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# Regular conferences & meetings

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Where the address of the organising body is not indicated it can be found within the official and unofficial sections of this book.

## ACU CONFERENCE OF EXECUTIVE HEADS OF COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITIES

Organised by	The Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU).
Frequency	Twice in each five years.
Attended by	The executive heads (vice-chancellors, presidents and principals) of ACU member universities.
Purpose	To provide opportunities for personal contact and informal exchange of views and experience, as well as for formal discussion.
Next conferences	1981, Hong Kong; 1983 University of Swansea, Wales.

## ASSEMBLY OF HEALTH MINISTERS OF WEST AFRICA

Organised by	West African Health Community
Frequency	Twice yearly, Pre World Health Assembly meeting in Geneva, October meeting in W. Africa.
Attended by	Ministers of Health from The Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone.
Purpose	The Assembly, which is the governing council of the West African Health Community, enables co-operation in health matters between member governments.

## B.C.E.L. TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Organised by	The British Commonwealth Ex-Services League.
Attended by	Representatives of the 45 member organisations of BCEL, from throughout the Commonwealth.
Purpose	To report progress, review the future and consider requirements for the well-being of 17 million Commonwealth ex-servicemen.
Next conference	September 1980, Ottawa, Canada.

## CAA CONFERENCE

Organised by	Commonwealth Association of Architects.
Frequency	Every two or three years.
Attended by	Representatives of member institutes, usually professional architects.
Purpose	Policy discussions; it is the governing body of CAA.
Next conference	Africa, 1981 or 1982.

## CBA GENERAL CONFERENCE

Organised by	Commonwealth Broadcasting Association.
Frequency	Biennial.
Attended by	Directors-general, general managers, directors, controllers and directors of engineering of CBA member organisations.

Purpose To discuss all aspects of broadcasting development in Commonwealth countries, exchange ideas and experience, and explore further areas for co-operation in Commonwealth broadcasting.  
Next conference September 1980, Australia

### **COMMONWEALTH ADVISORY AERONAUTICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL**

Frequency Every three or four years.  
Attended by Official representatives of sponsoring government departments or other official organisations, often with some additional independent delegates from universities or industry.  
Purpose To identify research problems in aeronautics and allied subjects which are of common interest to two or more member countries, and to provide a means for co-ordinating research effort, and the exchange of information, on them.  
Next conference 1981 or 1982, New Zealand or Britain.

### **COMMONWEALTH AGRICULTURAL BUREAUX REVIEW CONFERENCE**

Frequency Every five years.  
Attended by Ministerial-level delegates.  
Purpose To review the previous five years' work, to set plans for the next five, and to consider estimates.  
Next conference 1980, London, Britain.

### **COMMONWEALTH AIR TRANSPORT COUNCIL CONFERENCE**

Frequency Every two or three years.  
Attended by Directors-general of civil aviation; the chairman is the minister responsible for civil aviation in the host country.  
Purpose To promote the exchange of views and information on civil aviation matters between members of the Commonwealth.  
Next conference Possibly in Autumn 1981, Nairobi, Kenya.

### **COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENT STATISTICIANS CONFERENCE**

Organised by Standing Committee of Caribbean Government Statisticians  
c/o Central Statistical Office,  
Textel Building, 1 Edward Street,  
Port of Spain, Trinidad (P.O. Box 98).  
Frequency Every two years.  
Attended by Government statisticians, representatives of regional bodies and observers from Canada, Britain, the USA and UN agencies in the Caribbean.  
Purpose To provide opportunities for the interchange of knowledge and experience in the statistical field with a view to improving methods of compiling statistics.

### **COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE ON PLANT PATHOLOGY**

Organised by Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux.  
Frequency Every five years.

Attended by Ministers and officials.  
Purpose To review preceding five years' work, to plan for the succeeding five years, and to consider estimates.  
Next conference 1980, London, Britain.

