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WELCOME



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In 2024 CWEIC celebrated its 10th anniversary, and we are proud of what we have achieved in our first decade. From our beginnings as the Commonwealth's newest start-up organisation, we have grown into a cornerstone of the Commonwealth family and a powerful global voice on trade, investment, access to finance, the environment, and climate change, among many other critical issues for the Commonwealth and its business community. A decade ago, we recognised the need for a Commonwealth business organisation to represent the views of the private sector, but the positive reception and strength of our membership has exceeded even our greatest expectations.

As we look back on our first 10 years, we are proud to have organised multiple trade missions, made hundreds of key introductions for our Strategic Partners, and brought together nearly 6,000 organisations at more than 250 events, including four Commonwealth Business Forums. Through these successful partnerships, initiatives, and continued support from Commonwealth member countries, we now welcome over 130 Strategic Partners to our network. In 2024, we expanded our international presence to three more countries and regions. We are now represented in 13 countries and territories, including Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, India, Sri Lanka, Malta and Cameroon, Gabon, and Togo each of which is led by a dedicated Country Director or Strategic Adviser. We plan for further growth of this essential network in the Commonwealth and beyond over the coming year.

CWEIC continues to grow from strength to strength, and today we are widely recognised as the Commonwealth's accredited business network. We owe the resilience and tenacity of our network to the valuable and beneficial relationships we have built with our Strategic Partners over the years, and we take pride in the work we do. CWEIC provides tangible support to Commonwealth businesses and countries, helping them showcase opportunities to a global audience of businesses and investors, explore new markets, and influence global dialogue on key economic issues.

The message has never been clearer; the Commonwealth is delivering as a network for trade and investment for both business and government, and CWEIC is proud of the pivotal role it plays in facilitating this.

In 2024, we hosted the first Commonwealth Business Forum (CBF) in the Pacific since 2011, held in Apia, Samoa. Through our active outreach, CBF 2024 brought together 15 Heads of Government and Ministers, over 500 delegates from 40 countries, and offered an exclusive platform for Strategic Partners to shape the global dialogue on trade and investment. We will build on this success as we continue discussions with the Government of Antigua and Barbuda to host the next CBF in 2026.

In 2025, as we develop our events, delegations, and trade mission programmes, while responding to direct requests for support from Commonwealth Governments, our mission remains clear: to expand our operations to more Commonwealth countries and create new opportunities for our Strategic Partners.

Times are challenging, the world is more unstable, and the global outlook more uncertain than in recent years, however, the Commonwealth still represents growth and opportunity.

While more countries look inward, with protection on the rise and the threat of tariffs and trade wars, there is a real opportunity for the Commonwealth as a market to put itself at the heart of global trade. CWEIC will play a key role in this, presenting the Commonwealth as the opportunity it is.

We are the perfect vehicle to help you explore both the Commonwealth's emerging and developed markets, demonstrate your thought leadership as we address critical global issues, and network at the highest levels of business and government.



A GLOBAL NETWORK

The Commonwealth is a global network of 56 countries and 2.7 billion people, 60 percent of whom are under 29 years old.

Often described as a 'Family' of Nations, the Commonwealth spans every geographical region, religion, and culture. Now over 70 years old, it is home to some of the world's largest and smallest nations, including both advanced economies and developing countries. The Commonwealth exists to foster international co-operation and trade links between people all over the world.

Every two years, leaders of Commonwealth countries meet to discuss issues affecting the Commonwealth and the wider world at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). His Majesty King Charles III is Head of the Commonwealth. His commitment to the Commonwealth throughout his life has taken him to every region of the Commonwealth and to 46 of its 56 nations.

His dedication to the environment, sustainability, and conservation has echoed throughout his many Commonwealth tours, and his recognition of the private sector as a driver of change is demonstrated with the establishment of his Sustainable Markets Initiative and Terra Carta in 2021.

The King has always been a strong advocate for the unique power of the Commonwealth to bring people together and unite under their shared values. CWEIC was honoured to welcome His Majesty to the Commonwealth Business Forum in Samoa in his role as Head of the Commonwealth for the first time.

