

INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE: THE CHALLENGE FOR A CONTEMPORARY COMMONWEALTH

Monday 16 April 2018

Day One: 'Leave No one Behind': Exploring Exclusion in the Commonwealth

From 0800 *Registration (Refreshments served from 0900)*

0930 **Official opening** *Mountbatten*
Rt Hon Penny Mordaunt, Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC
Poetry by: Kendel Hippolyte, Karlo Mila, Melizarani T. Selva
Music by: Leonardo Bertocchi
MC: Mr Gee

1040 **Ending Exclusion: A Path to Renewal** **Keynote**
Mountbatten
Inclusion is at the heart of Sustainable Development Goal 16, but exclusion has become accepted across the Commonwealth. How can institutions and civic voices ensure that inclusion, rather than exclusion, becomes the norm?
Ben Okri

1110 **Break**

1130 **Inside the Margins** **Panel**
Mountbatten
What is the lived experience of communities who face exclusion? What institutional change is needed in the Commonwealth to ensure that exclusion is effectively challenged?
Rosanna Flamer-Caldera, Marchu Girma, Rod Little
Chair: Patrick Younge

1300 **Lunch** *Cambridge*
Delegate-led sessions (30 mins) *Wordsworth,
Rutherford, Abbey*

1400 **Reimagining Migration** **Panel**
Mountbatten
Most discussion on migration today hinges on a fear of the migrant as the 'other'. How can inclusive governance contribute to reframing this narrative?
Shahidul Alam, Lisa Harewood, Jacob van Garderen
Chair: Maria Pisani

Women Negotiating Peace **Panel**
Abbey
Women bear the heaviest burden of war through sexual violence and displacement. Yet they are rarely in positions of authority in peace processes. What are the challenges for women in this field, and what are the success stories?
*Miriam Coronel-Ferrer, Avila Kilmurray, Teresita Quintos-Deles,
Olga Amparo Sanchez-Gomez*
Chair: Ruth Ochieng

Legislative Reform in the Commonwealth

Co-curated with The Commonwealth Equality Network

In many Commonwealth countries, legislation relating to sexual offences (including sexual orientation and gender identity) as well as mental health was codified in colonial times, and continues to impact the lives of citizens. This panel looks at how civil society and policy makers work together towards reforming colonial laws.

*Ambassador Barry Faure, Caleb Orozco, Jill Iliffe, Kim Simplis Barrow
Chair: Evan Davis*

Policy dialogue
Windsor

Inclusive Education for Inclusive Societies

Co-curated with Commonwealth of Learning

This panel builds on the 2018 Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers to explore four key challenges facing the education sector in developing countries: access, equity, quality and cost. It asks how these challenges affect inclusion, what policy and institutional reforms are needed to achieve inclusive education, and how inclusive education can empower learners to become productive, healthy and peaceful citizens.

*Helen Jones, Asha Kanwar, Joanna Newman
Chair: Jacqueline Micallef Grimaud*

Panel
Rutherford

1515

Break

1530

Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination

For more than 370 million indigenous people across the world, land and the natural environment are at the centre of their material and spiritual lives. But their right to self-determination is compromised by systemic discrimination. What are the success stories and strategies on how indigenous communities challenge exclusion?

*David Archambault, Tracy Assing, Daniel Kobei
Chair: Mark Lattimer*

Panel
Rutherford

Institutional Racism

Institutional racism both springs from, and serves to perpetuate, systemic deep-rooted exclusion. This panel examines the role of institutions in perpetuating structural discrimination in the fabric of governance, and examines ways of challenging and changing it.

*Kalpana Kannabiran, Marai Larasi, Tshepo Madlingozi
Chair: Onyeka Nubia*

Panel
Mountbatten

Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities: Ensuring Access to Justice

Co-curated with International Disability Alliance

Access to justice is a fundamental aspect of good governance and the exercise of citizenship. However, persons with disabilities face significant impediments in this regard, which affects their development outcomes overall. This session examines pathways to effective and equal access to justice for persons with disabilities.

