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MALDIVES EXPO2026

Future Maldives · Innovation, Creativity & Global Connections

23–31 October 2026 • Hulhumalé Central Park

Organised by the Business Center Corporation • Ministry of Economic Development & Trade



THE MALDIVES' LARGEST NATIONAL EXHIBITION

# Maldives Expo 2026

Maldives Expo 2026 will be the Maldives' largest national exhibition and international showcase of innovation, culture, business and tourism. Building on the success of Expo 2025, it expands its scope to position the Maldives as a regional hub for entrepreneurship, creative industries, digital innovation and the visitor economy.

A national platform where government, private sector, creators, international partners and communities converge to showcase achievements, build partnerships and explore future opportunities.

THEME

**Future Maldives**

VENUE

**Hulhumalé Central Park**

DATES

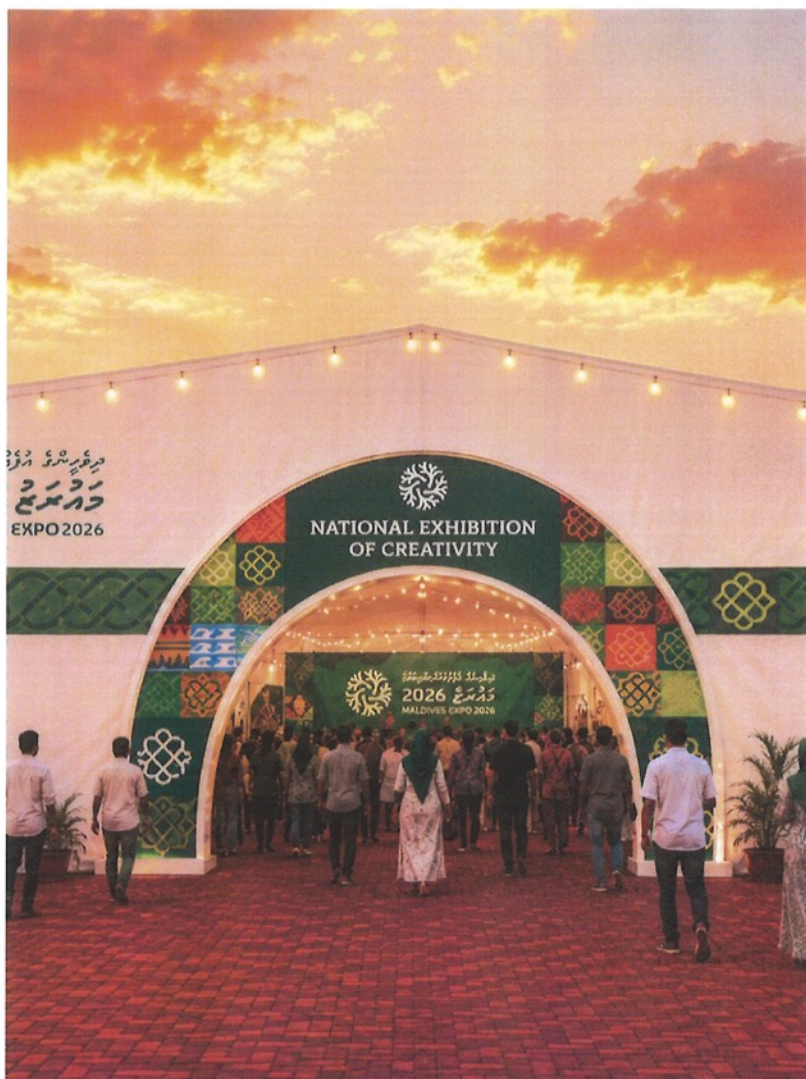
**23–31 Oct 2026**

DURATION

**9 Days**

VISITORS

**150,000**



## WHY IT MATTERS

# Vision & Legacy

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- 01** Showcase national creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship
- 02** Promote Maldivian culture, craftsmanship and heritage
- 03** Strengthen the creative economy ecosystem
- 04** Promote diversification and island experiences
- 05** Provide a commercial platform for MSMEs and startups
- 06** Create international partnerships and investment opportunities

## PARTICIPATION

### Business

Local companies, MSMEs and startups

### National

Government agencies, councils and educational institutions

### International

Foreign governments, trade missions and global brands

## LEGACY PLAN

- Strengthening the creative economy ecosystem
- Promoting Maldivian brands and MSMEs
- Expanding international trade connections
- Enhancing tourism diversification
- Creating a recurring national innovation platform

## THE MASTER PLAN

# One Expo, Seven Districts

Maldives Expo 2026 unfolds across seven themed districts at Hulhumalé Central Park, each an immersive world of its own — arranged around a central stage and a lively marketplace spine.

