- Led and institutionalized research-driven and community engagement initiatives at the Islamic University of Maldives (IUM) in strategic collaboration with the National Counter Terrorism Center (Maldives) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), contributing to evidence-based policy dialogue, capacity building, and national efforts toward preventing extremism and strengthening social resilience.
- IUM Earned formal recognition from the Maldives National Defence Force in 2018 for contributions toward promoting moderation, national security awareness, and counter-extremism initiatives

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS AT VILLA COLLEGE

- Served as a Part-Time Lecturer at the Faculty of Shariah and Islamic Studies, Villa College, contributing to higher education in Islamic studies through teaching, academic mentoring, and curriculum development aimed at strengthening scholarly engagement in Shariah disciplines.
- Served as the Founding Dean of the Faculty of Shariah and Law at Villa College, which was initially established as the Faculty of Shariah and Islamic Studies, playing a pivotal role in the institution’s formative stage and laying the foundation for structured Islamic higher education within the college.
- Provided strategic academic leadership during the early development of the faculty, contributing to the establishment of governance structures, academic standards, and institutional policies that strengthened the faculty’s academic credibility and reputation.
- Led the design and development of comprehensive academic programmes and course modules, overseeing curriculum formulation through extensive consultation with respected Islamic scholars and collaboration with reputable international Islamic universities to ensure academic quality, relevance, and alignment with global standards in Islamic education.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS AT AL-MADHEENA INVESTMENT PVT LTD

- Co-founded and served as Chairman and Director of Al-Madheena Investment Pvt. Ltd. which was established on 14th October 2021, an educational investment initiative established to promote quality education rooted in Islamic values and pedagogy in the Maldives. The organization was created with the vision of strengthening the national education landscape by integrating academic excellence with Islamic ethical principles, ensuring that education remains accessible and beneficial to learners regardless of age or gender.
- Provided strategic leadership in developing Islamic-oriented educational institutions under the organization's umbrella, including the ILM Institute for Islamic Studies in 2021, which focuses on higher and adult Islamic education, and Kokkomen Preschool in 2017, an early childhood education institution integrating foundational learning with Islamic moral development. Through this initiative, contributed to expanding structured Islamic education opportunities across different stages of learning.
- Advanced a long-term vision to establish a comprehensive Islamic education ecosystem, positioning Al-Madheena Investment to support institutions ranging from early childhood education to higher education and specialized Islamic studies, thereby strengthening human capital development and promoting Islamic values within the Maldivian education system.
- Founder and served as Chairman of Kokkomen Preschool as part of a broader vision to expand Islamic-based early childhood education institutions in the Maldives. Registered with the Ministry of Education in 2017, the institution provides a nurturing and academically stimulating learning environment for children aged 18 months to 6 years, integrating the national preschool curriculum with a specialized program on Islamic values and ethics. The preschool currently serves over 300 students, including a dedicated Quran Centre with more than 200 learners, emphasizing character development, moral values, and play-based learning. Led institutional development initiatives including the systemization of Islamic-integrated preschool curricula and educational book sets, strengthening parent engagement through technology-enabled communication, and facilitating international teacher capacity-building programs by sending educators to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Türkiye for professional training in early childhood and Islamic education.
- Led the initiative to develop Madina International School as part of a broader vision to expand Islamic educational services in the Maldives, establishing an institution designed

to integrate academic education with Islamic studies from pre-school to Grade 10, with English as the medium of instruction. The project includes a mosque within the school premises to support worship, Qur'anic learning, and Islamic character formation. The mosque groundbreaking ceremony was held on 5 March 2024, followed by the International Islamic School groundbreaking ceremony on 3 April 2026. Guided by a philosophy of building people before structures, the initiative emphasizes the inculcation of Islamic values, sound belief based on the Qur'an and the Sunnah, Qur'an and Arabic language education, and the development of leadership, competence, and moral character, with the aim of nurturing a balanced generation distinguished by strong Islamic identity, noble conduct, and personal resilience.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS AT ILM INSTITUTE FOR ISLAMIC STUDIES

