





## **ART EXHIBITION – CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

### ***Seaside Stories – Celebrating Fisheries through Art***

#### **Event Overview**

As part of this year’s Fishermen's Day celebrations, the **Ministry of Fisheries and Ocean Resources** and the **Maldivian Artist Community-MAC** invite artists to participate in an art exhibition titled “*Seaside Stories – Celebrating Fisheries through Art*” that honors our nation’s connection with the sea. We are seeking unique and original works across a variety of visual art categories, all centered around the themes of fisheries diversification and the importance of nurturing a new generation of fishers. Our aim is to offer a platform for artists to express their creativity while raising awareness about the challenges and opportunities facing the fishing industry.

#### **Exhibition Guidelines**

This exhibition will showcase the following categories of visual art:

1. Drawing
2. Painting
3. Digital Art
4. Sculpture
5. Mixed Media

#### **Theme:**

This year’s theme, “*Masverikamuge sinaa'ay sindhafaathu kurumah zuvaanunge baiverivun – Engaging Youth in Diversifying the Fisheries Sector*”, is the central focus of all activities held as part of the Fishermen’s Day celebrations. The theme highlights the essential role of youth in the future of the fisheries industry, recognizing their potential to drive innovation and sustainable growth. All artworks should reflect the themes of fisheries diversification and the importance of nurturing a new generation of fishers.

#### **Age Category:**

Participants must be aged 16 and above.

### **Specifications and Criteria for Submission:**

To be considered for inclusion in the exhibition, submitted artworks must meet the following specifications. Submissions that do not adhere to these guidelines will not be accepted.

- **Artwork types:** Works are separated into 2D and 3D for ease of display:
  - **2D Works:** These include pieces that can be displayed on a wall or panel (e.g., drawings, paintings, digital art).
  - **3D Works:** These include pieces that can be displayed on the floor or hung from the ceiling (e.g., sculptures, mixed media).
- **Artwork Limit:** Each artist may submit one work in any 2D category and one work in a 3D category.
- **Size Requirements:**
  - 2D works: Minimum 2x2 feet, maximum 4x4 feet.
  - 3D works: Maximum 3 feet in diameter.
- **Originality:** All works must be original creations by the participant. Use of reference images requires copyright permission from the photographer. Any discovered copy will lead to immediate disqualification.
- **Content Restrictions:** Works must not depict political themes, nudity, or display content that violates any religious values.
- **Framing:** Framing is optional but not required.
- **Display Requirements for 3D Works:** Artists submitting 3D pieces are responsible for providing a stand or plinth for their work.

### **Submission Requirements:**

Application form is available via this link: <https://forms.gle/Wv8grm9fS9WJBfQ47>

Required information include:

- Full name as on ID card
- Title of the work
- Medium
- Size / dimensions
- Price (if for sale)
- Brief description of the work

ID card copy shall be submitted alongside each form. Only Maldivian citizens are eligible to apply.

**Deadline:**

- Application forms shall be submitted before **14:00 hrs on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024.**
- All final artworks shall be delivered to a venue specified by the Ministry **no later than 14:00 hrs on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024.**

**Selection of Winners**

Winners will be selected by a panel of judges for each of the five categories of visual arts listed above, and the top entries will be awarded a cash prize of MVR 5000/- each.

**Further information:**

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