

Commonwealth Business Forum

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Monday 16th April 2018

The Guildhall, City of London

Day One

The Future of Trade

0800

Registration

1000

Delivering a Prosperous Commonwealth for All

Opening Session

How can we strengthen the Commonwealth Advantage?

1100

Refreshments

1130

Global Economic Outlook: Trade, Growth and The Commonwealth

Inaugural Plenary

Where is the global economy heading? How can the Commonwealth lead the world in catalysing growth and championing free and fairer trade?

1300

Luncheon

1400

Rebuilding Trust in Business

Keynote address followed by panel

How do we restore public confidence in business?

Developing the Digital Economy: Disruption, Big Data and A.I.

Invitation only Roundtable

How can Commonwealth businesses keep ahead and engaged in an era of rapid technological innovation?

1530

Refreshments

1600

Trade without Frontiers: Technology for Trade Facilitation

Keynote address followed by panel

Is borderless, frictionless trade possible with the technology now available? Is it desirable?

Economic and Climate Volatility: Innovation and Resilience for Island States

Invitation only Roundtable

How can the agility, adaptability and innovation of small states be maximised?

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Day One

The Mansion House, City of London

1700

Investing in the UK

What makes the UK an attractive place to trade and invest? What are the opportunities?

*Invitation only
project Showcase*

Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster

1800

Welcome to the UK

An engaging, interactive evening celebration bringing together delegates from the Commonwealth Business, People's, Women's and Youth Forums.

Evening reception

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Day Two

Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster

Joint Forums Day

0930

Towards a Common Future

Bringing together delegates from the Commonwealth Business, People's, Women's and Youth Forums.

What should the Commonwealth of the future look like? How, by sharing insights, expertise and resources across business, civil society and governments, can we deliver a fairer, more prosperous, secure and sustainable future for everyone in the Commonwealth?

*Joint-Forum
plenary*

1100

Refreshments

1130

The Future of Work: Skilling Tomorrow's Economy

What should we be preparing our young people for? Can technology create the opportunity for more liberal and truly inclusive employment?

*Keynote address
followed by panel*

Next Generation Impact Entrepreneurs Forum

How can we empower entrepreneurs and inspire the next generation to create the social and economic change we need?

*Invitation only
Roundtable in
partnership with
Commonwealth
Youth Forum*

New Models of Healthcare

What innovative products from across the Commonwealth can help deliver 21st Century healthcare?

Maritime Industry

Is port infrastructure keeping pace with trade demands? Will embracing digitisation future proof the industry?

Industry Insight

1300

Commonwealth Big Lunch



With delegates from the Women's, Youth and People's Forums

1400

Connecting Commonwealth Cities

Are cities now more relevant than countries in driving trade and investment?

Keynote address followed by panel

SME Trade Forum

What can we do to encourage SMEs to trade and invest confidently across the Commonwealth?

Invitation only Roundtable

Energy Transition

Have we reached peak-oil? Is the future of energy delivery off-grid?

Food and Agriculture

Can we make food production more efficient and more sustainable?

Industry Insight

Diversity and Women's Economic Empowerment

What are the opportunities presented by global trade and how can we ensure women can utilise such benefits to grow their businesses?

Plenary Session hosted by the Commonwealth Women's Forum

1530

Refreshments

1600

Science and Business: From Innovation to Incorporation

By working together can the Commonwealth increase the conversion of innovative ideas into profitable enterprises?

Keynote address followed by panel

What Works with Business to Achieve Inclusive Economic Empowerment?

Invitation only Roundtable in partnership with the Commonwealth Women's Forum

Business of Sport and Entertainment

Can we harness the commercial power of sport and entertainment without bringing out the worst of business?

Fashion and Textiles

Can the industry help countries move up the value chain without compromising on standards or jobs?

Industry Insight

1800

Evening reception

Reception

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The Mansion House, City of London (by invitation only)

Day Two

Building the Future

0930

Innovation in Infrastructure: Building Economic Growth

There is a huge infrastructure deficit, infrastructure investment creates jobs and growth, but the lack of investment continues. What are the blockages? What is the best way to pay for infrastructure?

Keynote address followed by panel

Global Capital, Local Currency

How can Commonwealth states raise finance on global capital markets in the currency that suits them best?

Invitation only Roundtable

1100

Refreshments

1130

Investing in Infrastructure: Success Stories and Opportunities

What makes a project bankable and what are the lessons learnt from successful projects? What are the live opportunities?

Panel Session

Financial Regulation: Working Together to Address De-Risking

How can governments, businesses and regulators work together to balance financial inclusion with financial crime risk? What is the solution for the decline in correspondent banking?

Invitation only Roundtable

Green Finance: Returns with Responsibility

What are the financial and environmental advantages of investing in sustainable development? Is Green Finance now mainstream?

Invitation only Roundtable

1300

Luncheon

1400

Financial and Professional Services: Driving Growth in The Real Economy

How do international financial centres best support financial inclusion and the development of the real economy? Can Commonwealth IFCs work together to create growth?

Keynote address followed by panel

1500

Fintech and Innovation in Financial Services

What will the future of financial services look like? Will this give an opportunity for developing countries to leapfrog?

Keynote address followed by panel

Commonwealth CEOs Forum

What are the opportunities to further remove barriers to business?

Invitation only Roundtable

1600

Refreshments



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1615

Insurance for Development: Mitigating Risk and Building Resilience

Can insurance play a greater role in building resilience, and supporting long term economic development?

*Keynote address
followed by panel*

Philanthropy Roundtable

How can individuals and corporate philanthropists maximise their impact?

*Invitation only
Roundtable*

Wednesday 18th April 2018

City of London

Day Three

Leading the Future

Mansion House, City of London

**0930-
1155**

Dark Clouds? The cyber threat to business and prosperity. How to respond together.

The threat of Cyber Crime reaches beyond borders, what can commonwealth Governments do to support business in this growing threat landscape, and what must businesses do as individuals to protect themselves?

Keynote address followed by panel at the Mansion House

The Guildhall, City of London

1000

Investing for the Next Generation

How can investors and political leaders better use their influence to encourage decision making for long term social and economic good?

Keynote address followed by panel

Island Leaders Roundtable

Can island countries stand out from the crowd?

Invitation only Roundtable

1100

Delivering the SDGs: Aligning Business, Society and Governments

How do we move from billions to trillions to help fund the SDGs? Mainstreaming SDGs into Business Delivery.

Keynote address followed by panel

Africa Leaders Roundtable

Is the Africa growth story still alive and well?

Invitation only Roundtable

1200

Making Business Easier Between Commonwealth Countries

How can government and business leadership work together to reduce bureaucracy and delays across borders and between countries?

Keynote address followed by panel

Asia Leaders Roundtable

Can Asia keep growing?

Invitation only Roundtable

1300

Advancing Intra-Commonwealth Trade and Investment

Where do we go from here?

Concluding Session

1530

Heads of Government Roundtable with senior business leaders

By Invitation only

COMMONWEALTH
Enterprise and Investment Council

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The Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council facilitates trade and investment throughout the 53 states of the Commonwealth and supports private sector companies and governments to promote economic activity. We work with member companies to expand their businesses and to help with new investments in any Commonwealth country.



City of London

The City of London Corporation is the municipal governing body of the City of London, the historic centre of London and the location of much of the UK's financial sector. Over its near 900 year history, the City of London Corporation has developed into a uniquely diverse organisation with three main aims: to support and promote the City as the world leader in international finance and business services; to provide high quality local services and policing for the Square Mile; and to provide valued services to London and the nation as a whole.

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