- Founded the ILM Institute for Islamic Studies on 28th October 2021 to address the shortage of structured and advanced Islamic education in the Maldives, with a mission to strengthen academic specialization in key fields of Islamic knowledge including Qur'anic Sciences, Hadith Sciences, Islamic Jurisprudence (Fiqh), Islamic Theology (Aqidah), and Islamic Values. The Institute was established to deliver academically recognized programmes and contribute to the development of qualified Islamic scholars, educators, and community leaders in the Maldives.
- Promoted Arabic language proficiency as a strategic academic priority, recognizing Arabic as the essential medium for accessing the vast body of classical Islamic scholarship developed over fourteen centuries. The Institute introduced structured Arabic language programmes to help Maldivian students overcome linguistic barriers and gain direct access to primary Islamic sources and scholarly literature.
- Established a national Quran memorization initiative under the Institute's guidance, aimed at developing 100 qualified Huffāz while expanding broader Quran education programs. Currently, the initiative supports over 600 active Hafiz students in structured memorization programmes.
- Expanded institutional presence by establishing ILM Institute campuses in Malé City and Hulhumalé, strengthening access to Islamic education and scholarly development opportunities for students across the capital region.
- Developed and implemented a comprehensive range of Maldives Qualifications Authority (MQA) approved academic programmes to strengthen Islamic education and professional capacity in the Maldives. These include Certificate Level 1, Level 2, and

Level 3 in Arabic Language, along with a structured Arabic Language Programme for children aged 7–16 aimed at building early linguistic proficiency. In the field of Qur’anic studies, introduced Certificate Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 in Qirā’ath (Qur’an Recitation) alongside a specialized Hifz Development Programme to train 100 Huffāz. The institute also pioneered specialized professional education by introducing the first Diploma in Zakat Management and Sciences offered in the Maldives, as well as programmes such as Diploma in Imams and Mosque Management and Diploma in Arabic Language and Islamic Studies, creating structured academic pathways for Islamic scholarship, institutional leadership, and religious service administration.

- Led the academic design and formulation of curriculum frameworks and module outlines for Arabic language studies, Islamic studies programmes, Qirā’ath certification courses, Imam and mosque management training, and Zakat management specialization programmes, ensuring structured and academically robust course delivery.

- ILM Collaborated with the Islamic Organization for Culture and Civilization (IOCC) Think Tank to develop Islamic educational booksets for early childhood learning, designed for students from Nursery to UKG level. The first publication, the Baby Nursery Islamic Activity Book (released on 12 June 2022), was created to introduce foundational Islamic values through age-appropriate educational materials suitable for both schools and home learning environments. Facilitated nationwide accessibility of Islamic educational resources by ensuring the distribution of these educational materials at affordable prices to students in atolls and islands, supporting equitable access to early Islamic education and strengthening religious literacy from the foundational stages of learning.

- Led the development and publication of the Maldives' first comprehensive Islamic-integrated preschool book series through the ILM Institute for Islamic Studies, in collaboration with the Islamic Organization for Culture and Civilization (IOCC). Initiated in 2021 and officially launched on 4 July 2026, the project comprises 65 educational books covering Baby Nursery, Nursery, Lower Kindergarten (LKG), and Upper Kindergarten (UKG). Developed under Dr. Shaheem’s direct supervision, the series integrates the Maldives National Curriculum with Arabic Language, Islamic Values, and Ethics, providing a holistic early childhood education framework that promotes intellectual, moral, and spiritual development. The first 16 Baby Nursery books were officially launched, with the remaining 49 titles completed and prepared for publication, establishing the first preschool educational series of its kind in the Maldives.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS AT JAMIYYATHU RAHMA

