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AHMED MUNAWAR

Governor
Maldives Monetary Authority



Ahmed Munawar is the 9th Governor and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA), having assumed office on 31 July 2024. He also serves as Chair of the National Coordination Committee for Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism, the national body responsible for coordinating and overseeing anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing efforts in the Maldives.

Prior to his appointment as Governor, Mr. Munawar served as Minister of Finance and Treasury from 2016 to 2018 and as State Minister from 2014 to 2016. He was Dean of the Kulliyah of Economics and Management Sciences from 2021 to 2023 and chaired the IMF Board of Governors in 2024. Earlier in his career, he held various positions at the Maldives Monetary Authority from 1999 to 2014, gaining extensive experience in central banking and economic policy.

Mr. Munawar holds a Master of Economics, with a specialization in Monetary Economics, from Macquarie University, earned in 2008. He also obtained a Bachelor of Economics (Honours), specializing in Finance, from the International Islamic University Malaysia in 2004.