

## **BIOGRAPHIES OF THE SIDS DELEGATES ATTENDING HRC33 (13-30 September 2016)**

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### **Maldives**



#### **Laila Shareef**

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Ms. Laila Shareef has been a senior desk officer in the Global Affairs Division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Maldives since March 2015. In this capacity, she prepares country reports to be submitted under UN human rights conventions.

Prior to that, she worked as Project Assistant for the UNDP and IFRC from 2008 to 2009 and was the activity coordinator of Women for Women. As such, she conducted nationwide activities to create awareness on violence against women and children and helped abused victims get back into their community. She was also a Member of the Executive Committee of SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Ms. Laila Shareef holds a Bachelor of Business and Commerce and a Masters of International Relations from the Monash University of Australia.



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Ms. Hila Asanuma currently works as a Special Assistant on Human Rights in the ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs where she is responsible for the drafting of Palau’s human Rights reports. She drafted Palau’s report on the Convention on the Rights of the Child which was recently submitted to the CRC Secretariat and is currently drafting Palau’s report on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

In 2010, she was appointed Director of the Bureau of European, Middle East & African Affairs within the Ministry of State and held several other positions within the Ministry.

Ms. Hila Asanuma holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.