- Co-Founded and serves as Advisor to Jamiyyathu Rahma, a humanitarian and educational non-governmental charitable organization established on 2 March 2015 and registered under Law No. 1/2003 with the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Republic of Maldives. The organization is recognized as a charitable institution by the Maldives Inland Revenue Authority (MIRA) and is internationally endorsed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait, enabling the organization to mobilize humanitarian and educational assistance initiatives in compliance with national regulations.
- Provided strategic leadership and advisory guidance in advancing the organization's mission of humanitarian service, educational development, and community empowerment. The organization focuses on supporting public welfare initiatives including the renovation and development of health centres, preschools, educational institutes, and schools, while also facilitating access to higher education opportunities, awareness programs, and academic research initiatives.
- Promoted Islamic knowledge dissemination through digital and print media, including the production and publication of Juz Amma recitation recordings (released on 21 August 2015) and distributed via digital platforms such as YouTube to enhance accessibility to Quranic learning resources.
- Led the publication and distribution of Islamic educational literature, including works on Islamic creed, prophetic traditions, and religious practices, such as *The Reality of Narratives Concerning the Marriages of the Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him)*, *The Creed of Ahl al-Sunnah wa al-Jamā'ah*, *The Obligation of Following the Sunnah*, *Derive Your Creed from the Qur'an and Sunnah*, *Learning How to Perform the Prayer*, and the Dhivehi translation of *Al-Aqeedah Al-Wasitiyyah* by Sheikh Muhammad Khalil Harras, thereby strengthening religious literacy and access to authentic Islamic scholarship within the Maldivian community.
- Led and supported the organization of the ILM Talk Conference, an international religious awareness program organized by Jamiyyathu Rahma, which hosted renowned Islamic scholar Mufti Ismail Menk in the Maldives to deliver public lectures aimed at strengthening Islamic knowledge, moral values, and spiritual awareness among the Maldivian community.

- Facilitated nationwide Ramadan humanitarian initiatives, including the distribution of Iftar meals across islands, providing support to vulnerable communities while promoting the spirit of compassion, charity, and social solidarity during the holy month.
- Established educational assistance programmes that provided financial support for university and college students, enabling access to higher education while also offering financial assistance for Quran classes and Quran competitions to promote Quranic learning and religious scholarship.
- Organized community-based religious, including mosque cleaning campaigns, aimed at fostering community engagement, social responsibility, and spiritual service within society.
- Implemented educational and awareness workshops, including the ILM Awareness Workshop, youth strategic planning workshops, and round-table discussions, designed to encourage intellectual dialogue, leadership development, and active youth participation in community development.
- Conducted professional development programmes for educators, including training sessions for teachers and lecturers, to strengthen instructional capacity and improve the quality of religious and academic education within the community.
- Developed specialized outreach programs for women and children, including “Ideal Muslimah”, a program focusing on Islamic values, character development, and empowerment of women, and “My Beloved Child,” a program designed to nurture Islamic values and ethical development among children.
- Launched the “Smile Campaign,” a humanitarian hospital visitation initiative aimed at providing emotional and social support to patients and their families, while promoting compassion, empathy, and community care as essential Islamic values.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS AT QIBLA HAJJ AND UMRAH PVT LTD

- Contributed to the development of Qibla Hajj and Umrah Pvt. Ltd. (Maldives), founded in 2019 as a licensed Umrah service provider registered with the Ministry of Islamic Affairs and Endowments of the Republic of Maldives and accredited as a Saudi Arabia, approved Umrah visa travel agent and IATA-recognized travel agency. The organization was established to facilitate structured pilgrimage services and provide religious guidance to Maldivian pilgrims undertaking Umrah.
- Served as Chief Adviser (2019) and later as Chairman and Director (2022), providing strategic direction and ensuring that pilgrimage services were conducted in accordance with Islamic principles and regulatory frameworks governing Hajj and Umrah operations.
- Provided religious leadership and guidance to Umrah pilgrims, including delivering lectures and conducting instructional sessions in Makkah and Madinah to educate pilgrims on the proper performance of Umrah rituals, spiritual preparation, and ethical conduct during pilgrimage.
- Authored an Umrah Dua Guidebook, a practical religious reference used by Maldivian pilgrims to perform Umrah rituals correctly. The booklet continues to be widely utilized by pilgrims as a guide for supplications and rituals throughout their pilgrimage journey.
- Led multiple Umrah delegations to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia between 2019 and 2023, serving as the religious leader for pilgrimage groups and providing continuous guidance, counseling, and educational sessions to ensure pilgrims could fulfill their religious obligations with clarity and spiritual understanding.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS AT H & S CONSULTANCY LAW FIRM LLP

