UNDP ACCELERATOR LABS

Launched in 2019, the Accelerator Labs Network is UNDP’s new service offering that works with people, governments, the private sector and other partners to reimagine development for the 21st century.

Accelerator Labs create actionable intelligence, test solutions with national partners, accelerating learning about what works and what doesn’t in development so that we can get faster results on the ground.

Whether it’s using satellite data to understand the impacts of climate change on agriculture or using seaweed as an alternative to single-use plastic, the labs are investigating many fresh and fast ways to make effective change around the world.

Accelerator Labs are in 90 locations supporting 114 countries. The Maldives Accelerator Lab was launched in 2020.
Embedded within the UNDP Maldives Country Office, the Maldives Accelerator Lab will:

**Explore, test, and grow solutions for sustainable development** in the country and **co-design with partners** new approaches to address development problems, unleashing the power of **collective intelligence, local innovations and experimentation**.

The Maldives Accelerator Lab brings with it **global knowledge, experiences and methodologies**, and supports the contextualized application of these to help the country address its many frontier challenges starting from the future of work to the future of the tourism industry.

**Sense-Making:**
**what is on the horizon?**
Together with partners, the Lab will analyze, in almost real-time, local challenges to identify connections and patterns to anticipate new avenues of work.

**Collective Intelligence:**
**leveraging the power of the crowd**
The Lab will use collective intelligence to support partners better understand facts and ideas, develop new solutions, promote more inclusive decision-making, and provide better insight.

**Designing and Testing:**
**learning by doing**
The Lab will simultaneously test approaches to tackle an incredibly complex development problem. This systematic process allows learning to happen in weeks or months rather than years.

**Solutions Mapping:**
**what are the local solutions?**
Together with local partners, the Lab will identify grassroots solutions by local innovators and stretch their potential to accelerate development.
GET INVOLVED

PARTNERSHIPS ARE AT THE HEART OF THE UNDP MALDIVES ACCELERATOR LAB

We’re always looking for partners to join us in investing and contributing knowledge to this effort.

They provide strategic advice, expertise and resourcing for the Lab. They extend the capabilities, reach and impact of the Lab. Our partners also benefit from insights into emergent demands around complex development challenges.

If you would like to collaborate with us, please email us at: acclab.mv@undp.org

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OUR TEAM

FERNANDO GALINDO

INNOVATION, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT LEAD

Committed to achieving the SDG agenda, supporting countries and public institutions in doing development differently. UNDP's NEXTGEN of thinkers and doers since 2012. Background in Social Sciences. Master's degree in International Cooperation, and Master's degree in International relations. Foresight, sense-making, policy-analysis, organizational learning, and design thinking.

FATHIMATH LAHFA

HEAD OF EXPLORATION

Academic background in Public Policy with multi-disciplinary experience in education, social protection, civil service performance and international relations. Passionate about 'exploring' the complex and cross-cutting development challenges facing our communities today. Committed to building impactful partnerships and utilize our collective intelligence to make sense of these problems so we may accelerate solving them.

KHADEEJA HAMID

HEAD OF SOLUTIONS MAPPING

Development practitioner who believes in problem solving approaches that draws on complexity, multidimensionality, boundary spanning and knowledge brokering. Committed to elevating the voice and reach of local innovators and local solutions. Academic background in Development Practice, with experience working in civil society and private sector on a wide range of issues starting from human rights to sustainability.

HUSSAIN RASHEED

HEAD OF EXPERIMENTATION

Background in town planning and keen interests in community-driven planning and creating healthy, safe and just built environments. As a planner, I worked with communities, stakeholders and cross-functional teams to support and guide them in plan making and development management. Committed to finding solutions to evolving social and environmental issues, not only by accelerating learning with the help of a globally integrated network, but also by drawing inspiration from indigenous knowledge, grassroot inventions and local solutions.