

SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

1. That an Association should be formed.
2. That it should be entitled The Commonwealth Association of Polytechnics in Africa.
3. That options should be kept open for links or mergers with institutions or associations of institutions in a wider range of countries, for example, non-Commonwealth countries in Africa, or Commonwealth countries outside Africa.
4. That the Association should have the aims and objects set out in paragraph 14 of the report of the Meeting.
5. That "Polytechnics" for the purpose of the Association should be defined as institutions that are post-secondary, are approved by Ministries of Education, and offer courses of a technical, vocational and general nature with a substantial commitment to technician work in more than one discipline (or to higher technician work in a country where there are two levels of certification for technicians).
6. That membership of the Association should be open to institutions so defined in the Commonwealth countries of Africa including Mauritius and the Seychelles.
7. That a status of associate member should be considered for selected institutions that do not satisfy the criteria in 5 above.
8. That a constitution for the Association should be drafted by a committee consisting of nine named participants in the Meeting, drawn from nine countries.
9. That the draft constitution should be presented to and adopted by an inaugural meeting of the Association to be held in 1978.
10. That some essential secretariat functions should be performed by the Commonwealth Secretariat until the Association is formally constituted.
11. That as many founder members as possible should be identified by the Commonwealth Secretariat, through governments, and invited to send representatives to the inaugural meeting.
12. That governments should at the same time be asked to consult possible founder members as to their willingness to play host either to the inaugural meeting or to an interim secretariat or to both.
13. That the Commonwealth Secretariat should provide legal advice on the desirable legal status of the Association.
14. That working relations should be established with all relevant organizations, national and international, governmental and non-governmental, especially those funding fellowships, with a view to identifying gaps in provision which the Association might help to fill.