



THE UK, THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE COMMONWEALTH SUMMIT 2018

Pre-Summit Conference

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the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
and the Commonwealth Association



Thursday 19 October

9.30 ***Session 1: Welcome and opening addresses***

Chair: **Victoria Schofield**
(Chair, The Round Table)

Welcome: **Lord Luce**
(President, Royal Over-Seas League)

Speaker: **Lord Howell of Guildford**
(President, Royal Commonwealth Society)

11.00 ***Session 2: Panel discussion - “The road to the 2018 Summit: the UK’s window on the Commonwealth”***

Chair: **James Robbins**
(Diplomatic Correspondent, BBC)

Speakers: **Tim Hitchens**
(CEO, The Commonwealth Summit)

Dr Josephine Ojiambo
(Commonwealth Deputy Secretary-General)

Carl Wright
(Founder, Commonwealth Local Government Forum)

13.30 ***Session 3: Panel discussion - “The Commonwealth Charter - values and principles and their challengers: What progress since 2012?”***

Chair: **Richard Bourne**
(Founder, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative)

Speakers: **Philippa Drew**
(Commonwealth Equality Network)

Dr Eva Namusoke
(Associate Fellow, Institute of Commonwealth Studies)

Assan Ali
(Capacity Building Officer, Countering Violent Extremism Unit, Commonwealth Secretariat)

15.45

Session 4: Panel discussion - “Commonwealth trade and investment. and the implications of Brexit”

Chair: **Patsy Robertson**

(Chair, Commonwealth Association)

Speakers: **Sir Hugo Swire MP**

(Deputy Chair, Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council)

HE Dinesh K. Patnaik

(Deputy High Commissioner, Indian High Commission to the UK)

Dr Emily Jones

(Director, Global Economic Governance Programme, Oxford)

Friday 20 October

9.30 Session 5: Keynote Address

Chair: **Stuart Mole**

(Past Chair, The Round Table)

Speakers: **Hon Hassan Jallow**

(Chief Justice of The Gambia)

11.30 Session 6: Panel discussion - “Small states, climate change and building resilience: the Commonwealth contribution”

Chair: **Lord Chidgey**

(Chairman, Africa All-Party Parliamentary Group)

Speakers: **Dr Jack Corbett**

(Associate Professor in Politics, University of Southampton)

Ambassador Edwin Laurent

(Director, Ramphal Institute and Senior Adviser, UNEP)

HE Karen-Mae Hill

(High Commissioner for Antigua & Barbuda)

14.00 Session 7: Panel discussion – “Summit 2018: developing programmes and partnerships, engaging with civil society and linking the forums”

Chair: **Helen Jones**

(Director of Youth & Education, Royal Commonwealth Society)

Speakers: **Vijay Krishnarayan**

(Director, Commonwealth Foundation)

Amelia Kinahoi Siamomua

(Head of Gender, Commonwealth Secretariat)

Dr Joanna Newman

(Secretary-General, Association of Commonwealth Universities)

16.00 Session 8: “Beyond London 2018”

Chair: **Sir Peter Marshall**

(President, Commonwealth Association)

Speaker: **Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon**

(UK Minister for the Commonwealth)

16.30

Session 9: Concluding session

Discussion of outcomes and action points and approval of conference summary