- 01 National Exhibition of Creativity
- 02 Creative Economy District
- 03 Digital & Innovation District
- 04 Tourism & Visitor Economy District
- 05 International Exhibitors District
- 06 Entertainment District
- 07 Marketplace District

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## DISTRICT 01 OF 07

This district highlights the best of Maldivian ingenuity, craftsmanship, and innovation from across the country. Participants from all atolls showcase their work in a national exhibition format.

## Fisheries &amp; Marine Innovation

## Agriculture & Food Production

## Sustainable Island Solutions

Transport &amp; Infrastructure

### Local Manufacturing

Information Technology

### Traditional Craftsmanship

Community Innovation

### National innovation competition

### Creative awards ceremony

### Traditional craft demonstrations

## Youth innovation showcases



# 02

DISTRICT 02 OF 07

## Creative Economy District

A vibrant hub for artists, creators, filmmakers, designers, and content creators to showcase their work and collaborate.

### EXHIBITOR CATEGORIES

Arts & Crafts

Film & Animation

Photography & Videography

Music Production

Fashion & Design

Digital Content Creation

Literature & Publishing

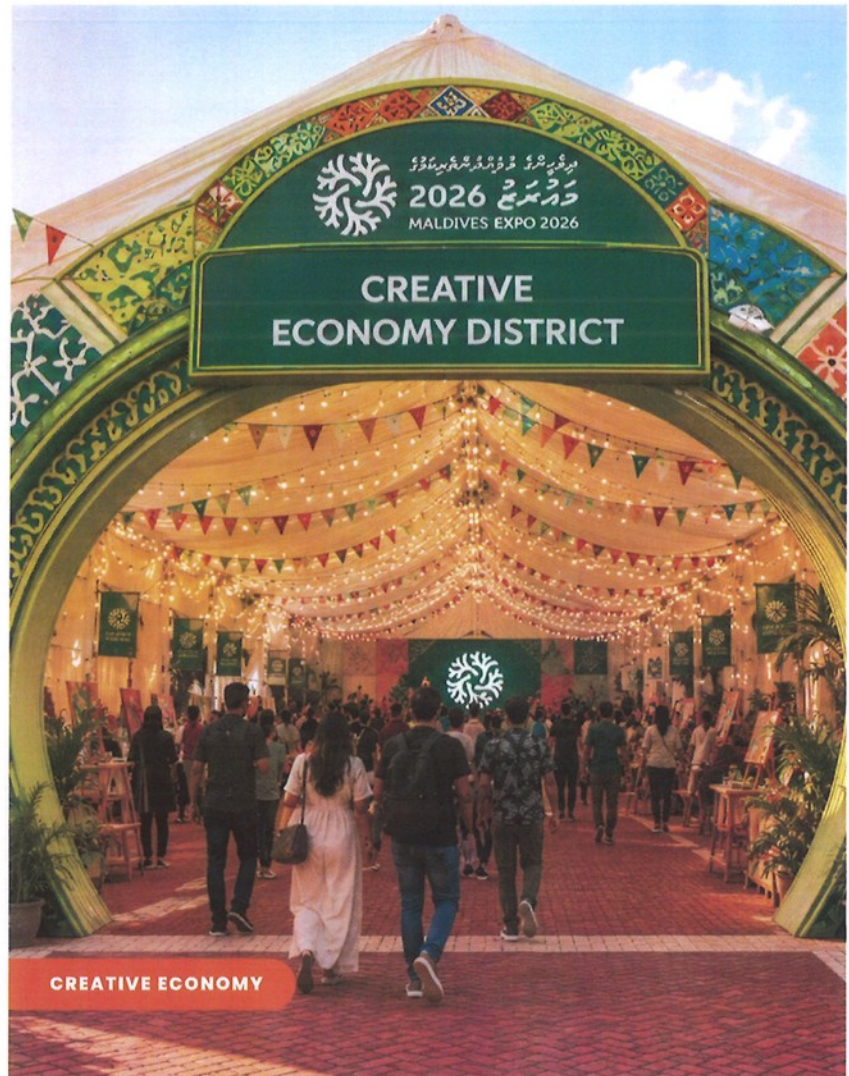
### KEY FEATURES

#### Creator Stage

Live performances, poetry readings & creative talks

#### Creator Studios

Makeup & fashion demos, photography sets, content spaces



# 03

DISTRICT 03 OF 07

## Digital & Innovation District

This district showcases emerging technologies and digital solutions shaping the Maldives' future — a glimpse into the horizon of what island innovation can become.

### EXHIBITOR CATEGORIES

- Artificial Intelligence
- Software & Apps
- FinTech
- Smart Island Technologies
- Engineering & Robotics
- Digital Government Solutions

### KEY FEATURES

#### Innovation Lab

Hands-on demonstrations of digital platforms and tools

#### Startup Pavilion

Dedicated space for startups and early-stage innovators

#### Technology Demonstration Stage

Live demos of new applications, platforms and hardware



# 04

DISTRICT 04 OF 07

## Tourism & Visitor Economy District

One of the new flagship districts of Maldives Expo 2026, highlighting the Maldives' global tourism leadership and emerging visitor-economy opportunities.

### PARTICIPANTS

Resorts & Hotel Brands

Guesthouses

Liveaboards

Tourism Service Providers

Airlines & Travel Partners

Destination Management

Island Tourism Councils

### KEY FEATURES

#### Island Experience Pavilion

Interactive displays representing different islands and atolls

#### Resort Brand Showcases

Experiences, sustainability initiatives & investment

#### Visitor Economy Forum & Travel Marketplace

Tourism deals, packages and destination promotions



# 05

DISTRICT 05 OF 07

## International Exhibitors District

A dedicated zone designed to attract foreign governments, companies, and global brands – transforming Maldives Expo into a regional trade and cultural exchange platform.

### PARTICIPANTS

Foreign Country Pavilions

International Technology Companies

Trade Missions

Global Creative Industry Players

International Tourism Boards

### KEY FEATURES

#### Country Pavilions

Culture, technology, investment & business promotion

#### International Business Lounge

Networking for investors, entrepreneurs & trade reps

#### Global Innovation Showcase

Presentations from international tech firms & startups



INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITORS

# 06

DISTRICT 06 OF 07

## Entertainment District

The central entertainment hub of the Expo, providing immersive cultural and entertainment experiences throughout all open hours.

### MAIN PERFORMANCE STAGE

Music Concerts

Dance Performances

Cultural Shows

International Performances

Stage Dramas

Film Screenings

Literary Performances

### INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT

VR Gaming & Digital Entertainment

Escape Rooms

Family Entertainment Attractions

Horror House



# 07

DISTRICT 07 OF 07

## Marketplace District

The commercial heart of the Expo, where visitors can shop, dine, and experience Maldivian entrepreneurship along a lively street of back-to-back stalls.

