

Amjad Abdulla Brief CV.

Mr. Amjad Abdulla is the Head of Partnerships at International Renewable Energy Agency. He has worked extensively both domestically and internationally on climate change, renewable energy and sustainable development over 25 years.

Before joining IRENA, he was the Director General climate change & Energy of Maldives, Chief Negotiator for Alliance of Small Island Developing States (AOSIS) 2015-2018, Chair of LDC group, 2006-2008 and, where he spear headed number of initiative for LDCs and SIDS on Climate change and renewable energy. Currently he also serves as the Vice-Chair Working Group III of IPCC and a member of IPCC Bureau for Sixth Assessment of IPCC and served as Vice-Chair of Working Group II of IPCC and a member of IPCC Bureau for Fifth Assessment of IPCC from 2008 to 2015.

Mr. Abdulla has also served at various Boards, Committees both locally and internationally, including: Bureau Member of IPCC in AR6, and in AR5, Member (Alt) of GCF board (2015-2018), Member of Adaptation Committee (2011-2012), Member of CDM Executive Board (2012 to current) and member of Meth Panel, Member of the Adaptation Fund Board (2007-2011) Chair of Projects and Programmes Committee of Adaptation Fund Board (2009-2010), Chair and Vice-Chair of SBSTA (2004-2006), a member of Enforcement Branch of Kyoto Compliance Committee (2006-2008).

He has also worked as the lead negotiator of Maldives climate change team since 2000 and had represented the Maldives at a number of international conferences including the negotiation to review the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and the Mauritius International meeting in 2005, as well as Rio+20 in June 2012. He has also lead different agenda items in relation to finance, technology transfer and adaptation on the UNFCCC negotiations for the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), LDC's and the G77 and China. He was also the chief negotiator for the Alliance of Small Island Developing States for the Paris Agreement.

He was also a member of the presidents Advisory Council for Climate Change from April 2009 to 2020 and a member of National Commission for the Protection of the Environment (NCPE) from 2003 to 2012 and is also a member of number of task force, committees appointed by the president to develop the strategic plans and policies on environment and development for the government of Maldives.

He has also coordinated and managed several donor assisted projects at the Maldives Ministry of Environment including: the Integrated Climate Change Strategy project which includes; the Integrating Climate Change Risks into Resilient Island Planning In the Maldives as well as Increasing Climate Resilience through an Integrated Water Resource Management Programme in selected islands; Second National Communications to UNFCCC by UNEP/GEF, Scaling up Renewable Energy Programme (SREP); Technology Needs Assessment (TNA), National Adaptation Plan of Action (NAPA) and National Capacity Self Assessment (NCSA), Renewable Energy Development and Technology Application Project implemented by the UNDP and funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Other major projects amongst others are: post tsunami Reconstruction and Rehabilitation programmes, National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS), 3rd National Environment Action (NEAP 3) by UNEP.

Mr. Abdulla is also the author and contributing author to several reports of high international and national significance including the reports of IPCC; Contributing Author, Summary for Policy Makers (SMP) IPCC WGIII of 6th Assessment Report on Climate Change Mitigation 2022; Review Editor, Chapter 16, Investment and Finance on Climate Change WGIII, AR6, 2022,; Review Editor, Ch 4, Strengthening and Implementing the Global Response, IPCC Special Report on Global Warming to 1.5 Degree, 2018; Lead Author, 2nd National Communication of Maldives to UNFCCC, 2015; Coordinating Lead Author,

Maldives Climate Change Policy Framework, 2014; Contributing Author, IPCC Special Report on Managing the Risks of Extreme Events & Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation 2011; Review Editor, IPCC Special Report on Renewable Energy Potentials and Climate Change Mitigation, May 2011; Contributing Author, Maldives Energy Policy 2011.

He has over twenty five years of experience in the development, climate change, renewable energy, disaster risk reduction and environmental management areas and extensive international exposure. He has an honors degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Brighton in 2006, UK and MSc, in Environmental Science, Policy and Planning from the University of Bath 2000, UK. His areas of interests and specialty are Climate Change and renewable energy, environmental economics, Environmental Planning, sustainable development.