

Annexes

Annex 1: CHOGM Parallel Forums

Commonwealth Business Forum 1997–2015

Year	CHOGM	Commonwealth Business Forum	Theme	Organiser
1997	Edinburgh, United Kingdom, 24–27 October	Commonwealth Business Forum, Hotel Inter-Continental, London, 22–23 October 1997	Trade, investment and development: the road to Commonwealth prosperity	Commonwealth Business Council
1999	Durban, South Africa, 11–20 November	Commonwealth Business Forum, Johannesburg, South Africa, 9–11 November 1999	Making globalisation work: economic advance with social development	Commonwealth Business Council
2002	Coolum, Australia, 6–9 October	Commonwealth Business Forum*, Melbourne, 3–5 October, 2001	The twenty-first century: new economy, new challenges, new opportunities	Commonwealth Business Council
2003	Abuja, Nigeria, 5–8 December	Commonwealth Business Forum, Abuja, Nigeria, 2–4 December 2003	Promoting women's businesses: key to sustainable development	Commonwealth Business Council
2005	Valletta, Malta, 25–27 November	Commonwealth Business Forum, Malta, 22–24 November 2005	The Commonwealth, Europe and the Mediterranean: window on business opportunities	Commonwealth Business Council
2007	Kampala, Uganda, 23–25 November	Commonwealth Business Forum, Kampala, Uganda, 20–22 November 2007	The untapped potential: building partnership with East Africa, the Commonwealth and the global economy	Commonwealth Business Council
2009	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 27–29 November	Commonwealth Business Forum, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 23–26 November 2009	Partnering for a more equitable and sustainable future: the Commonwealth and the Americas	Commonwealth Business Council
2011	Perth, Australia, 28–30 October	Commonwealth Business Forum, Perth, Australia, 25–27 October 2011	Participating for global growth: the Commonwealth, the Indian Ocean and the Pacific Rim	Commonwealth Business Council
2013	Colombo, Sri Lanka, 10–17 November	Commonwealth Business Forum, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 12–14 November 2013	Partnering for wealth creation and social development: the Commonwealth, the Indian Ocean, the Pacific and SAARC	Commonwealth Business Council
2015	Malta, 27–29 November	Commonwealth Business Forum, St Julian's, Malta, 24–26 November 2015	Adding global value: creating a more prosperous Commonwealth	Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council

*CHOGM was originally scheduled for 6–9 October 2001, Brisbane. Following the events of 9/11 in New York, CHOGM was rescheduled to Coolum, Australia, 6–9 October 2002. The original location and date for the Business Forum were Melbourne, 3–5 October 2001.

Commonwealth Non-governmental Organisations and Civil Society Interaction 1991–2015

Year	CHOGM	Event	Theme	Organiser
1991	Harare, Zimbabwe, 16–21 October	First Commonwealth NGO Forum, Harare, Zimbabwe, 19–23 August 1991	On environmentally sustainable development and collaboration in the Commonwealth	Commonwealth Foundation in collaboration with the Forum Task Force and Zimbabwe Commonwealth Liaison Units
1995	Auckland, New Zealand, 10–13 November	Second Commonwealth NGO Forum, Wellington, New Zealand, 18–23 June 1995	Paths out of poverty: the role of NGOs	Commonwealth Foundation in collaboration with the Forum Task Force and Association of Non-government Organisations of Aotearoa (ANTOA)
1997	Edinburgh, United Kingdom, 24–27 October	First Commonwealth People's Centre, Edinburgh, 21–26 October 1997		Royal Commonwealth Society in collaboration with the British Council, Scottish Arts Council, Visiting Arts and Scotland Africa '97
1999	Durban, South Africa, 11–20 November	Third Commonwealth NGO Forum, Durban, South Africa, 6–8 November 1999, and Commonwealth People's Centre, Durban, South Africa, 10–15 November 1999	The people's future: citizens and governance in the new millennium	Commonwealth Foundation in collaboration with South Africa NGO Coalition (SANGOCO)
2002	Coolumb, Australia, 6–9 October	Commonwealth People's Festival, Brisbane, Australia, 2–8 October 2001*	Connecting communities	Commonwealth Foundation in collaboration with the Brisbane Commonwealth People's Festival Steering Committee
2003	Abuja, Nigeria, 5–8 December	Commonwealth People's Forum, Abuja, Nigeria, 1–7 December 2003	Citizens and governance	Commonwealth Foundation in collaboration with the Commonwealth People's Forum Steering Committee and the Nigerian Ministry of Culture and Tourism