The Commonwealth has members on the UN Security Council, two members of the G7, five members of the G20 and representation in every major regional economic group in the world.

THE COMMONWEALTH



The Commonwealth boasts a population of 2.7 billion, with 60 per cent under the age of 30. It is home to a billion middle-class consumers.

Economy

The cumulative GDP of Commonwealth nations in 2022 amounted to US\$14.2 trillion, with projections indicating a rise to \$20 trillion by 2029. The Commonwealth comprises 40 per cent of the global workforce and hosts half of the world's top 20 emerging cities.

Ease of Doing Business

The Commonwealth benefits from well-established trade partnerships and collaborations. Member countries share a common language, democratic principles, and a strong commitment to the rule of law, which make it a conducive environment for smooth business interactions. Member countries enjoy reduced trade barriers and streamlined regulatory frameworks, contributing to the ease of doing business within this dynamic and diverse international community.

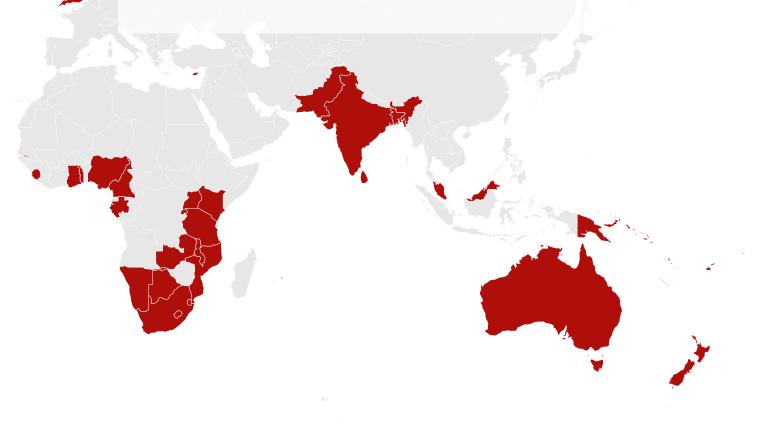
Climate Change and Sustainability

33 of the Commonwealth's members are small states, and 25 are Small Island Developing States (SIDS), which are among the most vulnerable to the impact of climate change or developmental challenges. The Commonwealth is an advocate for change, giving each state an equal voice.

Shared values

The Commonwealth is built on shared values and supported by historical, cultural, and sporting links. Research underscores the considerable advantages these factors provide for trade and investment. The similarities in business practices, commercial norms, and legislative frameworks significantly reduce the cost of doing business across the Commonwealth, making it an estimated 21 per cent more cost-effective when compared to non-Commonwealth markets. These shared values and cultural ties also promote mutual trust and understanding among Commonwealth nations, creating a conducive environment for collaboration and fostering resilient, long-term business partnerships. This unique ecosystem bolsters the Commonwealth's appeal as a hub for economic exchange and growth, facilitating prosperous business ventures and investments.

We call that the Commonwealth Advantage.



Key Facts

- > 56 independent countries
- > Africa (21 countries)
- > Asia (8)
- > Caribbean and Americas (13)
- **>** Europe (3)
- > Pacific (11)

- > Combined population 2.7 billion
- More than 60 per cent of population aged 29 or under
- The collective GDP of Commonwealth nations in 2022 stood at US\$14.2 trillion and is projected to surge to \$20 trillion by 2029
- Trade costs between Commonwealth countries are on average 21 per cent lower

WHO WE ARE

THE COMMONWEALTH ENTERPRISE AND INVESTMENT COUNCIL IS THE COMMONWEALTH'S ACCREDITED BUSINESS NETWORK.

CWEIC is a commercial, not-for-profit membership organisation with an official mandate from the Commonwealth Heads of Government to facilitate trade and investment throughout the 56 Commonwealth member nations. The role of CWEIC is to use the convening power and trusted network of the Commonwealth, which is led by His Majesty King Charles III, to drive trade and investment. CWEIC's network includes over 130 business and government Strategic Partners.

Every two years, CWEIC hosts the Commonwealth Business Forum in association with the host country of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). The next will be in Antiqua and Barbuda in 2026.