- Served as Managing Partner for H & S Consultancy Law Firm LLP which was established on 31 October 2021, providing strategic leadership in strengthening the firm's capacity to deliver integrated legal, Sharia compliance, and business advisory services within the evolving commercial and regulatory environment of the Maldives.
- Led the institutional development and strategic direction of the firm, positioning it as a multidisciplinary consultancy capable of addressing complex legal, commercial, and ethical matters in accordance with national legal frameworks and Islamic principles.
- Facilitated collaboration between legal professionals and Sharia scholars, establishing a structured advisory platform to support local and international investors in navigating contractual obligations, regulatory compliance, and commercial dispute resolution.
- Strengthened the firm's professional advisory portfolio, overseeing the provision of services including legal consultancy, Sharia compliance advisory, business and management consultancy, project proposal development, and financial advisory support.
- Guided clients through various stages of business establishment and development, including company formation, preparation of legal and financial documentation, development of feasibility studies and project reports, and facilitation of financing arrangements with local and international financial institutions.
- Contributed to the expansion of the firm's professional reach beyond national borders, supporting international advisory services for clients requiring expertise in Islamic legal principles and ethical business practices.
- Promoted a vision of professional excellence and ethical legal practice, strengthening the legal and Sharia consultancy landscape in the Maldives and supporting responsible investment, regulatory compliance, and sustainable business development.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS AT DRSHAHEEM.COM

- Developed and launched the personal digital platform “DrShaheem.com” to serve as a centralized online repository for Islamic knowledge, scholarly contributions, and religious awareness initiatives. The platform was established to provide accessible religious content and educational resources to the public in a structured and organized manner.
- Curated and published scholarly Islamic articles and writings in both Dhivehi and Arabic languages, addressing various religious, social, and ethical topics to enhance public understanding of Islamic teachings and promote informed religious discourse.
- Digitally archived and disseminated religious publications and educational materials, including authored books, recorded Juz Amma recitations, and multimedia resources aimed at supporting Quranic learning and religious awareness among diverse audiences.
- Integrated multimedia educational resources, including photo and video galleries documenting religious initiatives, lectures, and community outreach programs, thereby strengthening public engagement and transparency regarding Islamic service initiatives.
- Utilized the platform as a digital outreach tool to promote Islamic scholarship, document ongoing initiatives, and make authentic religious resources widely accessible to local and international audiences through the website: <https://drshaheem.com/>

OTHER KEY CONTRIBUTIONS

- Served as an Imam leading congregational prayers at the Sheikh Abdul Aziz Ibn Baz Mosque (Islamic University of Madinah Mosque), demonstrating recognized proficiency in Qur’anic recitation (Tilawah). This role involved guiding congregational worship, and contributing to the promotion of disciplined Islamic practices within a respected academic and religious institution associated with the Islamic University of Madinah.
- Contributed to the advancement of Islamic finance in the Maldives through engagement in the establishment and development of Maldives Islamic Bank PLC (MIB), which commenced operations on 07th March 2011 as the country’s first and only fully-fledged Shariah-compliant banking institution. Supported institutional capacity-building efforts and facilitated development-oriented and humanitarian financing initiatives in alignment with Islamic financial principles.