### **COMMONWEALTH DEFENCE CONFERENCE ON OPERATIONAL CLOTHING AND COMBAT EQUIPMENT**

Frequency Approximately every three years.  
Organised by Commonwealth Committee on Defence (Operational Clothing and Combat Equipment).  
Attended by Military, professional and official representatives.  
Purpose To encourage and foster Commonwealth co-operation between staffs associated with research, development, design and inspection and the users of operational and protective clothing and combat equipment; to consider new ideas and review progress; to encourage the exchange of technical information and samples; to conserve research and development efforts within the Commonwealth by making best use of the facilities of member countries.  
Next conference The 13th conference is due to take place in 1981; the location is not yet finalised.

### **COMMONWEALTH DEFENCE SCIENCE ORGANISATION CONFERENCE**

Frequency Every two and a half to three years, as the need for discussion arises.  
Attended by Official and professional representatives.  
Purpose Depends upon the subject proposed for discussion.  
Next conference 1981

### **COMMONWEALTH EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

Organised by Commonwealth Secretariat.  
Frequency Triennial.  
Attended by Ministers of Education and their officials.  
Purpose To review progress in educational co-operation and to make recommendations for action in the succeeding three years.  
Next conference 1980, in Asia (provisional).

### **COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERS' COUNCIL**

Frequency Biennial.  
Attended by Presidents and secretaries of member institutions, usually professional engineers.  
Purpose To aid the advancement of engineering science and practice for the benefit of mankind; and to advance the common aims and objectives of member institutions.  
Next conference 1979, Hong Kong.

### **COMMONWEALTH ENTOMOLOGICAL CONFERENCE**

Organised by Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux.  
Frequency Every five years.  
Attended by Ministers and officials.  
Purpose To review preceding five years' work, to plan for the succeeding five years, and to consider estimates.  
Next conference 1980, London, Britain.

## **COMMONWEALTH FINANCE MINISTERS' MEETING**

Organised by Commonwealth Secretariat  
Frequency Annual  
Attended by Ministers  
Purpose To discuss international monetary and economic issues, with particular reference to the Commonwealth.  
Next Meeting September 1979, Malta.

## **COMMONWEALTH FORESTRY CONFERENCE**

Organised by Standing Committee on Commonwealth Forestry.  
Frequency Approximately six yearly.  
Attended by Chairman, director-general and commissioners of the Forestry Commission; professional representatives from the Commonwealth Forestry Institute, Commonwealth Forestry Bureau, Commonwealth Forestry Association, Princes Risborough Laboratory, Ministry of Overseas Development (Britain), Forestry Commission (Britain) and the Commonwealth heads of forest services.  
Purpose To examine the forestry situation in the countries represented; offer opportunities for discussion on problems; and to promote and encourage further developments in forest research, education and forest technology.  
Next conference The eleventh conference will be in Trinidad and Tobago in September 1980.

## **COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING**

Organised by Commonwealth Secretariat.  
Frequency Biennial.  
Attended by The Heads of Government of Commonwealth member countries.  
Purpose To exchange views in an informal and frank atmosphere on international political and economic issues with a view to promoting both understanding of each others policies and common approaches to possible solutions to world problems. In addition to consider areas for practical co-operation amongst members.  
Next conference 1979, Lusaka, Zambia.

## **COMMONWEALTH HEALTH MINISTERS' MEETING**

Organised by Commonwealth Secretariat.  
Frequency Triennial.  
Attended by Ministers and their officials.  
Purpose To discuss health problems common to member countries; to consider ways of improving health; to determine priorities for national and multilateral action; to decide how governments can best co-operate for the improvement of the health of their peoples; and to draw up guidelines for action by governments, regional groupings and the Commonwealth Secretariat.  
Next conference 1980.

## **COMMONWEALTH LAW CONFERENCE**

Organised by The bar associations and/or law society in the host country—in 1980 the Nigerian Bar Association.  
Frequency Formerly every five years. Every three years with effect from 1980.  
Attended by Judges, law officers and public services, private practice and academic lawyers who are Commonwealth citizens.

Purpose The conference is the principal forum for consultation and co-operation by the legal profession in the Commonwealth as a whole.  
Next conference 17—23 August 1980, Lagos, Nigeria.