WE ARE A MEMBERSHIP ORGANISATION WHICH OFFERS OUR STRATEGIC PARTNERS THE FOLLOWING:

Connecting Commonwealth Businesses

Through our extensive and trusted network of contacts and relationships with entrepreneurs, businesses, multi-lateral institutions, non-profit organisations, and academia, CWEIC is able to make targeted and productive business to business introductions with the aim of developing valuable partnerships and collaborations.

Creating Opportunities

CWEIC organises and hosts specialised trade missions, business forums, networking events, thought leadership webinars, customised investment programmes, and various other initiatives. These engagements serve as catalysts for promoting positive change and fostering new business ventures, all the while advocating for responsible business practices. Furthermore, they ensure that our Strategic Partners remain well informed about the opportunities available within the Commonwealth.

Facilitate Market Access

Through our strong links with Commonwealth and non-Commonwealth governments, investment promotion agencies and trade supporting bodies, CWEIC has the capacity to link our Strategic Partners with influential decision-makers who play a crucial role in facilitating new business opportunities within their respective markets. Our Strategic Partners receive comprehensive support throughout the life cycle of their market access journey.

Influence Global Discourse

CWEIC Strategic Partners have the opportunity to influence government policy and decisions as a collective voice by engaging directly with senior government leaders and policy makers, or by presenting research and contributing to thought leadership.

CWEIC BOARD

The CWEIC Board comprises a vast wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise in Commonwealth trade, investment, government relations, philanthropy and business across a multitude of sectors. The growth and steady progress of CWEIC can be attributed to the diversity and innovation each Board member brings to the network, and the quality of our Strategic Partners.



Lord Marland
Chairman
CWEIC



Lord Swire

Deputy Chair

CWEIC



Rosie Glazebrook

Chief Executive

CWEIC



Niro Cooke
Board Member
CWEIC



Pamela O'Leary

Board Member

CWEIC



Phyllis Muscat
Chairperson
Malta International
Contemporary
Art Space (MICAS)



Babatunde Soyoye

Managing Partner

Helios Investment

Partners

TESTIMONIALS



Apostle Folorunso Alakija *Vice Chairman, Famfa Oil*



Our Organisation and I joined the CWEIC as a strategic member and a global advisory member respectively in 2016. Over the past 6 years, I have attended several Commonwealth Business Forums both as a participant and a speaker. The Commonwealth Business Forum is a great platform for Governments and businesses to partner with each other to build their individual economies, thereby creating jobs for their nationals. It also helps to enhance trade and investment opportunities across Commonwealth nations.



Julia Charlton
Principal Partner, Charltons

CHARLTONS 易周律师行

CWEIC is a unique and amazing community, membership of which has brought great opportunities to Charltons! The CWEIC platform combines knowledge sharing, deeply informative commentary & insights and an outstanding, close-knit international network.



The Hon. Philip Edward Davis, KCPrime Minister of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas

The Government of The Bahamas has been a Strategic Partner of CWEIC for three years. During this time, we have participated in two Commonwealth Business Forums, in Rwanda and Samoa, and have clearly witnessed the strength of CWEIC's network in action. As the Government of The Bahamas looks to expand its offering to international investors, we have called upon CWEIC to convene panels of experts to help develop our relationships. CWEIC's network reaches into expertise from the City of London, international businesses, and multilateral institutions – the convening power of the Commonwealth is an extraordinary thing to witness.



Ruth Euling
Managing Director, De La Rue plc



We are proud to be a founding member of CWEIC who facilitate trade and investment throughout the 56 Commonwealth member nations. I commend the support and dedication of the superb team led by Lord Marland. Today we supply to over 80% of the Commonwealth and we are committed to being a strategic partner to Commonwealth governments in supporting competition, skills and innovation across the public and private sector. Whilst there are many challenges, there are also immense opportunities ahead with the unwavering assistance of the CWEIC Team.



Mohamed Ali Janah

Group Chairman, Hotels and Resorts Investment



As a Strategic Partner, I have had the privilege of being regularly connected to CWEIC's influential network from global business leader, investors to senior government officials and heads of state. I have had many opportunities to foster deeper connections with potential business partners across the Commonwealth, with a number of partnerships already established or on the way to being established from within the CWEIC network itself. My experience demonstrates the exceptional advocacy and intentional experience CWEIC ensures for its members. I look forward to strengthening the existing networks and finding further opportunities to build cross-border business alliances through CWEIC's Commonwealth network.



