

## **Bio data – Ilyas Ahmed, Maldives**



Ilyas Ahmed is the Chief Executive of the Communications Authority of Maldives. Prior to this he was the Deputy Director General at the Telecommunications Authority of Maldives, where he headed the Department for Telecom Development, International Coordination and Technical Regulation. Mr. Ahmed holds an MSc in Operational Telecommunications from Coventry University UK, and

BEng in Information and Electronics from Curtin University of Australia.

Upon completion of his Postgraduate Degree in 2001, he joined the Telecommunications Department of the Ministry of Communication, Science & Technology in 2002. Since then he has been heavily involved in the activities to restructure and develop the country's telecommunication sector. Prior to this, he has worked for the national telecommunications company Dhiraagu, as the Product Manager Mobile. He was a key member of the team that introduced GSM mobile services to the country.

Mr. Ahmed has over 25 years of experience in the field of communications. With his extensive knowledge of ICT, he has worked in many development initiatives of the country, including the formulation of the "National Broadband Policy 2014-2018". Mr. Ahmed has also attended and actively participated in a number of regional and international events and conferences on ICT. He has delivered key note addresses and chaired meeting sessions at many international conferences. Mr. Ahmed was the Chairman of the South Asian Telecommunications Regulators' Council (SATRC) in 2013. He was also one of the Vice Chairman of the Management Committee of the Asia Pacific Tele-community (APT) from 2011 to 2014. At present Mr. Ahmed is the Chairman of the Management Committee of APT.

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