### EXHIBITOR CATEGORIES

Food & Beverage

Fashion & Accessories

Arts & Crafts

Lifestyle Products

Home & Design

Local Brands

### KEY FEATURES

#### Culinary Pavilion

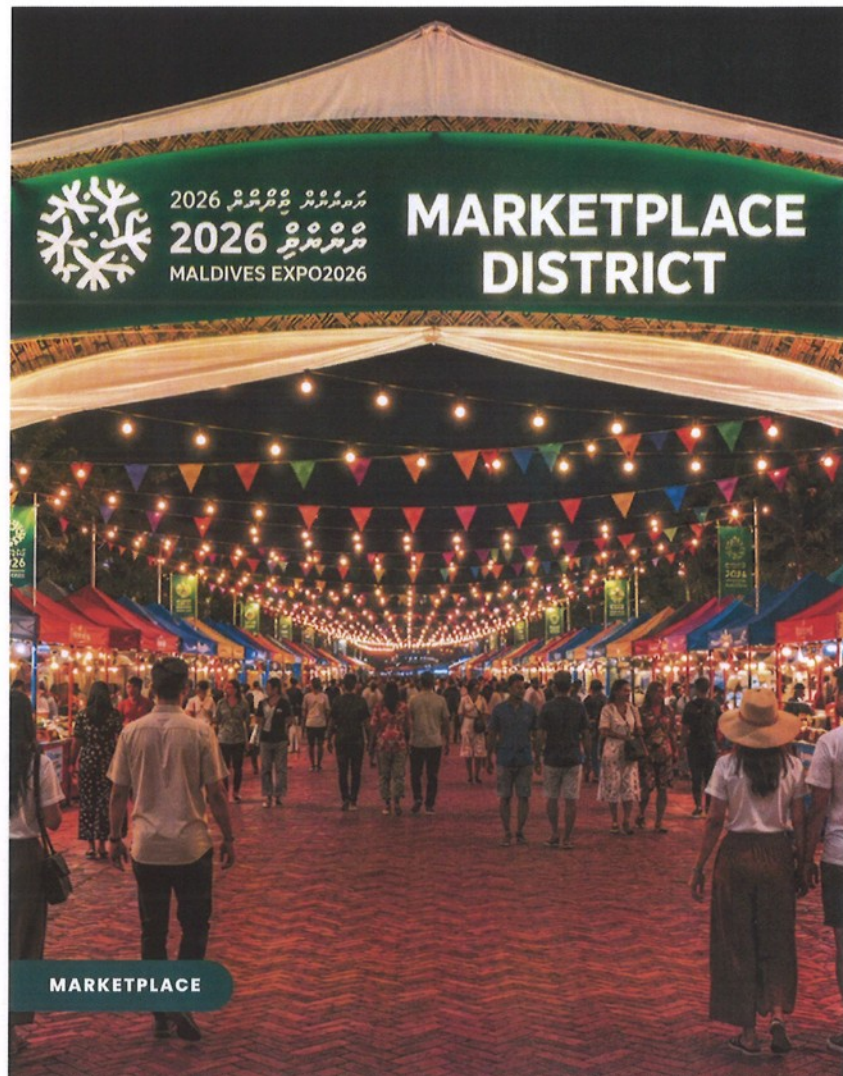
Live cooking demonstrations and chef showcases

#### Product Launch Stage

New product launches and brand presentations

#### Food Street

Traditional Maldivian cuisine and international offerings



THROUGHOUT THE NINE DAYS

## Activities & Attractions

Beyond the seven districts, Maldives Expo 2026 comes alive with island traditions, youth culture and family attractions running across the full length of the Expo.

### SIGNATURE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

**Boduberu Competition**  
Traditional drumming & dance

**Cultural Performance Competition**  
Folk music & heritage acts

**Bodumas Dhuvvu**  
Maldivian fishing heritage

**Bashi Competition**  
Traditional women's game

### GAMING & YOUTH CULTURE

**Kids Gaming Zone**  
Play area for children

**E-gaming**  
Competitive video-game arena

**Cosplay Fiesta Day Challenge**  
Costume & character showcase

### FEATURED ATTRACTIONS

**Drone Car**  
Next-generation mobility demo

**EV Vessels**  
Electric marine vessels

**Food Trucks**  
Street food & local flavours



COMPETE & PLAY

# Sports & Tournaments

From the beach court to the chessboard, Expo 2026 hosts a full slate of tournaments and races open to teams and individuals from across the atolls.

TOURNAMENTS & RACES

- **Beach Handball Tournament**  
On the beach court
  - **Chess Competition**  
Strategy tournament
  - **Jetski Race**  
Watercraft racing
- **Basketball Tournament**  
Open-court competition
  - **Carrom Competition**  
Classic board contest
  - **Bicycle Race**  
Community cycling race





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