



**Fathimath Dhiyana Saeed** of the Republic of Maldives is the first ever female and the youngest Secretary-General of SAARC on 1 March 2011. Born in the Southern province of the island nation, Dhiyana Saeed studied in the Maldives up to her secondary education and then acquired an LLB from the University of Tasmania, a In 2004, an LLM from Osaka University.

In 2000, she had become a State Attorney at the Attorney General's Office, and then promoted to the post of Executive Director in 2005. In 2008, she was appointed as the Attorney General of the first multi-party Government in the Maldives. In 2010, she became Maldivian Government's envoy for South Asia, prior to her becoming the SAARC Secretary General.

Fathimath Dhiyana Saeed, in her career, apart from being politically vocal as an activist has also continued being a vocal proponent for legal reforms, human rights, gender issues democratic governance in the Maldives.