

CHOGM UK Hosted High-Level Side Event – Concept note

“Finance and Investment for Resilient Growth: A Commonwealth Plan of Action”

Chaired by the UK Foreign Secretary with a Ministerial panel followed by a discussion panel. **RSVP: Abi Burns** abi.burns@fcdo.gov.uk

Details:

- **Date:** Thursday 24 October
- **Time:** 0800-0930
- **Venue:** Supreme Courtroom, Samoa Ministry of Justice and Courts Administration Court House
- **Objective:** To launch the Commonwealth Plan of Action on Investment and offer a platform for discussion on needs, opportunities and best practice for enhancing private investment into and between Commonwealth members, particularly small and vulnerable states.

Running order

0800	Side event starts
0805	Introductory remarks by the Commonwealth Secretary-General (tbc)
0810	UK Foreign Secretary speech and introduces Ministerial panel
0815	Ministerial panel interventions <i>Commitment to the Commonwealth Plan of Action on investment, highlighting of national and regional initiatives, aligned announcements</i>
0835	Ministerial photo before Ministerial panel leaves for the Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting and is replaced by discussion panel
0845	Moderator (Emily Wilkinson, Overseas Development Institute) introduces discussion panel <i>Reflection on investment needs and opportunities for small and vulnerable countries</i>
0925	Closing remarks: Commonwealth Envoy
0930	Side event ends



The Commonwealth



Invitees

Approx 60-80 people made up of

- **Commonwealth Ministers**
- **Senior foreign ministry finance and investment officials**, particularly representatives of members of the Commonwealth Investment Action Group
- **Commonwealth Secretariat finance and investment staff**
- Relevant accredited **Commonwealth organisations** including the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council, the Commonwealth Standards Network, the Commonwealth Businesswomen's Network
- **Private sector stakeholders** including members of the Sustainable Markets Initiative, Samoa Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- **Representatives of relevant multilateral organisations** such as Green Climate Fund, MDBs, WB, Global Green Growth Institute
- **Representatives of relevant Pacific regional organisations** such as Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat