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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

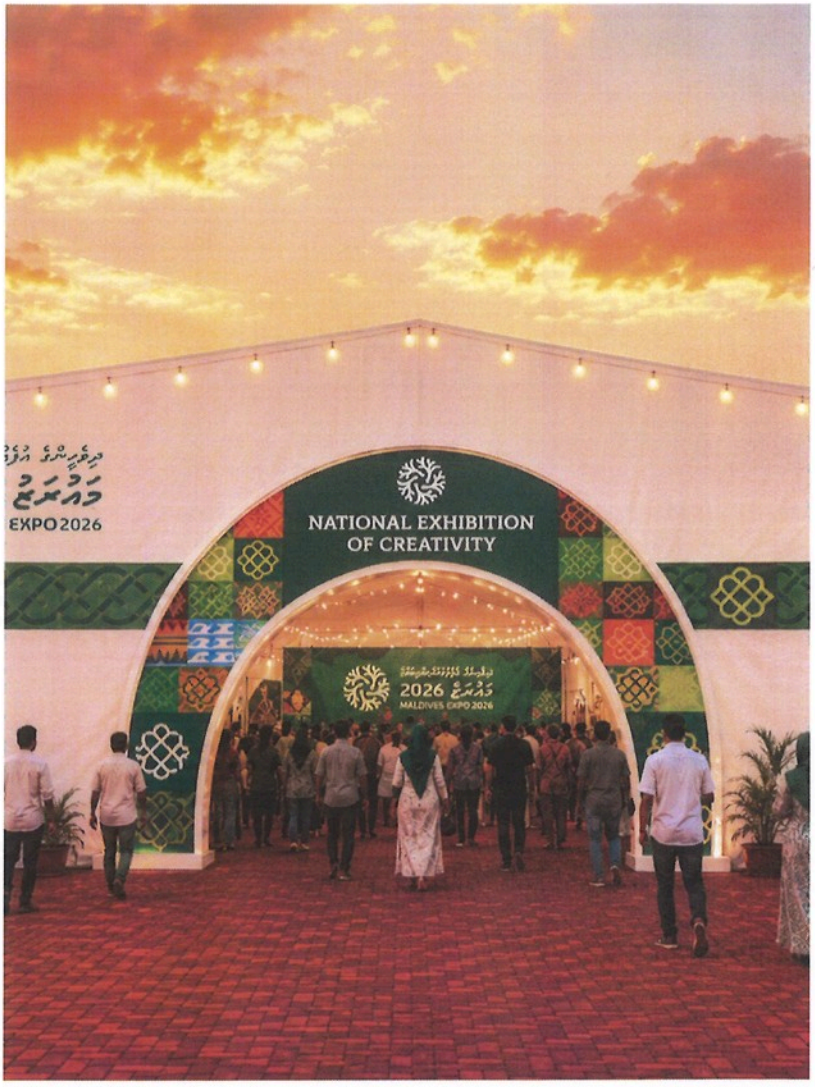
Maldives Expo 2026

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	VENUE
Future Maldives	**Hulhumalé Central Park**

DATES	DURATION	VISITORS
23–31 Oct 2026	**9 Days**	**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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01

DISTRICT 01 OF 07

National Exhibition of Creativity

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.

KEY CATEGORIES

- Fisheries & Marine Innovation
- Agriculture & Food Production
- Sustainable Island Solutions
- Transport & Infrastructure
- Local Manufacturing
- Information Technology
- Traditional Craftsmanship
- Community Innovation

