
Co-operation through meetings

References are made, in this directory to regular meetings at pan-Commonwealth governmental level (e.g. Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings), at regional level (e.g. Caricom Heads of Government) and of non-governmental organisations (e.g. Commonwealth Universities Congress). These are included under the body which organises the meeting.

In addition, some professions and other groups which have not set up organisations maintain links through regular conferences or meetings at which they discuss matters of common interest and may set up programmes of collaboration. Some of these are listed below.

COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENT STATISTICIANS CONFERENCE

- Organised by** Inter-Conference Committee of members (i.e. government statisticians).
Address: Central Statistical Office,
P O Box 98, 23 Park Street,
Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.
- Frequency** Approximately every two years. Last meeting in St Lucia, December 1983
- 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.

CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH AUDITORS GENERAL

- Organised by** The audit department of the host country. A central liaison is maintained by the National Audit Office, Audit House, Victoria Embankment, London EC4Y ODS, Britain.
Tel: 01-353 8901 Ext: 555.
- Frequency** Triennial
- Purpose** To enable Auditors General to discuss subjects of common interest and to pool experience.
- Last conference** 1984, London

CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH METEOROLOGISTS

- Organised by** Until 1985 by the British Meteorological Office, London Road, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 2SZ, Britain. Tel: (Bracknell) 420242, Ext: 2377. Thereafter by host countries within the Commonwealth.
- Frequency** Every four years
- Purpose:** The Conference provides an opportunity for an informal exchange of ideas on developments and common problems in meteorology.

Next Conference 1985, Reading, Britain. (Note: Conferences have usually been held immediately after WMO Congresses but the meeting in 1983 decided that they would henceforth be held between Congresses and, so far as possible, in participating countries in rotation).

CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS

Organised by The postal administration of the host country. Between conferences a member country, currently Malaysia, acts as co-ordinator.

Frequency Every two or three years

Purpose To discuss international postal matters of common concern, especially those which touch upon the activities of the Universal Postal Union.

Next conference To be held in 1985 or 1986, probably in Canada

CONFERENCE OF SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING OFFICERS OF COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTS

Organised by Conference Standing Committee,
Secretary: Philip Laundry, Clerk Assistant,
House of Commons, Ottawa, Canada.
Tel: 613 995 8524.

Frequency Approximately every two years

Purpose To provide a forum for the discussion of parliamentary procedure and other matters of common interest.

Next Conference New Delhi, India, January 1986. The Standing Committee will meet in Zimbabwe in January 1985.

MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS

Organised by The Office for Correctional Services, Hong Kong, assisted by the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Frequency First meeting March 1985, in Hong Kong.

Attended by Correctional officers from Commonwealth jurisdictions.

Purpose To exchange experience in dealing with crises in prisons, prison management, prison-officer training; to discuss the transfer of convicted offenders, and the purposes and use of imprisonment.