### **COMMONWEALTH LAW MINISTERS MEETING**

Organised by Commonwealth Secretariat.  
Frequency Biennial.  
Attended by Ministers and their officials.  
Purpose To review progress in legal co-operation within the Commonwealth, to exchange experiences and ideas, and to make recommendations for future co-operation.  
Next meeting April 1980, Barbados.

### **COMMONWEALTH MAGISTRATES' CONFERENCE**

Organised by Commonwealth Magistrates' Association.  
Frequency Between one and four years.  
Attended by Members of judiciary of all levels from chief justices to adjudicators in customary courts, advocates and academic lawyers.  
Purpose To discuss subjects of common interest, to stimulate further training for personnel in courts, especially the lower courts, and to establish contact between magistrates within the Commonwealth.  
Next conference September 23—29 1979 (followed by a study tour Sep 30—Oct 6) Oxford, Britain.

### **COMMONWEALTH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION COUNCIL**

Frequency Triennial.  
Attended by Professionals.  
Purpose To provide the opportunity for the governing body to formulate policy, and to discuss scientific and professional matters.  
Next meeting 1980, Kenya.

### **COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE**

Organised by Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.  
Frequency Annual.  
Attended by Ministers and back-bench Members of Parliament.  
Purpose To discuss matters of common interest among Commonwealth legislators with particular reference to the countries of the Commonwealth; and to promote knowledge of the Commonwealth and of parliamentary institutions.  
Next conference 17 Nov—2 Dec 1979, Wellington, New Zealand.

### **COMMONWEALTH PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE**

Frequency Every five years.  
Attended by Ministers (of the host country) and professionals.  
Purpose To present and discuss papers on education, law, practice and professional standards in pharmacy.  
Next conference Trinidad 1982.

### **COMMONWEALTH SCIENCE COUNCIL MEETING**

Organised by Commonwealth Science Council, in co-operation with a member organisation in the host country.

Frequency Biennial.  
Attended by The heads of national science councils or similar bodies.  
Purpose To review progress on scientific and technological collaboration among members during the preceding two years; and to formulate policies and programmes for promoting science and technology collaboration during the next two years.  
Next meeting 1980, Nigeria.

### **COMMONWEALTH SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING**

Organised by Commonwealth Secretariat.  
Frequency Biennial  
Attended by Cabinet secretaries, permanent secretaries to Heads of Government, and other senior officials.  
Purpose To provide continuity between Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings; to exchange views on current international developments; and to review the activities of the Commonwealth Secretariat.  
Next conference 1980, venue not decided.

### **COMMONWEALTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE**

Organised by Commonwealth Telecommunications Bureau in association with the responsible administration in the host country.  
Frequency Usually triennial.  
Attended by Senior officials of governments.  
Purpose To promote the efficient exploitation and development of the Commonwealth external telecommunications system; to encourage and participate in consultation between Commonwealth countries; to provide machinery for such consultation, for the dissemination of advice and information in the field, and for the administration of collaborative financial arrangements.  
Next meeting Possibly 1980, Cyprus.

### **COMMONWEALTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL**

Organised by Commonwealth Telecommunications Bureau in association with responsible administration in the host country.  
Frequency Annual.  
Attended by Senior officials of the external telecommunications administrations, or other officials of equivalent status.  
Purpose See entry for Commonwealth Telecommunications Conference.  
Next meeting 16-20 July 1979, Montreal, Canada.

### **COMMONWEALTH TRADE UNION CONFERENCE**

Organised by Trades Union Congress, Congress House, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS  
01-636 4030  
Frequency Annual  
Attended by Members of worker delegations of Commonwealth countries to the annual conference of the International Labour Organisation.  
Purpose To provide a forum for discussion and for the informal exchange of information and ideas between trade union organisations throughout the Commonwealth.  
Next conference June 1980, Geneva, Switzerland.