- Founded and led Maaldif Group Pvt. Ltd., a marketing and public relations initiative established to promote the Maldives internationally, with a particular focus on the Arab and Gulf tourism markets. In 2020, launched a bilingual Arabic–English website named “Maaldif Online” digital platform dedicated to promoting Maldivian tourism, publishing Arabic-language tourism news, reports and content to strengthen the Maldives’ visibility among Arabic-speaking audiences. Through innovative use of social media, digital marketing strategies, and cross-cultural engagement, the initiative has supported tourism promotion, facilitated connections between international investors and local stakeholders, including start-ups and local councils and contributed to strengthening economic and cultural relations between the Maldives and the Arab world while enhancing global awareness of the Maldives as a premier tourism destination.
- Served as an Advisor to Avid College, providing strategic guidance on institutional development and the advancement of Islamic higher education programmes. Led the design and development of Islamic curriculum frameworks, including the formulation of the Master of Science in Islamic Judicial Practice programme, a specialized postgraduate programme aimed at strengthening professional competency in Islamic jurisprudence and judicial processes. Additionally served as a Part-Time Lecturer for the programme, delivering postgraduate-level instruction on Islamic legal reasoning, judicial procedures, and the application of Shariah principles within contemporary legal and institutional contexts.

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

- 2026 ● **"Zakat Nerumai Behumugai Amalukurane Gothuge Sharuee Asaasthakai Mingandu Thah" - Shari'ah Principles and Standards for the Collection and Distribution of Zakat 2026**
Chaired to compile the publication with extensive research on Zakat
Book Published by: Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Maldives
Language: Dhivehi
- 2024 ● **"Thanfeeze Nazarakun Islamee Shariathuge Maqsadhuthah" -An Applied Perspective on the Objectives of Islamic Shari'ah (Maqā'id al-Sharī'ah)**
Book Published by: Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Maldives
Language: Dhivehi
- 2023 ● **"Islamee Nazariyyathu" - Islamic Perspectives**
Book Published by: The Islamic Organization for Culture and Civilization (IOCC) – IOCC Publisher, Maldives
Language: Dhivehi
- 2022 ● **"Zakat aai Gulhey Zamanee Fiqhy Usoolthakai Qaanoonuge Thasa'vuru" - Contemporary Jurisprudential Principles and Legal Perspectives of Zakat**
Book Published by: The Islamic Organization for Culture and Civilization (IOCC) – IOCC Publisher, Maldives
Language: Dhivehi
- 2022 ● **"اصلاح نظام الزكاة في جمهورية المالديف – مشاكل وحلول" - Reform of the Zakat System in the Republic of Maldives - Problems & Solutions**
Book Published by: The Islamic Organization for Culture and Civilization (IOCC) – IOCC Publisher, Maldives
Language: Arabic
- 2022 ● **"Li'ān Mahsalaigai DNAge Huh'jiyyath" - The Admissibility of DNA Evidence in Li'ān Cases**
Book Published by: The Islamic Organization for Culture and Civilization (IOCC) – IOCC Publisher, Maldives
Language: Dhivehi

- 2022 ● **"البصمة الوراثية وأثرها على أحكام اللعان" - DNA Fingerprinting and Its Impact on the Legal Rulings of Li'ān**
Book Published by: The Islamic Organization for Culture and Civilization (IOCC) – IOCC Publisher, Maldives
Language: Arabic

- 2022 ● **"Nabee Kaleygefaanuge Hayaipulhun" - Life of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him)**
Book Published by: The Islamic Organization for Culture and Civilization (IOCC) – IOCC Publisher, Maldives
Language: Dhivehi

- 2019 - 2020 ● **Academic Research Articles**
Published by: Avas Website, Maldives
Language: Dhivehi

- 2019 ● **Umrah Dua Booklet**
Published by: Qibla Hajj and Umrah, Maldives
Language: Arabic and Dhivehi

- 2016 ● **"Malaikathunah Emanvun" - Belief in the Angels**
Book Published by: Rahma Research & Publication, Jamiyyathu Rahma, Maldives
Language: Dhivehi

- 2016 ● **"Allah Ah Shareeku Kurun" - Associating Partners with Allah (Shirk)**
Book Published by: Rahma Research & Publication, Jamiyyathu Rahma, Maldives
Language: Dhivehi

- 2016 ● **"Allah ge Eykauvanthakan" - The Oneness of Allah (Taw īd)**
Book Published by: Rahma Research & Publication, Jamiyyathu Rahma, Maldives
Language: Dhivehi

- 2015 ● **The Role of Women in Civilization**
Research Magazine by: LexisNexis, Shariah Law Reports, Malaysia
Language: English