*Dwi Ariyani, Sara Hossain, Hon. Kerryann Ifill, Rt. Hon. Penny Mordaunt
Chair: Anna Lawson*

Policy dialogue
Windsor

1700 **Commonwealth Writers Conversation:** Intimate readings from *So Many Islands*, an anthology of stories from the Caribbean, Mediterranean, Indian and Pacific Oceans. *Cambridge*
Tracy Assing, Angela Barry, Cecil Browne, Kendel Hippolyte, Erato Ioannou, Karlo Mila

1800 **'Welcome to the UK'** *Evening reception*
An exciting and interactive evening celebrating the very best of music, creativity, technology and innovation from across the UK. Bringing together delegates from the Business, People's, Women's and Youth Forums.

All Day **Exhibitions**
'Waiting for the Tide to Turn: Kiribati's Fight for Survival' (Photos by Mike Bowers)
'Lost in the City' (Installation by Roman Lokati)
'The Best Years of My Life' (Photos by Shahidul Alam)

Commonwealth Shorts: Film screenings

Activation: CPF 2018 Tree

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Day Two: Politics of Hope: Taking on Injustice in the Commonwealth

From 0800 *Registration (Refreshments served from 0900)*

0930 **Towards a Common Future** *All-Forum plenary*
The inaugural all-forum plenary will ask: 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?

1100 **Networking break**

1130 **Persistent Resistance** *Conversations and Music Mountbatten*
In a world permeated by stories of exclusion and injustice in myriad forms, it can be hard to imagine change. This session reminds us what is possible. It celebrates the commitment of countless activists who continue to successfully challenge deeply entrenched injustice.
David Archambault, Feryal Ali Gauhar, Priyamvada Gopal, Michael Uwemedimo
Chair: Guadalupe Marengo
Music by: Chicoco Sounds (Kaidi Akinnibi, Aminayanasa Ateke, Mercy Augustus, Sunny Benjamin, Ana Bonaldo, Abiye Mac Dappa, Sira Dumedam, Mark Andrew Le Vine, Adaiba Maduegbuna, Amadeusz Olejniczak)

1300 **Commonwealth Big Lunch** *Cambridge*
With delegates from the Business, Women's and Youth Forums
Delegate-led sessions (30 mins) *Wordsworth, Rutherford, Abbey*

1400 **Climate Justice: An Inequitable Burden** *Panel Abbey*
The predominant institutional response to climate change is adaptation, which places an unfair burden on people and places in the margins. How can this be reshaped around a just vision which is mindful of the history and politics of climate change?
Diana McCaulay, Leon Sealey-Huggins, Tammy Tabe
Chair: Alok Jha

A Just World Order *Panel Rutherford*
From histories of indenture to issues of contemporary human exploitation, this panel traces the arc of world orders from colonialism to globalisation. What is a just world order in which unjust institutional practices no longer have currency and viability?
John Odah, Mary Rokonadravu, Renwick Rose
Chair: Yoke Ling Chee

'Dissent' *Panel Mountbatten*
Dissent is a core aspect of democratic values and principles. This session explores the right to dissent where platforms, voices, facts and power are interwoven. How can fairness, governance, and dissent be reconciled?
Owen Maseko, Pragna Patel, Angela M Kuga Thas
Chair: Georgina Godwin

1515 **Break**

1530

Just Economies

There is today an unquestioning global focus on economic 'growth', often at the expense of social protection and welfare. What are the consequences of this economic paradigm? What governance approaches could make the global economy more just?

*Sainath Palagummi, Faiza Shaheen
Chair: Owen Jones*

Conversation
Mountbatten

The Digital Age - Friend or Foe?

There is a debate about whether the digital age helps or hinders the creation of just societies. What kind of social and regulatory environment enables digital advocacy, and how can civil society respond to emerging technological issues such as net neutrality, big data, robotics, and artificial intelligence?

*Lina Dencik, Neema Iyer, Maria Ressa, Nanjira Sambuli
Chair: Wendy Willems*

Panel
Abbey

Separation of Powers (till 17:20)

Co-curated with Latimer House Working Group

The Commonwealth Charter, including the Commonwealth (Latimer House) Principles, provides that for effective governance, the judiciary, executive and legislative branches of government should be separate and independent. What are the challenges across the Commonwealth in achieving this ambition, and what difference will it make to building just, accountable societies?

