

Maldives Coral Institute - Coral Science: Talks

“Protecting the future of Maldivian coral reefs”

1st of September, from 19:30 - 21:30 (all times in GMT +5)

Participants

MCI members

- Professor Callum Roberts, **Speaker** (MCI/ University of Exeter)
- Georgia de Jong Cleyndert, **Speaker** (MCI/ University of York)
- President Nasheed (MCI Chair)
- Aya Naseem (MCI Vice Chair)

Invited panelists

- Zaheena Rasheed, **Moderator**
- Representative from Maldives Marine Research Institute
- Dr. Kathryn Mengerink (Waite Institute)
- Shaha Hashim (Blue Marine Foundation)
- Dr. David Obura (CORDIO/ IUCN/ University of Queensland)

Audience

- invited guests and general public who are interested in corals, marine science, environment, and coral-friendly development
- the audience can send written comments and questions on the chat for the speakers

Purpose of seminar

- to present the work MCI has done in the months since Coral Festival and Workshop
- to show potentials and impact of the work
- to discuss the significance of the work in a the local and international context
- to show how information gained from these studies will be used by MCI to address its goals
- to open for commentary and preliminary responses from public/ peers/ orgs.

Seminar program (max 2:00 hrs)

19:30 PM seminar starts

- Welcome from President Nasheed (max 3 mins)
- Presentation: “**Scientific research on Maldivian coral reefs: Past, present, and future needs**” (15 mins)
- Presentation: “**Managing development to protect coral reefs**”(15 mins)

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20:15 PM seminar reconvenes

- Panel discussion (40 mins)

- Wrap up / Word of thanks by President Nasheed (10 mins)