## **COMMONWEALTH YOUTH AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

- Organised by Commonwealth Secretariat.  
Frequency Biennial, and such other meetings as requested by the Commonwealth Youth Programme's Committee of Management, or by the Commonwealth Secretary-General.
- Attended by Ministers, senior officials responsible for youth programmes, and—as advisers within national delegations—professional and youth representatives.
- Purpose To formulate CYP general policies (including guidelines on the operation and management of the Programme); to approve financial estimates or plans of expenditure and audited financial statements; and to submit reports on CYP operations for consideration by governments. (The CYAC may delegate authority to the CYP Committee of Management during the interval between Council meetings.)

## **CONFERENCE OF THE COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION OF PLANNERS**

- Frequency Every four years.  
Attended by Representatives of member organisations from throughout the Commonwealth, usually professional planners, and observers.
- Purpose The conference is CAP's governing body and a forum for discussion of planning and programming.
- Next conference May 1980, Canada.

## **CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH AUDITORS GENERAL**

- Organised by The audit department of the host country. A central liaison is maintained by the British Exchequer and Audit Department, Audit House, Victoria Embankment, London EC4Y 0DS. Tel: 01-353 8901 Ext: 550
- Frequency Triennial.  
Attended by Auditors general.
- Purpose To enable auditors general to discuss subjects of common interest and to pool experience.
- Next conference 1981, Jamaica.

## **CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH METEOROLOGISTS**

- Organised by British Meteorological Office, London Road, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 2SZ, Britain. Tel: Bracknell 20242 Ext. 2377.
- Frequency Every four years.  
Attended by Directors of meteorological services.
- Purpose The conference takes place immediately after the World Meteorological Congress in Geneva, and provides an opportunity for an informal exchange of ideas on developments and common problems in meteorology.
- Next conference 5—8 June 1979, Reading, Britain.

## **CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS**

- Organised by The administration of the host country. A central liaison is maintained by the Post and Telecommunications Division,

	Department of Industry, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6RB. Tel: 01-212 6383.
Frequency	Every two or three years.
Attended by	Officials of postal administrations.
Purpose	To discuss international postal matters of common concern, especially those which touch upon the activities of the Universal Postal Union.
Next conference	Not known.

### **CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH STATISTICIANS**

Organised by	The Government or government agency of the host country. The eighth conference in November/December 1975, Bridgetown, Barbados, was organised on behalf of four Commonwealth Caribbean governments—Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago—by the Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad.
Frequency	Every five years.
Attended by	Heads of the statistical offices of Commonwealth governments and some senior officials, and observers from certain intergovernmental bodies including the U.N. Statistical Office.
Purpose	To promote and continue contacts between the senior officials in each Commonwealth country who are responsible for the preparation of statistics; to discuss concepts and methods; and to extend mutual assistance in solving common problems.

### **CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH SURVEYORS**

Organised by	Directorate of Overseas Surveys, Ministry of Overseas Development, Kingston Road, Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey KT5 9NS, Britain. Tel: 01-337 8661.
Frequency	Every four years
Attended by	Heads of government survey departments, private and academic organisations and firms concerned with land surveying and mapping.
Purpose	To discuss the techniques and uses of surveying and map making with special reference to developing areas.
Next conference	1983.

### **CONFERENCE OF EAST, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN MINISTERS OF HEALTH, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICERS AND ADVISERS**

Organised by	Commonwealth Regional Health Secretariat, Arusha.
Frequency	Annual.
Attended by	Health Ministers, chief medical officers and advisers of the 10 member countries of the Secretariat.
Purpose	To foster regional co-operation in health through exchange of experiences, co-operation and co-ordination of research and training programmes.

### **CONFERENCE OF THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

Frequency	Biennial.
Attended by	Practising farmers from Commonwealth countries.
Purpose	For the interchange of knowledge and experience in the practice and science of agriculture, with a view to improving methods of crop

production and breeding livestock, and to improving the efficiency of agricultural implements and machinery.  
Next conference 27-29 September 1979, Perth, W. Australia.