Ayo Otuyalo

Group Managing Director, Prime Atlantic Group



Prime Atlantic, a leading Nigerian oil and gas company, has been a proud CWEIC Strategic Partner for four years, actively participating in delegations and events to foster international collaboration and investment. Our involvement in two Commonwealth Business Forums has provided invaluable networking opportunities across 56 nations and insightful discussions on the evolving energy landscape, industry innovation, and sustainability. CWEIC has been instrumental in facilitating key introductions and strategic partnerships. We appreciate its network and resources and look forward to exploring new opportunities and leveraging the Commonwealth Advantage for continued growth.



Menuwan Weerasinghe

Managing Director, KDAW Construction



As a leading EPC contractor headquartered in Sri Lanka and with subsidiaries in UK and Cambodia, KDAW brings 32 years of expertise in designing and constructing specialist roads, highway, water supply, airport, and irrigation projects. CWEIC's unique ability to connect key players across sectors, governments, and businesses has been invaluable to our expansion into both East and West Africa. As a Strategic Partner, CWEIC has played a crucial role in shaping our business development strategies, providing vital support as we grow in the African market. Leveraging the expertise and connections of CWEIC Hubs has strengthened our local networks and reflects CWEIC's deep understanding of regional business landscapes. We look forward to continuing this successful partnership.



Honourable Danielle Smith

Premier of Alberta, Canada



Alberta is pleased to be a member of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council. We recognise the value it offers in fostering global business connections, exploring partnerships, and identifying export opportunities for our industries and businesses. During his visit to our province's capital city last year, Lord Swire, Deputy Chair of the council, received a positive reception from Alberta's business community, reflecting the interest in building stronger ties with the Commonwealth. We look forward to seeing how this relationship can support Alberta's economic goals as we explore new opportunities on the horizon.

CWEIC DELIVERING



GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT Chandrajit Banerjee Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry



The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), as a founding partner since 2015, deeply appreciates CWEIC's efforts and commitment towards promoting trade, investment and business collaboration between India, UK and the Commonwealth nations. The platform provided by CWEIC has enabled Indian companies to explore new markets, and connect, collaborate and forge alliances with counterparts across the Commonwealth network. It has also provided companies from the Commonwealth, opportunities to explore business partnerships in India through CII's annual Partnership Summit and the India-Africa Conclave. Furthermore, the annual CII CEOs delegation to the UK has led to several high-level discussions between CWEIC and CII, including cooperation on Africa. We are eager to strengthen this strategic partnership to support successful Indian initiatives across the Commonwealth and fostering economic growth and cooperation for all.



INTERNATIONAL HUBS Bryan Bletso



Partner and Head of International, Irwin Mitchell

As a large UK law firm with global reach, Irwin Mitchell have been able to take advantage of CWEIC's hub locations in a way beneficial to our clients and the firm's international business. We have particularly been impressed by the experiences we have had with the Malta, Singapore and Gibraltar CWEIC hubs. We were able to benefit from each Hub's local connections and experience. In each case the CWEIC Hub Directors were able to set up meetings for us with local businesses and professionals, enabling us to build our contacts in those territories.



MARKET ACCESS
Dr Toyin F. Sanni
Founder and Executive Vice-Chair, Emerging Africa Group



Emerging Africa has experienced firsthand the transformative power of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC). The CWEIC's extensive global reach has been instrumental in fostering invaluable connections and collaborations in new markets, for our business. CWEIC's unwavering commitment to actively engaging and facilitating strategic partnerships has significantly amplified our impact and presence in the dynamic Commonwealth business landscape. CWEIC's dedication to facilitating growth and fostering sustainable development is unparalleled, making it an indispensable partner for any enterprise seeking to make a meaningful mark in the Commonwealth's wide and diverse markets.



