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**Comments from Transparency International on SREP Investment Plan for
Maldives**

Dear all,
Please find comments on the Maldives IP,
Thank you for the continued support.
Regards

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Comments and questions to the Maldives IP from civil society observer Transparency international Kenya

Transparency international Kenya would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit our questions and comments in writing to the Maldives investment plan (IP) (as agreed in the SREP Sub Committee meeting 31st October).

We recognize the good proposal presented in The IP for the Maldives. We would like to raise the following questions and comments and are looking forward to your written response and hope to see our input reflected in further work and in the detailed project/investment proposals:

Comments and questions

Governance of SREP in the Maldives

The Investment Plan, include island councils and accountability lines between Finance Ministry (finance coordination agency) and Environment Ministry (implementing agency). The investment however does not elaborate the exact functions, roles and responsibilities of each entity. We would appreciate the clarity in the distinct roles of these two institutions.

The IP mentions that once Maldives Green Fund is established, it will take up the activities of SREP, we welcome more information on the role of the Green fund particularly with projects implementation, climate funds management (funds addressing RE as well as other climate affected sectors in the country) and engagement with the private sector.

While appreciating the use of MDBs financial procedures in executing SREP projects, Clear financial accountability if included in the institutional governance structure, including regular reporting, independent (internal or external) and auditing would enhance transparency in implementation of the IP. Civil society stakeholders call for inclusion of the Office of Projects and Programmes (which does monitoring of projects in the Maldives).

Comments on the consultation process

civil society stakeholders appreciates efforts of the Maldives government in publishing of the draft I P on the website, we call for consistency in the mode and maintenance of one website as well as called for publishing of the most current IP and future documents on the programme to facilitate for meaningful engagement.

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