

Strengthening urban resilience for all – implementation of the Declaration on Sustainable Urbanisation, 23 October 2024, 09.00-11.00, LCT-2

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Programme	Speakers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and setting the scene: <i>Strengthening urban resilience for all</i> – implementation of the Declaration on Sustainable Urbanisation (5 mins) The impact of rapid-urbanisation in the Commonwealth (5 mins) • Keynote opening address: Sustainable Urbanisation and the CHOGM theme, by the host <p>Reflections from the partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commonwealth Secretariat – leveraging the Commonwealth to implement inclusive and sustainable urban development • The origins and aims of the Commonwealth Declaration on Sustainable Urbanisation • Presentations by Governments from across the Commonwealth 	<p>CSCI Representative</p> <p>Hon Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai, Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, Samoa</p> <p>Dr Arjoon Suddhoo, Deputy Secretary General of the Commonwealth</p> <p>Hon Jimmy Gasore Minister of Infrastructure, Rwanda</p> <p>Minister Hugh Hilton Todd, Minister of Foreign Affairs and international Co-operation, Guyana Guyana</p>
<p>Good practice across the Commonwealth – realising the commitments in the Commonwealth Declaration on Sustainable Urbanisation</p> <p>National urban policy and intergovernmental cooperation to strengthen cities and human settlements (5 mins)</p> <p>Sustainable urbanisation in Belize City – building multi-disciplinary partnerships (5mins)</p> <p>Building the resilience of the urban poor – Kenya (5 mins)</p>	<p>Representative from Canada TBC</p> <p>Mayor Bernard Wagner, Belize City</p> <p>Dr Ruth Kattumuri, Senior Director Economic Youth and Sustainable Development Directorate (EYSDD)</p>

<p>Data and evidence-based policy making – Zambia (5 mins)</p> <p>Capacity building – the role of higher education institutions in urban development and capacity building (5 mins)</p> <p>Partnerships with the private sector (5 mins)</p>	<p>Shahrukh Wani, Country Manager International Growth Centre, Zambia</p> <p>Professor Cheryl de la Rey, Vice Chancellor, University of Canterbury, NZ</p> <p>TBC</p>
<p>Commitment to future action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining momentum in the Commonwealth and a partnership between CSCI, the Commonwealth Secretariat and member states • Open discussion 	
<p>Conclusion and next steps - A road map for action</p> <p>Close</p>	