

# **Theveli Conference 2017**

## **National Research Priorities**

**Research Centre  
The Maldives National University**

**Group 1** (Ministry of foreign Affairs, Civil Service Commission, employment tribunal, Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Attorney General Office)

1. Equal job opportunities
2. Performance management and work ethics
3. Implementation of existing legal framework
4. Industrial relations
5. The continental shelf of Maldives
6. Minimum wage in the Maldives
7. Strengthening decentralization and local governance
8. Obstacles to the justice sectors
9. Role of Maldives in International organizations and its benefits

**Group 2** (National Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of economic Development, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Finance, Capital Market Development Authority, Maldives Monetary Authority, Maldives Pension Administration, Maldives Inland Revenue)

1. Fiscal sustainability and growth
2. External imbalances and sustainable growth
3. Infrastructure investment and debt policy
4. Tourism diversification, impact and sustainable tourism
5. Reserve adequacy and FOREX stability
6. Social security policy and funding
7. Levels of compliance with tax law
8. Financial inclusion
9. Employment and income distribution
10. Improving capital market liquidity

**Group 3** (Ministry of Education, National Institute of Education, Ministry of Youth and Sports, IUM, UNDP and UNICEF)- only six given

1. Impact and changes of National curriculum
2. How to build teacher capacity/professional development
3. Challenges faced by teachers in implementing the national curriculum
4. Transition gap from foundation to early primary education
5. Social factors affecting youth and children
6. Loan scheme

**Group 4** (Ministry of Health, National Social Protection Agency, IGMH, Ministry of Gender and Family, WHO and UNFPA)

1. Healthy aging
2. Health systems operational research
3. Social determinants of health
4. Health policy
5. Establishment of burden of disease
6. Population studies
7. Social protection programs
8. Health care financing
9. Labor force
10. Assessing effectiveness of intervention

**Group 5** (MNDF, Ministry of Home Affairs, Maldives Police Services, Human Rights Commission, Anti-Corruption and Maldives Customs Services)

1. Housing issues related to sustainability, availability, fairness, transparency and affordability of housing
2. Employment and wage inequity
3. Effectiveness of crime prevention program
4. Factors influencing fear of crime
5. Technology and law enforcement
6. Fire safety and prevention
7. Strengthening Anti-corruption legal framework and law enforcement
8. Promoting and fostering a culture of integrity
9. Sustainable development and corruption
10. Challenges in preventing trafficking of illegal goods

**Group 6** (Min of Environment, Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture, marine research Centre, Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure)

1. Planning and designing of urban infrastructure
2. Coastal protection measures for coral reef islands and climate impact on reef ecosystem
3. Sustainability of adaptability of buildings
4. Impact of climate of climate change on island communities
5. Island geo-morphological change
6. Research on soil improvement techniques
7. Economic valuation of natural resources
8. Alternative and innovative ways of tackling livebait fishing in tuna fishery
9. Application of integrated pest management for key pests and diseases  
-research on climate smart crop and animal production techniques
10. Impact of chemicals on environment and human health

COLLABORATIVE AREAS / THEMES OF RESEARCH

	<b>Group 1</b>	<b>Group 2</b>	<b>Group 3</b>	<b>Group 4</b>	<b>Group 5</b>
1	Social Security / Social Protection	Equalizing Opportunities Education / Health Justice	Social Determinants	Employment and Social Issues	Population Studies (gender issues)
2	Infrastructure Development (Housing ./ Environment / sustainability)	Urbanization	Labour-force issues	External Sector and Trade	Community Resilience for Climate Change
3	Employment and Income Distribution (Equal employment opportunities, Performance)	Social Protection (including awareness of citizens about their responsibility in social protection)	Effectiveness of Crime Prevention	Tax Returns and Import Duties	Sustainable Development
4	Environment and Health	Marine Environment and Climate Change	Social factors affecting youth (Health, Education, Gender, Youth)	Economic Valuation of Natural Resources	Equitable Distribution of Wealth
5				Climate Change – impact on the island community	
6				Environmental / Chemical pollution on health	