- 2015 ● **The Philosophy of Jihad in Islam**
Research Magazine by: LexisNexis, Shariah Law Reports, Malaysia
Language: English

- 2012 ● ***"Islamee Nazarakun Aniyaverikan" - An Islamic Perspective on Violence***
Book Published by: Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Maldives
Language: Dhivehi

- 2010 ● ***"Islamee Tharubiyathu Dheyn Dhaskuramatho" - Pedagogical Approaches to Islamic Education***
Book Published by: Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Maldives
Language: Dhivehi

- 2010 ● ***"Dhuniyeygai Azaab Dheyvumakee Haqeeqathey Heyyeve" - Is Infliction of Worldly Punishment a Reality?***
Book Published by: Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Maldives
Language: Dhivehi

- 2010 ● ***"Dheeney Harukashi Hiyalai Sababu adhi Ekamuge Hallu" - Religious Extremist Ideology: Its Causes and Solutions***
Book Published by: Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Maldives
Language: Dhivehi

- 2010 ● ***"Islamdheenaki Terrorismge Dheeney Nun" - Islam Is Not a Religion of Terrorism***
Book Published by: Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Maldives
Language: Dhivehi

- 2010 ● ***"Dheeney Harukashi Visnun Mafhoomai Sababuthakai Hallu" - Religious Extremism: Conceptual Understanding, Causes, and Solutions***
Research Published by: Adhadhu News, Maldives
Language: Dhivehi

- 2009 ● ***"Sunnathuge Meezaanugai Qunut" - Qunūt in the Light of the Sunnah***
Book Published by: Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Maldives
Language: Dhivehi

- 2009 ● ***"Namadhugai Adu harukoh Bismikiyumakee Sunnatha Dhurugothey Heyyeve?" - Is the Audible Recitation of 'Bismillah' in Prayer Contrary to the Sunnah?***
Book Published by: Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Maldives
Language: Dhivehi

- 2008 • **"البصمة الوراثية وأثرها على أحكام اللعان" - DNA Fingerprinting and Its Impact on the Legal Rulings of Li'ān**
Research Published by: International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), Malaysia
Language: Arabic
- 2008 • **"Islam dheenai Democracy" - Islam and Democracy**
Book Published by: Novelty Press, Maldives
Language: Dhivehi
- 2006 • **"Lobuvethi U'khtu" - The Beloved Sister**
Book Published by: Novelty Press, Maldives
Language: Dhivehi
- 1998 • **"Fikuree Hangukama" - The Ideological Conflict**
Book Published by: Novelty Press, Maldives
Language: Dhivehi

SUPERVISED PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 • **"التعايش والتعارف في الإسلام : مفاهيم مبسطة" - Coexistence and Acquaintance in Islam: Simplified Concepts**
Published by: Sawt Al-Hikma, Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Language: Arabic

REVIEWED TRANSLATED PUBLICATIONS

- 2026 • **"Keerithi Quran Aai Sunnathuge Aliga Hajjaai Umrahge Alhukan Adhakurane Gothai Al-Masjid Al-Nabawi Ah Ziyaraikurun" - Performing the Acts of Worship of Hajj and Umrah, and Visiting Al-Masjid an-Nabawi, in Accordance with the Holy Qur'an and the Sunnah**
Written by The Council of Islamic Enlightenment in Hajj of Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Da'wah and Guidance of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Dhivehi Translation Published by: Ministry of Islamic Affairs and Endowments, Maldives
- 2026 • **"Al-Turuq al-Hukmiyyah fi al-Siyasah al-Shar'iyyah" - written by Imam Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyyah**
Dhivehi Translation Published by: Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Maldives

- 2026 • ***"Al-Siyasa al-Shar'iyya fi Islah al-Ra'i wa al-Ra'iyya"*** - written by Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah
Dhivehi Translation Published by: Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Maldives