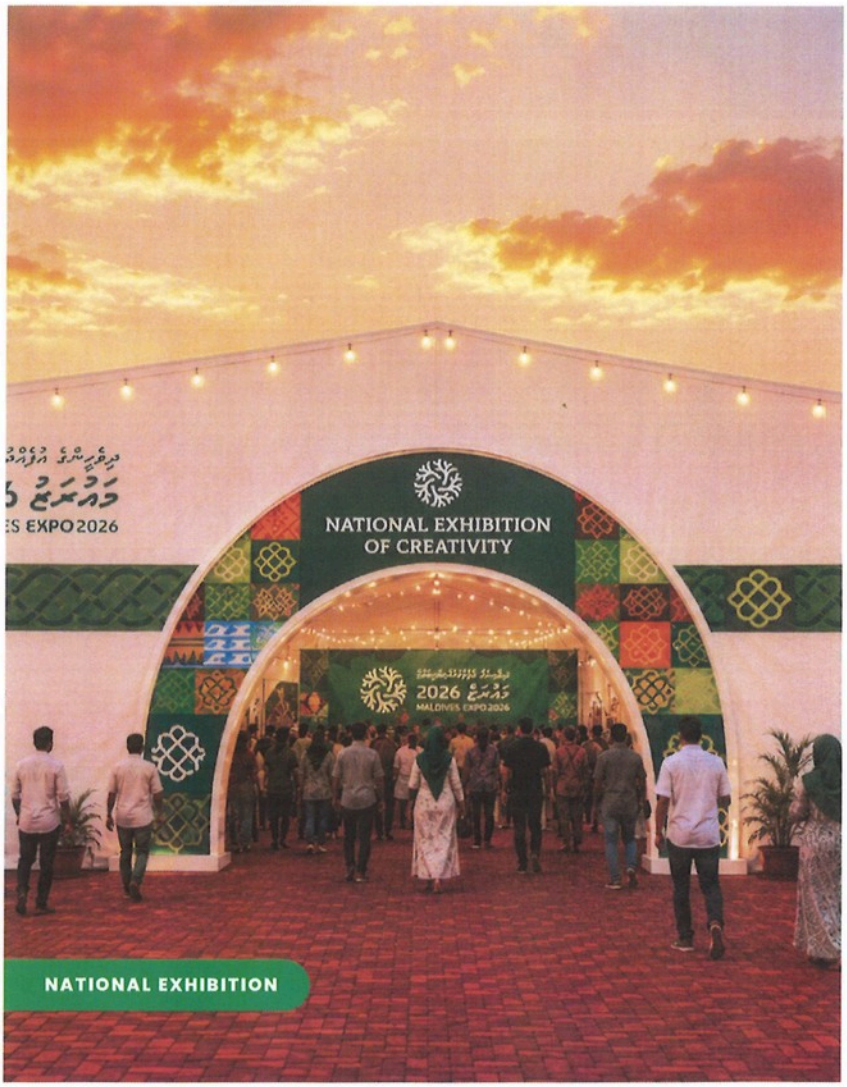
KEY ACTIVITIES

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.

