



The Commonwealth

## Commonwealth Black History Month 2023

High-Level Fireside Chat

# Challenging Norms and Breaking Barriers: Contributions of Women and Men of Colour

Tuesday 3 October 2023, 1500–1700 (BST). Hybrid Event/  
Delegates Lounge, Marlborough House, The Commonwealth Secretariat

Annually, the UK celebrates October as Black History Month. The main aims of Black History Month are to commemorate the achievements and contributions of Black people to British Society and the world, and to educate the public and build awareness of Black history.

The Commonwealth Secretariat is hosting a series of activities throughout the month of October under the theme “Celebrating, Saluting and Honouring our Sisters and Brothers”. These activities will begin with a hybrid high-level fireside chat. The focus is on placing the spotlight on a diverse group of notable public figures who are breaking barriers through amazing contributions to Black history.

In this high-level event, speakers will explore how leaders of international organisations can promote diversity, equity, and inclusion within their organisations and beyond.

### Speakers



**Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC**

Secretary General of  
the Commonwealth



**Dr Akyaaba Addai-Sebo**

Analyst, journalist, and  
Pan-African activist



**Professor Samson Kambalu**

Artist and Author, Associate Prof of  
Fine Art/fellow at Magdalen College



**Maya Kriti Nanan**

2023 Commonwealth  
Youth Award winner



**Ambassador Aubrey Webson**

Ambassador to the UN for Antigua  
and Barbuda



**Prof Ruth Kattumuri (Moderator)**

Senior Director, EYSDD,  
Commonwealth Secretariat

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