

# Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation

## Country Page – Maldives

### ICT Sector Information

<b>Sector</b>	Transport and Telecommunications
<b>Minister</b>	<a href="#">Mr. Ameen Ibrahim</a>
<b>Principal Institutions</b>	<a href="#">Ministry of Transport &amp; Telecommunication</a>
<b>Regulator</b>	<a href="#">Communications Authority of Maldives</a>
<b>Other Departments / Agencies in the Portfolio</b>	<a href="#">National Centre for Information Technology</a>

### Mobile Operators

<b>Operator's Name</b>	<b>Technology</b>
Dhiraagu	900 MHz GSM
Wataniya Maldives	900 MHz GSM, EDGE 2100 MHz HSDPA

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#### Broadband

<b>Agency</b>	<a href="#">Communications Authority of Maldives</a>
<b>Projects</b>	Government Network of Maldives
<b>Other Resources</b>	<a href="#">Investment Dollar Amounts in Telecom from the World Bank Sources</a>

### **Broadband Indicators<sup>1</sup>**

Indicators	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Mobile broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	21.90	32.81	32.52			
<b>Fixed Internet Subscriptions per 100 inhabitants</b>	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.18	0.25	1.10	2.10	3.41	4.99	4.92	4.80	5.45	5.51

### **Cybersecurity & Cybercrime**

<b>Policy</b>	<a href="#">National Security Policy</a> (p.20)
<b>Agency</b>	<a href="#">National Centre for Information Technology</a> the Maldives Police Service
<b>Projects</b>	Cyber Crime Project (With assistance from the US Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Maldives Police Service has started a Cyber Crime Project to investigate cybercrime)
<b>Related Publications</b>	<a href="#">Cybersecurity and Cyberwarfare: UNIDIR Resources</a> (2011, p. 29)

### **E-Education Skill Development and Entrepreneurship**

<b>Policy Documents</b>	<a href="#">The Seventh National Development Plan</a> (p. 87 - 93) Maldives Science and Technology Master Plan: Information Technology
<b>Agency</b>	<a href="#">Ministry of Transport &amp; Telecommunication</a> , <a href="#">National Centre for Information Technology</a>
<b>Projects</b>	<a href="#">Teacher Resource Center</a> (p. 74), <a href="#">Multipurpose Community Telecenter</a> (p. 74), <a href="#">Virtual University for Small States</a> (p. 75),

<sup>1</sup> ITU statistics : <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/stat/default.aspx>

	<p><a href="#">A laptop for every Teacher</a> (p. 75),</p> <p><a href="#">Digitally Empowered Development in the Island Communities of Maldives</a> (p. 75),</p> <p><a href="#">e-Citizen Training Program</a></p>
<b>Publications</b>	<p><a href="#">Survey of ICTs for Education in India and South Asia: Maldives</a></p>

### **ICT For Disabilities**

<b>Agency</b>	Ministry of Health and Family, Department of Gender and Family Protection Services
<b>Other Resources</b>	<p><a href="#">Maldivian Association of the Handicapped (MATH)</a>, Maldives Deaf Association,</p> <p><a href="#">Disability at a Glance 2012: Strengthening The Evidence Base In Asia And The Pacific</a> (p. 126 - 129 &amp; 140-141),</p> <p><a href="#">Activities Addressing Rights of Persons With Disabilities</a> (p. 66 – 67)</p>

### **Regulatory Environments: Convergence and Digital Broadcasting Switchover**

<b>Policy Documents</b>	<a href="#">Maldives Telecommunication Regulation 2003</a>
<b>Agency</b>	<a href="#">Communications Authority of Maldives</a>
<b>Reports/Publications</b>	<a href="#">Telecom Regulatory and Policy Environment in the Maldives</a>

### **Youth and ICTs**

<b>Policy Documents</b>	<p><a href="#">The Seventh National Development Plan</a> (p. 87 - 93)</p> <p>Maldives Science and Technology Master Plan</p>
<b>Agency</b>	<p><a href="#">Ministry of Transport &amp; Telecommunication</a>,</p> <p><a href="#">National Centre for Information Technology</a></p>
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### Indicators on ICT infrastructure and access - <sup>2</sup>

Indicators	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Fixed telephone subscriptions	24,432	27,242	28,651	30,056	31,503	32,296	32,181	33,063	46,925	30,490	28,376	24,084	23,140
Fixed telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	8.94	9.81	10.15	10.48	10.83	10.94	10.75	10.89	15.25	9.78	8.98	7.52	7.14
Mobile cellular telephone subscriptions	7,638	18,894	41,899	66,466	113,246	20,3620	271,053	313,539	435,627	457,770	494,351	530,449	560,547
Mobile cellular telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	2.80	6.80	14.84	23.19	38.92	68.97	90.53	103.29	141.61	146.84	156.50	165.72	172.84
Estimated Internet Users per 100 inhabitants	2.20	3.62	5.35	5.98	6.59	6.87	11.04	16.30	23.20	24.80	26.53	34.00	38.93

<sup>2</sup> ITU statistics : <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/stat/default.aspx>

### Related ICT Publications from International Organisations

Source Organisation	Title of Publication
<b>InfoDev</b>	<a href="#">Maldives: Survey of ICTs for Education in India and South Asia</a>
<b>Lirneasia</b>	<a href="#">Telecom Regulatory and Policy Environment in the Maldives</a>