INTERNATIONAL HUBS
Dr James Mwangi, CBS

Group Managing Director and CEO, Equity Group Holdings



Equity Group holds a unique position within the CWEIC network, serving as both a Strategic Partner, benefiting from all the network's advantages as we work to increase our global influence, and as the proud host of CWEIC's East and Central Africa Hub based in Kenya. Our hub provides a landing place for Strategic Partners looking to explore the East and Central African region. With our strong local connections, we are well-positioned to support businesses venturing into one of the most exciting and fastest-growing regions of the world.



MARKET ACCESS Leonard Graf Grote

Group COO – Director for Africa and Asia, ERG International Group



ERG International Group is an international infrastructure developer delivering best of class solutions in partnership with Sovereigns. It is a privilege to be a member of CWEIC, a unique global organisation bringing together key decision makers of the private and the public sector. CWEIC has been supporting us pro-actively and with great dedication in Africa and Asia. Beyond initial introductions, high-level meetings, and events, CWEIC plays an active role in fostering meaningful, long-term collaborations. CWEIC's support is crucial for successful market entries enabling the delivery of infrastructure projects to Commonwealth countries.



COUNTRY PARTNERSHIPS

Hon Kayi Midevor

Minister of Trade, Craft Industry and Local Consumption, Government of Togo



As both the newest member of the Commonwealth and the newest Country Partner of CWEIC, Togo is looking to increase its engagement with the Commonwealth and utilise the organisations inherent strengths to promote trade an investment into Togo. To date we have taken part in CWEIC activities in London, Bangladesh and Samoa as well as hosting a delegation led by Lord Swire in Togo, all with the aim of diversifying the origins of investment into Togo. CWEIC offers an invaluable network of resources as Togo seeks to strengthen its presence in the Commonwealth, position itself as a top investment destination for a global audience, and explore new markets for its exports. We look forward to a long a fruitful relationship with CWEIC as Togo becomes an integral part of the Commonwealth family.

THE COMMONWEALTH BUSINESS FORUM



The Commonwealth Business Forum (CBF), is the highlight of the Commonwealth business calendar. Held every two years alongside the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), CBF welcomes Heads of Government, Ministers, and global business leaders for networking and dialogue aimed at facilitating trade and promoting investment across the Commonwealth.

CBF is not just a platform for dialogue and discussion; it also serves as a vital space for tangible, innovative, and practical solutions to emerge. CBF's true strength lies in the valuable connections it cultivates, the new relationships it fosters, and the exposure it provides for Commonwealth opportunities on a global stage, attracting the attention of businesses and investors worldwide.

At the heart of a successful CBF is networking, putting Commonwealth business leaders in the room with governments at the highest possible levels, and facilitating opportunities for businesses to connect and share experiences with their peers from all Commonwealth regions.

Since 2014, CWEIC has convened 4 CBFs in partnership with the host countries of CHOGM.



SAMOA

23-24 October 2024

CBF 2024, taking its lead from its Island Nation host country, focused on ensuring that all participants played an active role in the programme and contributed their expertise to the discussions. Structured around technical roundtable discussions with a strong focus on climate change, sustainability, access to finance, and technology and innovation, CBF 2024 brought together 15 Heads of Government and Ministers, alongside 500 delegates from 40 countries and territories.









RWANDA

21-23 June 2022

Held in Kigali, after being postponed since 2020 due to COVID, CBF 2022 was a welcome return for the Commonwealth business community. Opened by HE Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda, and addressed by Heads of Government representing every region of the Commonwealth. The Forum focused on the recovery from the pandemic and revitalising the global economy, and was attended by over 1500 delegates.

UNITED KINGDOM

16-18 April 2018

In partnership with the UK Government and the City of London, the Commonwealth Business Forum 2018 was a three-day event with more than 40 individual sessions in three iconic London locations. A total of 1400 participants from 80 countries were involved and represented businesses, regulators, trade and investment promotion bodies, as well as Commonwealth governments.

MALTA

24-26 November 2015

CBF 2015 was addressed by 15 Heads of Government, 180 government and private sector leaders and attended by more than 1300 delegates from 75 countries. Areas of discussion included: empowering entrepreneurs, financial centres as catalysts of growth, investing in infrastructure, and supporting the Blue Economy.

The next CBF will be held in 2026, in partnership with the Government of Antigua and Barbuda.