### **CONFERENCE OF SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING OFFICERS OF COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTS**

Organised by Conference Standing Committee. Secretary: Philip Laundy, Director, Research Branch, Library of Parliament, House of Commons, Ottawa, Canada. Tel: 613-992 1132.  
Frequency Approximately every two years.  
Attended by Speakers and presiding officers.  
Purpose To provide a forum for the discussion of parliamentary procedure and other matters of common interest.  
Next conference To be decided. The standing committee will meet in 1979, Cyprus.

### **CONGRESS OF THE UNIVERSITIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

Organised by Association of Commonwealth Universities.  
Frequency Every five years.  
Attended by Nominated representatives of member universities of the ACU.  
Purpose To provide opportunities for personal contact and informal exchange of views and experience as well as for formal discussion.  
Next congress 1983, University of Birmingham, Britain.

### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYING AND LAND ECONOMY**

Frequency Every five years.  
Attended by Government ministers and officials, and professionals.  
Purpose The General Assembly is CASLE's governing body, made up of representatives of member societies. The occasion also provides for meetings of the executive committee, the Commonwealth Board of Surveying Education, and for symposia or regional gatherings.  
Next meeting Fourth General Assembly, September 1981. Ottawa, Canada.

### **MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH REPRESENTATIVES PRIOR TO THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY (Pre-WHA Meeting)**

Organised by Commonwealth Secretariat.  
Frequency Annual.  
Attended by Ministers of Health, and their officials.  
Purpose To review action on recommendations of the triennial Health Ministers' meetings; to discuss selected health matters of common interest; and to consider the agenda and arrangements for the next conference.  
Next meeting May 1980, Geneva.

### **QUADRENNIAL COMMONWEALTH PRESS CONFERENCE**

Organised by Commonwealth Press Union.  
Frequency Every four years.  
Attended by Publishers, senior editors, newspaper managers, etc.  
Purpose To discuss the widest range of matters affecting the Commonwealth press generally, including new technological advances, training of

journalists, press telecommunications, editorial and management problems, etc.  
Next conference 1982, venue to be decided.

### **ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE**

Organised by Royal Life Saving Society, 14 Devonshire Street, London W1N 2AT  
Tel: 01-580 5678/9.  
Frequency Every five years.  
Attended by RLSS Commonwealth Council (including High Commissioners in London), and delegates from RLSS national branches in Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, etc.  
Purpose The exchange of information concerning life-saving techniques and education; and the development of life saving throughout the world.  
Next conference May 1981, London, Britain.

### **SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM**

Organised by South Pacific Bureau for Economic Co-operation (SPEC).  
Frequency At least once a year.  
Attended by Heads of Government of the independent and self-governing countries of the region; Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Gilbert Islands (Kiribati, from July 1979), Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Western Samoa. The Chairmanship and location of the Forum is rotated.  
Purpose To overcome the economic and political problems facing the South Pacific region through a concerted and regional approach and also to enable the South Pacific countries to present a stronger voice in world affairs.

### **SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL CIVIL AVIATION COUNCIL**

Organised by South Pacific Bureau for Economic Co-operation (SPEC).  
Frequency At the discretion of member countries.  
Attended by Ministers or their representatives of all South Pacific Forum countries.  
Purpose To investigate, advise and make recommendations to the South Pacific Forum on the co-operative development of civil aviation in the South Pacific region.

### **SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL SHIPPING COUNCIL**

Organised by South Pacific Bureau for Economic Co-operation (SPEC).  
Frequency At the discretion of member countries.  
Attended by Ministers or their representatives of all South Pacific Forum countries.  
Purpose To investigate, advise and make recommendations and proposals to the South Pacific Forum on steps to improve shipping services throughout the region.

**TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR  
COMMONWEALTH LITERATURE AND LANGUAGE  
STUDIES**

- Attended by Members of ACLALS, including academics, writers, critics, editors  
and publishers.
- Purpose To enable an exchange of views on Commonwealth literature and  
language; papers and discussion are based on a selected theme.
- Next conference The fifth, 3-8 January 1980, at the University of the South Pacific,  
Fiji.