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, FORUMS

- 2026 • **01st International Forum of Islamic Civilization**
Guest Speaker
The Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization under the auspices of H.E. Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan
- 2026 • **3rd International Summit of Religious Scholars 2026: Religious Leaders and Youth – Advancing Coexistence and Social Harmony**
Guest Speaker
Muslim World League under the auspices of the Honourable Dato' Seri Anwar Bin Ibrahim, the Prime Minister of the Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2026 • **Third edition of Umrah and Ziyarah Forum**
Al-Safwa Foundation of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Madinah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- 2025 • **5th Conference and Exhibition for Hajj and Umrah Services**
Ministry of Hajj and Umrah of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- 2025 • **Conference and Exhibition for Hajj and Umrah Services**
Ministry of Hajj and Umrah of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- 2025 • **International Conference on Girls Education in Muslim Communities: Challenges and Opportunities**
Muslim World League under the auspices of H.E. Mr. Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, the Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- 2025 • **Intra-Islamic Dialogue Conference on One Nation, Common Destiny**
Supreme Council of Islamic Affairs of Bahrain, in collaboration with Al-Azhar, the Muslim Council of Elders, Manama, Bahrain

- 2024 ● **15th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference**
Theme: Enhancing Unity and Solidarity through Dialogue for Sustainable Development
Special Envoy of H.E. President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu and Gave Statement
Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) General Secretariat, Banjul, Republic of the Gambia

- 2024 ● **2024 IsDB Group Annual Meeting**
Alternate Governor, IsDB
Islamic Development Bank Group, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

- 2024 ● **Preparatory Senior Officials Meetings for Extraordinary Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers to discuss the ongoing Israeli Aggression Against the Palestinian People**
Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) General Secretariat, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

- 2024 ● **Conference of Minister's of Endowments and Islamic Affairs on the Role of Ministries of Endowments and Islamic Affairs in Promoting the Principles of Moderation and consolidating the Values of Moderation**
Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Dawah and Guidance, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

- 2024 ● **46th session of the Supreme Council of the Muslim World League (MWL)**
Muslim World League, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

- 2024 ● **Conference and Exhibition for Hajj and Umrah Services**
Ministry of Hajj and Umrah of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

- 2023 ● **Lectured at 11th International Festival of Cultures and People's Guest Speaker**
Islamic University of Madinah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

- 2023 ● **The Terengganu International Summit 2023 - Comprehensiveness of Islam in Facing Global Challenges**
Guest Speaker: Approaches and Methodologies Required for Inviting People to Islam in the Contemporary Era
Terengganu State Government, Terengganu, Malaysia

- 2023 ● **The Saudi University Alumni from East Asia and Pacific Countries Forum**
Guest Speaker
Islamic University of Madinah in partnership with King Abdulaziz University and King Faisal University, Jakarta, Indonesia

- 2019 ● **International Conference on Intellectual Security and Countering Extremism**
Sawt Al-Hikma, Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), in Collaboration with the Federal Government of Somalia, Mogadishu, Somalia

- 2019 ● **International Forum on Islamic Philosophy on Tolerance**
Chair and Moderator
Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), in collaboration with The UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies (UAE), Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

- 2019 ● **International Conference on the Role of Education in the Prevention of Terrorism and Extremism**
Conference Chair
Sawt Al-Hikma, Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), in collaboration with the Naif Arab University for Security Sciences (NAUSS), Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

- 2018 ● **Third Arab-ASEAN International Conference on Re-Designing Higher Education 2018: Integrated University Performance Measurement and Comprehensive Quality**
International Islamic University Malaysia, in collaboration with the Association of Arab Universities, Jordan, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

- 2017 ● **Lecture on Islam is the Religion of Peace**
Guest Speaker
Aligarh Muslim University, Uttar Pradesh, India

- 2017 ● **Delivered Remarks on Islamic Reality and Contemporary Challenges**
Forum
Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Dawah and Guidance of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in collaboration with Sri Lanka Islamic Centre

- 2016 ● **The Fourth National Forum of the Qadiriyya Order**
The General Sheikhdome of the Qadiriyya Order in Algeria and All of Africa, Ouargla, Algeria