COMMONWEALTH TRADE AND INVESTMENT SUMMIT

The Commonwealth Trade and Investment Summit (CTIS) is developed and hosted by CWEIC with our Strategic Partners. CTIS provides unique insight into global issues and gives Strategic Partners privileged access to Commonwealth opportunities while serving as a prominent platform for facilitated networking and engagement.

First held in 2021 virtually, and in person in London ever since, CTIS brings together Heads of Government, senior ministers, and business leaders from across the Commonwealth for discussions, dialogue, and networking.

CTIS is a B2B and B2G event that bridges the gap between Commonwealth Business Forums, while helping take forward conversations and developing the agenda for the next Commonwealth Business Forum.

Commonwealth Trade and Investment Summits are addressed by Heads of Government, ministers, leaders of international organisations, and global business leaders. These events are made possible through sponsorship from around the world.



CTIS 2025

7-8 April, London

Held once again at London's iconic Mansion House, CTIS 2025 builds on the discussions at the Commonwealth Business Forum 2024, and begins the process of developing the agenda for CBF 2026, due to be held in Antigua and Barbuda. Featuring senior ministers, including representatives from the new UK Government, alongside global business leaders, CTIS 2025 serves as a crucial platform for CWEIC's Strategic Partners and provides a significant opportunity for Commonwealth networking and dialogue.





CTIS 2023

27-28 November, London

The third iteration of CTIS, built on previous years by bringing together more Commonwealth businesses and governments than ever before. The 2023 Summit programme focused on the key economic challenges and opportunities facing the Commonwealth, providing CWEIC Strategic Partners with specially curated insights. We were honoured to welcome The Hon Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa, Prime Minister of Samoa who utilised the platform to launch the Commonwealth Business Forum 2024.



CTIS 2022

5-6 December, London

Delegates from over 30 Commonwealth countries and beyond gathered at the Mansion House, London, for the second Commonwealth Trade and Investment Summit. CTIS 2022 provided an opportunity to continue conversations around green finance, fintech, pandemic preparedness, healthcare technology, food and energy security, and opportunities for Africa, from CBF 2022. We were also honoured to welcome former UK Prime Minister, Lord Cameron, for a special intervention on Fragile States, as well as senior government officials.

CWEIC EVENTS AND DELEGATIONS

Commonwealth Trade Ministers Meeting

CWEIC convened 31 Commonwealth
Trade Ministers in London, for the inaugural
Commonwealth Trade Ministers Meeting (CTMM).
Strategic Partners joined Ministers in closed door
discussions on key economic issues, before joining
them for a networking dinner hosted by the Lord
Mayor of London.



Network Reception at the Shard

In collaboration with Commonwealth Legal Network member Irwin Mitchell, CWEIC cohosted an exclusive evening at The Shard, bringing together our legal network and their potential clients. The event celebrated the Commonwealth Advantage and showcased its powerful convening ability, fostering meaningful connections and business opportunities across jurisdictions.

Commonwealth Trade and Investment Forum in Bangladesh

CWEIC organised the inaugural Commonwealth Trade and Investment Forum which highlighted the potential for enhanced business connections between the Commonwealth and Bangladesh. This two-day event in Dhaka brought together 300 delegates from 30 Commonwealth countries and beyond, fostering networking opportunities and engaging in expert-led discussions concerning pivotal areas of Commonwealth importance.





Business Delegation to Nigeria

CWEIC was honoured to meet with the Vice President of Nigeria, HE Kashim Shettima, at State House whilst in Abuja. Strategic Partners also participated in a roundtable organised with the Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission and representatives of the Federal Government. In Lagos, delegates also met with the State Governor for Lagos, HE Babajide Sanwo-Olu and senior representatives of the Nigerian Business Community.



The Commonwealth Games Business Forum

Alongside the Commonwealth Games, CWEIC hosts the Commonwealth Games Business Forum (CGBF). The most recent event was held in Birmingham in 2022, where the forum addressed the theme 'Greening the Commonwealth' and was addressed by the UK Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Roundtable with the Prime Minister of The Bahamas

CWEIC hosted The Rt Hon Philip Davis KC MP, the Prime Minister of The Bahamas and our network and relevant stakeholders in London for a roundtable discussion on 'The Blue Green Economy and Resilience for Small Island States'. The conversation focused on addressing the repercussions of climate change, particularly the disproportionate burden faced by smaller island states in the Commonwealth, and explored potential avenues of support.