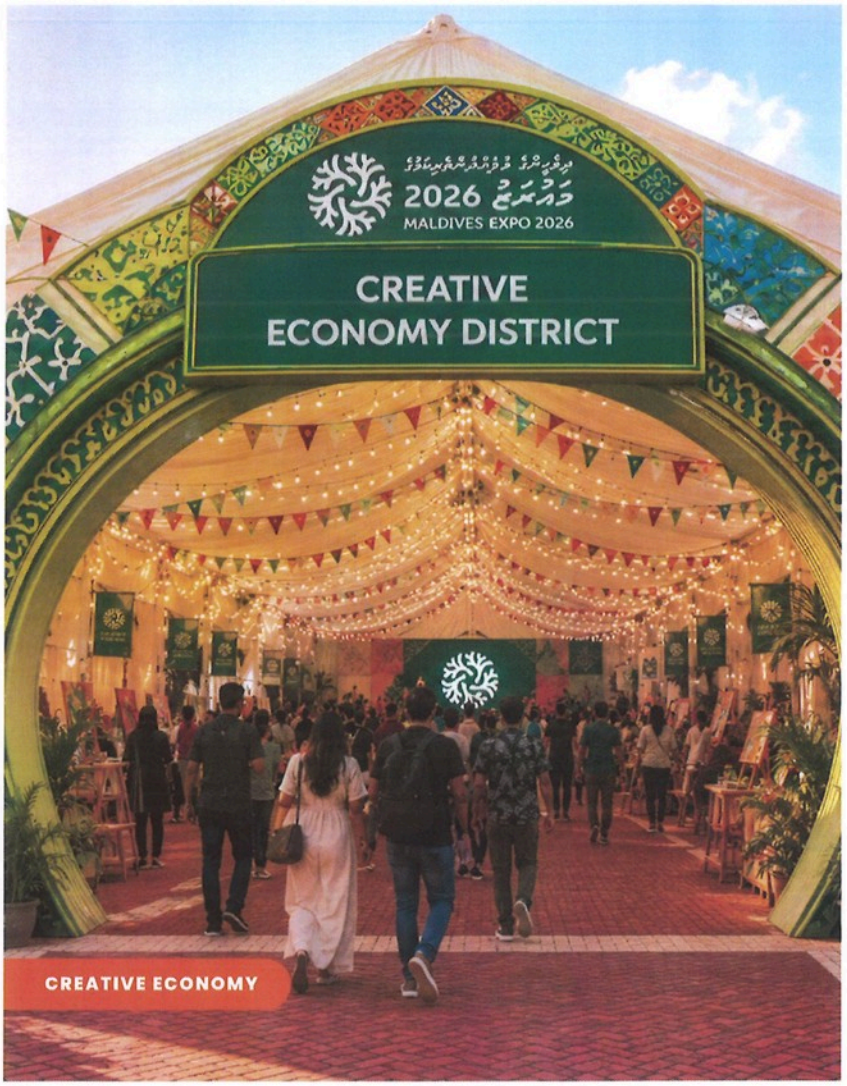
EXHIBITOR CATEGORIES

- 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

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

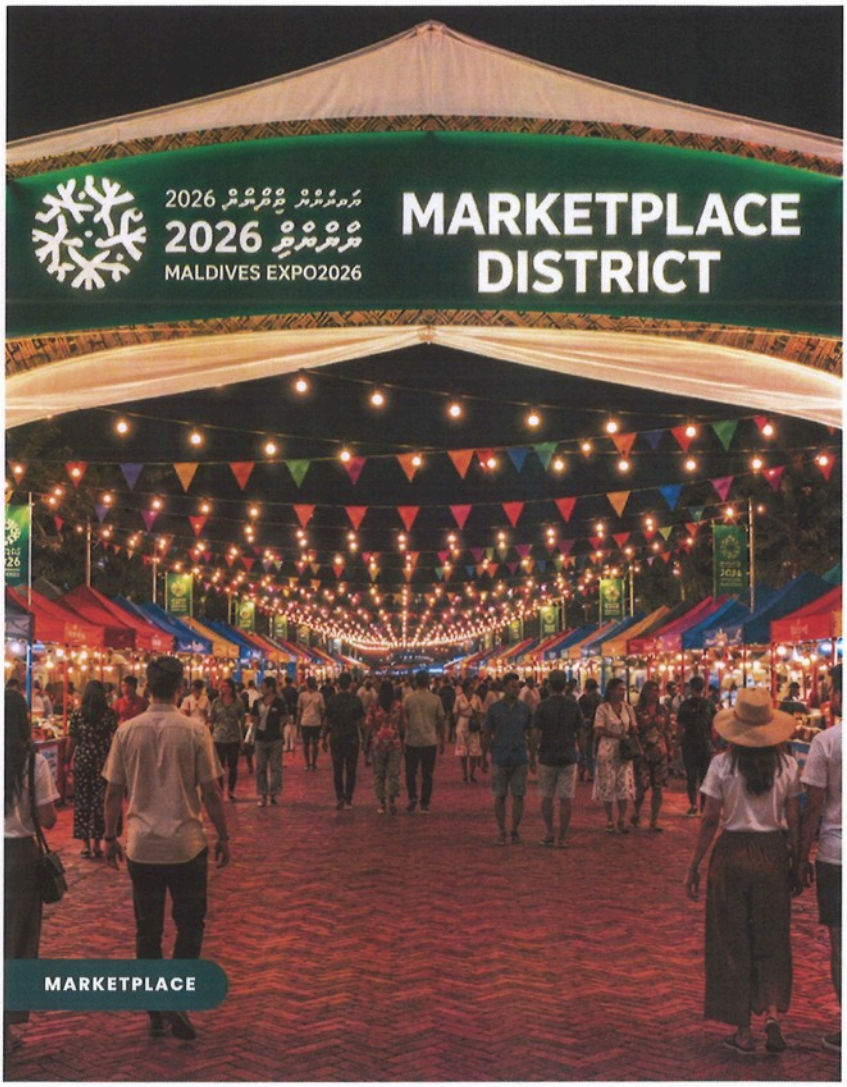
- Food & Beverage
- Fashion & Accessories
- Arts & Crafts
- Lifestyle Products
- Home & Design
- Local Brands

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

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