- 2016 ● **International Conference on Islamic Leadership and Management Delivered Remarks on Protection of Islamic Identity in the Maldives**
Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA), Brunei Darussalam
- 2016 ● **The International Conference on Islamic Awakening: Towards Diverse but Unified Societies (ICIA 2016)**
Panelist discussion on Extremism, Jihad and Terrorism
Islamic University of Maldives (IUM), Maldives
- 2016 ● **Lecture on Zakat Management System in the Maldives**
International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), Malaysia
- 2015 ● **Religious Scholars Symposium**
Keynote Speaker - Presented research paper on "Moderation of Islam in the Maldives"
Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Maldives
- 2015 ● **Conference on Role of Endowment in Islamic Civilization**
Keynote Speaker
Madinah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- 2015 ● **07th International Conference focused on the Role of Scientific Research and Manuscripts in Civilizational Edification**
Keynote Speaker
International Arees University, and the International Union of Universities, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2010 ● **Pacific Area Special Operations Conference 2010**
Special Operations Command Pacific (SOC PAC), Honolulu, Hawaii
- 2010 ● **30th International Scientific Session to Explain the Contents of the Amman Message**
Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, Amman, Jordan
- 2010 ● **International Negotiation discussions on Terrorism Issues**
London, United Kingdom
- 2010 ● **Workshop on Developing a National Security Framework for the Maldives**
Defence Institution Reform Initiative (DIRI), USA in collaboration with Maldives National Defence Force, Maldives

- 2010 ● **Symposium on Developing a National Security Framework for the Maldives**
Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) in Collaboration with Asia Pacific Centre for Security Studies (APCSS), Maldives
- 2009 ● **Lectured in Islamic International Forums**
Jordan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Libya, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh
- 2008 ● **Training Programme on Leadership and Planning**
Theme: Towards a leadership Model
World Assembly of Muslim Youth, Malaysia

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND PERMITS

- 2011 – Present ● **Permit to Serve as Imam to Lead Friday and Eid Prayers**
Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Maldives
- 2008 – Present ● **License to Legal Practice in Shariah Courts**
Department of Justice, Maldives
- 2005 – Present ● **License to Deliver Religious Lectures and Sermons in the Republic of Maldives**
Supreme Council of Islamic Affairs, Maldives
- 1998 – Present ● **Permit to Teach Islamic Studies and Religious Subjects**
Department of Public Examinations, Maldives

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- 2021 ● **Alumni Leadership Award (IIUM Tokoh Alumni Award)**
International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2022 ● **Alumni Leadership Award (Jaaizathulkhirreejeenahruhvaaadhu)**
Islamic University of Madinah, Madinah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Formally presented by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Governor of Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah Province, during a special ceremony held at the University

- 2010 - 2025 ● **Administrative Leadership Award – The 500 Most Influential Muslims**
The Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Centre, Amman, Jordan
- 1994 ● **Third Place in the 9th National Qur'an Competition under the 15-18 years age category for excellence in Qur'anic recitation from the Mus'haf**
Islamic Centre, Maldives
- 1993 ● **Second Place in the 5th Qur'an Competition in Qur'anic recitation from the Mus'haf**
Al Madhurasathul Arabiyyathul Islaamiyya, Maldives
- 1992 ● **First Place in the 7th National Qur'an Competition under the 12-18 years age category for excellence in Qur'anic recitation from the Mus'haf**
Islamic Centre, Maldives
- 1990 ● **First Place in the 5th National Qur'an Competition under the 7-12 years age category for Qur'anic recitation from the Mus'haf**
Islamic Centre, Maldives

REFERENCES

H.E. Dr. Mohamed Muizzu

*President of Republic of Maldives
(2023 – Present)*

H.E. Mr. Mohamed Nasheed

*Former President of Republic of Maldives
(2008 - 2012)*

H.E. Mr. Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom

*Former President of Republic of Maldives
(2013 – 2018)*

H.E. Uz. Maumoon Abdul Gayoom

*Former President of Republic of Maldives
(2013 – 2018)*

H.E. Dr. Mohamed Waheed Hassan Manik

*Former President of Republic of Maldives
(2012 - 2013)*

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Human Sciences, International Islamic
University Malaysia (IIUM), Malaysia*