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Delegation to India Africa Conclave

The CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa is one of the largest gatherings of senior ministers, policymakers, and business leaders from Africa and India, spanning multiple sectors. CWEIC led a delegation of its Strategic Partners to the Conclave, building on the successful engagements from last year. The event facilitated connections between the newly elected Indian Government, including a meeting with Hon Piyush Goyal, Minister of Industry and Supply, India, and government and business leaders from across Africa.

Ministerial Roundtable with the Government of Maldives

CWEIC was pleased to host Minister
Mohamed Saeed, Minister of Economic
Development and Trade, with experts
from the UK's financial institutions and the
Commonwealth investment community to
share expertise, opportunities, regulatory
insights, and best practice as the Government
of Maldives sets out to reform and modernise
their financial sector.



GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

THE COMMONWEALTH BANQUET



The Commonwealth Banquet has become a mainstay of the Commonwealth business calendar, bringing together the Commonwealth business community, Commonwealth Governments, the wider Commonwealth family and Diplomatic Corps for an evening of black-tie networking and celebration.

Held in partnership with the Royal Commonwealth Society and the City of London. These banquets feature addresses by the Lord Mayor of London and distinguished guest speakers. These guest speakers have included Heads of Government, Senior Ministers, and prominent figures from the Commonwealth's business community.

Held in the City of London's historic Manson House the banquet provides a grand and celebratory atmosphere for more informal networking and relationship building. Invitation to the Commonwealth Banquet is only open to CWEIC Strategic Partners.



COMMONWEALTH LEGAL NETWORK (CLN)

CWEIC launched the Commonwealth Legal Network following a series of legal webinars held in 2020.

Feedback from more than 100 firms across the Commonwealth, prompted the initiative to provide a commercial legal network.

Today, the CLN supplies business referrals and acts as a knowledge exchange service through meetings and webinars. CLN works to strengthen

the links between Commonwealth law firms and businesses from the CWEIC network and beyond.



To maintain the quality, integrity, and management of the network, membership of the CLN is by invitation-only.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

CWEIC brings together global leaders from business and government to offer valuable insights to our strategic partners, keep them informed on key developments and critical issues, and provide early, exclusive access to opportunities.

including, from government:



The Hon Gaston Browne, Prime Minister, Antigua and Barbuda



The Hon Philip Edward Davis, KC, Prime Minister, The Bahamas



HE Paul Kagame, President, Rwanda



Hon Fiamē Naomi Mata´afa, Prime Minister, Samoa



HE Julius Maada Wonie Bio, President, Sierra Leone



HE Victoire Tomegah Dogbé, Prime Minister, Togo



HE Kashim Shettima, Vice President, Nigeria



HE Hon Hussain Mohamed Latheef, Vice President, Maldives



HE Felix Mbayu, Minister for the Commonwealth, Cameroon



Hon Piyush Goyal, Minister of Industry and Supply, India



Hon Musalia Mudavadi, Prime Cabinet Secretary, Kenya



The Rt Hon
David Lammy MP,
Secretary of State,
FCDO, UK

and from business and international organisations



Dr Akinwumi Adesina,President, African
Development Bank



Chandrajit
Banerjee,
Director General,



Cherie Blair CBE, KC, Co-Founder, Omnia Strategy



Aliko Dangote, GCON, Founder & President, Dangote Group



Makhtar Diop, Managing Director, IFC



Lauren Dreyer, Vice President, Starlink



Dr Andrew Forrest AO, Chairman &
Founder, Fortescue



Bill Gates,Co-Founder,
Microsoft



Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, WHO



Philipp Hildebrand, Vice Chairman, BlackRock



Gianni Infantino,President,
FIFA



Tokunboh Ishmael, Managing Director, Alitheia Capital



James Johnstone, Portfolio Manager, Redwheel



The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman Alastair King



Diana Layfield, Chair, British International Investment



Deodat Maharaj, CEO, Caribbean Export Development Agency



HE Wamkele Mene, Secretary-General, AfCFTA



Prof. Benedict
O. Oramah,
President, African
Export-Import Bank



Jim Ovia CFR CON, Founder & Chairman, Zenith Bank



Jennifer Pryce, CEO, Calvert Impact



Aisha Rimi, CEO, Nigeria Investment Promotion Commission



Dr M. Sanjayan, CEO, Conservation International



Paul Schroder, CEO, AustralianSuper



Jakob Stausholm, CEO, Rio Tinto

INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE

AFRICA

Cameroon, Gabon and Togo



Auguste Mbappe Penda

Hub Chair – Cameroon,

Gabon, and Togo



Cham Etienne Bama Hub Director – Cameroon, Gabon, and Togo

Ghana



Gabby Asare Otchere-Darko Country Chair – Ghana



John ApeaHead of Mission – Ghana



Ben Gomado-Cobblah

Country Director - Ghana

Kenya, East, and Central Africa



Dr James Mwangi CBS *Hub Chair – Kenya, East, and Central Africa*



A Q Hamza

Hub Director – Kenya,

East, and Central Africa

Nigeria



Olasupo Shasore, SAN, FCIARB Country Chair – Nigeria



Obinna Anyanwu

Country Director - Nigeria

ASIA



Tulsi Wallooppillai Strategic Adviser – Southeast Asia

Bangladesh



Zillur Hussain MBE Strategic Adviser – Bangladesh

India



Ajmal FawadCountry Director – India

Maldives



Mohamed Ali Janah

Country Chair – Maldives



Jasim Janah
Country Director – Maldives

ASIA

Pakistan



Imran Khalil Naseer
Strategic Adviser – Pakistan

Singapore



Raymond Huang
Strategic Adviser - Singapore

Sri Lanka



Niro Cooke

Country Chair – Sri Lanka



Deshan GonawelaCountry Director – Sri Lanka

CARIBBEAN AND AMERICAS



Eric Bush, JP

Hub Director — Caribbean



Anne Kensington-LottCountry Director —
Cayman Islands

EUROPE

Gibraltar



Edward Davis, CB, CBE
Hub Chair – Gibraltar



Jared Peralta

Hub Director – Gibraltar

Malta



Phyllis Muscat

Country Chair – Malta

BEYOND THE COMMONWEALTH



James E. Harris Strategic Adviser – Middle East

A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH CWEIC

- Connections to the CWEIC network of more than 130 Strategic Partners.
- Access to a wide network of business and government leaders from across the Commonwealth and beyond.
- > Business solutions and strategic advice for Strategic Partners looking to make Commonwealth trade easier.
- Market entry advice through our network, Country Directors, and Strategic Advisers, representing every region of the Commonwealth.
- Join CWEIC's Global Advisory Council, sitting alongside Commonwealth business leaders.
- Invitation and privileged access to key Commonwealth events including the Commonwealth Banquet, Commonwealth Business Forum (CBF) and the Commonwealth Trade and Investment Summit (CTIS).
- Position, profile, and promote your business through Commonwealth Insights.

- **> Cameroon, Gabon, and Togo:** A delegation to investigate investment opportunities, culminating in a dedicated roundtable at CTIS.
- > Kenya Trade Strengthening: A roundtable with Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade, and Industry, to enhance Kenya-Commonwealth business relations.
- > Bahamas Blue Green Economy: A roundtable with the Prime Minister of the Bahamas, focusing on the blue-green economy and resilience strategies for Small Island States.
- ➤ The Caribbean Hub welcomed a Maldivian delegation and assisted in identifying investment opportunities in the Cayman Islands.

Additionally, CWEIC curates bespoke programmes of high-level engagements for our Strategic Partners, aimed at supporting market entry and business growth.

Recent highlights include:

- > Enabling a leading West African bank to establish a presence in Europe.
- > Supporting South Asian manufacturers as they expanded their footprint across East Africa.
 - **>** Advising African businesses on securing investment from Asia and the Middle East.
 - **>** Facilitating new commercial partnerships across the Commonwealth.

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