

Pre-CHOGM Forum
“Can Malta re-vitalise the Commonwealth?
Prospects for the 2015 Commonwealth Summit”

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Royal Over-Seas League, London

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International Affairs) in partnership with the Royal Over-Seas League
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Programme

- 0930 Arrival and registration
- 1000 Welcome by **Roddy Porter** (Director-General, Royal
Over-Seas League)
Chair: **Stuart Mole** (Chairman, The Round Table)
Speaker: **H.E. Kamallesh Sharma**
(Commonwealth Secretary-General)
- Q & A
- 1100 COFFEE BREAK
- 1130 **Panel 1: “Malta: A summit that works?”**
Chair: **Richard Bourne** (Secretary, Ramphal
Institute)
Panellists: **Simon Gimson** (Director, Political Affairs
Division/SGO, Commonwealth Secretariat)
H.E. Norman Hamilton
(High Commissioner for Malta)
Lord Marland (Chairman, Commonwealth
Enterprise and Investment Council)
- Q & A
- 1245 LUNCH

1.30 **Panel 2: “Issues before the CHOGM”**
Chair: **Patsy Robertson** (Chair, Commonwealth Association)
Panellists: **H.E. Guy Hewitt** (High Commissioner for Barbados)
 H.E. Gordon Campbell (High Commissioner for Canada)
 H.E. Winnie Kiap (High Commissioner for Papua New Guinea)
 David Concar (UK Commonwealth Envoy)

Q & A

2.45 **Panel 3: “Effecting policy change in the official Commonwealth: lobbying and engagement”**
Chair: **Alexandra Jones** (Editorial Board, The Round Table, and former Director, Commonwealth Secretariat)
Panellists: **Vijay Krishnarayan** (Director, Commonwealth Foundation)
 Carl Wright (Secretary-General, Commonwealth Local Government Forum)
 Clare Doube (Chair, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, UK)

4.00 TEA BREAK

4.30 **Closing Address:**
“The renewal and future of the Commonwealth”
Chair: **Mark Robinson** (Treasurer, The Round Table)

Speaker: (To be confirmed)

5.00 Close (followed by a **Reception**, hosted by The Round Table)