*(Followed by exclusive guided tour of UK Supreme Court, advance sign-up required)
Cheryl Dorall, Hon. Angelo Farrugia, Lady Brenda Hale, Keith Hollis
Chair: Mark Guthrie*

Panel
Rutherford

1700

Commonwealth Writers Conversation: Intimate readings from *We Mark your Memory: Writings from the Descendants of Indenture*

*Prithiraj Dullay, Gabrielle Jamela Hosein, Fawzia Muradali Kane, Gitanjali Pyndiah,
Mary Rokonadravu, Anita Sethi*

Cambridge

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Wednesday 18 April 2018

Day Three: Accountable Governance: Understanding the Imperatives for a Renewed Commonwealth

From 0800 *Registration (Refreshments served from 0900)*

0930 **A Tale of Three Cities** *Conversation Mountbatten*

This session examines accountable governance through the eyes of current and former leaders of Commonwealth cities. They will reflect on holding national institutions and local leaders accountable to diverse constituents.

Hon. Khalid Belisle, H.E. Babatunde Fashola, Matthew Ryder
Chair: Gillian Slovo

1045 **The Private Sector in Governance** *Panel Abbey*

The session will explore the explicit and less visible ways the private sector is involved in, and influences and shapes the institutions, processes and decisions which affect public life. It will also ask how civic actors can demand accountability of the private sector in public life.

Felogene Anumo, Phil Bloomer, David Hetherington
Chair: Namhla Mniki-Mangaliso

Decentralising Power: A Case for Local Governance *Panel Windsor*

Many countries are seeing shifts towards decentralization and devolution. This session interrogates whether these shifts truly transform power relations to give marginalised communities and people a voice. It explores the meaning of, challenges to, and possibilities for the transformation of inclusive local governance.

Marion Maceda-Villanueva, Jemilah Mahmood, Marvin Rees
Chair: Lucy Slack

Universal Health Coverage: Holding Countries to Account *Policy Dialogue Rutherford*
(till 13:30)

Co-curated with Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance

Everyone agrees universal health coverage is a good thing. But it cannot be achieved without appropriate financing and an adequate health workforce. And if every citizen does not have equitable access, health coverage is not universal. This session examines universal health coverage from the perspectives of financing, health workforce, and access, and asks how civil society can hold countries to account on universal health coverage.

James Buchan, Rosemary Mburu, Ravindra Rannan-Eliya
Chair: Solaiman Juman

1200 **Break**

1215 **Accountability in Development** *Panel Mountbatten*

With the growing number of actors involved in development, it is increasingly complex to keep track of the strands and directions of accountability. What are the key accountability challenges facing institutions and actors in the Commonwealth - including donors, multilaterals, NGOs, and civil society?

Saba Al Mubaslat, Emele Duituturaga, Samer Hachem
Chair: Nana Afadzinu

Media Accountability

This session explores the various interests that the media represent, its role in manufacturing consent, and how it can be weaponised for particular agendas. It asks if the media reflect people's interests, or simply serve as proxy voices for corporate and political power.

*Liz Corbin, Natalie Fenton, Amantha Perera, Maria Ressa
Chair: Rita Payne*

**Panel
Windsor**

Renewing the Commonwealth

'Griffith Review 59: Commonwealth Now' is a recently published collection of essays, memoir, fiction, and poetry by writers from twenty-five countries. Three of the contributors reflect on the notion of the Commonwealth and its future.

*Ellah Allfrey, Romesh Gunsekara, Kendel Hippolyte
Chair: Razia Iqbal*

**Panel
Abbey**

1330 Lunch

1430 Closing Address

In today's world, how can governance be renewed so as to achieve a sustainably peaceful, just and inclusive Commonwealth? This session is a call to visualize what renewed contemporary institutions look like.

**Keynote
Mountbatten**

1500 Civic Voices: A Call to Action

Mountbatten

1600 Close

All day

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