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Year	CHOGM	Event	Theme	Organiser
2005	Valletta, Malta, 25–27 November	Commonwealth People's Forum, Valletta, Malta, 21–25 November 2005	Networking Commonwealth people	Commonwealth Foundation in collaboration with the Commonwealth People's Forum Steering Committee in Malta and the Civil Society Advisory Committee
2007	Kampala, Uganda, 23–25 November	Commonwealth People's Forum, Kampala, Uganda, 18–22 November 2007	Realising people's potential	The Commonwealth Foundation in collaboration with the Commonwealth People's Forum Steering Committee, the Ugandan Steering Committee and the British Council
2009	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 27–29 November	Commonwealth People's Forum, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 22–26 November 2009	Partnering for a more equitable and sustainable future	The Commonwealth Foundation in collaboration with the Commonwealth People's Forum Steering Committee and the Trinidad and Tobago National Civil Society Steering Committee
2011	Perth, Australia, 28–30 October	Commonwealth People's Forum, Perth, Australia, 25–27 October 2011	Driving change for a dynamic Commonwealth	The Commonwealth Foundation in collaboration with the Commonwealth People's Forum Steering Committee and the Government of Western Australia
2013	Colombo, Sri Lanka, 10–17 November	Commonwealth People's Forum, Hikkaduwa, Sri Lanka, 10–14 November 2013	Equitable growth and inclusive development: beyond 2015	The Commonwealth Foundation in collaboration with the Commonwealth People's Forum Steering Committee, Sevalanka Foundation, Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement and Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government Authorities
2015	Malta, 27–29 November	Commonwealth People's Forum, St Julian's, Malta, 23–26 November 2015	What makes societies resilient?	The Commonwealth Foundation in collaboration with the Commonwealth People's Forum Steering Committee

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Commonwealth Human Rights Forum 2003–05

Year	CHOGM	Commonwealth Human Rights Forum	Theme	Organiser
2003	Abuja, Nigeria, 5–8 December	Commonwealth Human Rights Forum, Abuja, Nigeria, 3–4 December 2003	Human rights: our common wealth	The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, the Legal Resources Consortium and the Nigerian Human Rights Commission, supported by the Canadian International Development Agency, the Commonwealth Foundation and the British Council
2005	Valletta, Malta, 25–27 November	Commonwealth Human Rights Forum, Valetta, Malta, 20–21 November 2005*	Networking for human rights in the Commonwealth	The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative and Amnesty International Malta Group. The Forum would not have been possible without financial support from the Commonwealth Foundation and the British Council

*After 2007, Commonwealth human rights groups met under the umbrella of the Commonwealth People's Forum.

Commonwealth Women's Forum 2015

Year	CHOGM	Forum	Theme	Organiser
2015	Malta, 27–29 November	First Commonwealth Women's Forum, St Julian's, Malta, 22 –24 November 2015	Women ahead: be all that you can be	Commonwealth Secretariat

Commonwealth Youth Forum 1997–2015

Year	CHOGM	Commonwealth Youth Forum	Theme	Organiser
1997	Edinburgh, United Kingdom, 24–27 October	First Commonwealth Youth Forum, Edinburgh, United Kingdom, 20–25 October 1997	Enabling young people to identify their agenda for the Commonwealth of the 21st century	Scottish Community Education Council, Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council and Commonwealth Youth Programme
1999	Durban, South Africa, 11–20 November	Second Commonwealth Youth Forum, Durban, South Africa, 2–9 November 1999	Youth challenges in the new millennium	The South African Youth Council in association with the Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council and the Commonwealth Youth Programme
2002	Coolum, Australia, 6–9 October	Third Commonwealth Youth Forum, Gold Coast, Australia, 30 September to 8 October 2001*	The role of young people in the 21st century	Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs, Australia, in association with the Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council and the Commonwealth Youth Forum
2003	Abuja, Nigeria, 5–8 December	Fourth Commonwealth Youth Forum, Abuja, Nigeria, 25 November to 3 December 2003	Youth, democracy, good governance and human rights: young people as agents for social and economic development	Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Youth Development Ministry of Women Affairs and Youth Development and the National Youth Council of Nigeria, in association with the Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council and the Commonwealth Youth Programme
2005	Valletta, Malta, 25–27 November	Fifth Commonwealth Youth Forum, Qawra, Malta, 16–23 November 2005	Networking for development	Ministry of Education, Employment and Youth and the National Youth Council of Malta, in association with the Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council and the Commonwealth Youth Programme

Year	CHOGM	Commonwealth Youth Forum	Theme	Organiser
2007	Kampala, Uganda, 23–25 November	Sixth Commonwealth Youth Forum, Entebbe, Uganda, 14–21 November 2007	Young people development: breaking barriers, unleashing potential	National Youth Council of Uganda, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development of Uganda, Commonwealth Youth Programme and the Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council
2009	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 27–29 November	Seventh Commonwealth Youth Forum, Vanguard Holdings Limited, Tobago, 21–23 November 2009; (continued). Caribbean Princess Cruise Ship, Trinidad 23–27 November 2009.	Invest in youth, sustain the world	The Trinidad and Tobago Government in association with the Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council and the Commonwealth Youth Programme
2011	Perth, Australia, 28–30 October	Eighth Commonwealth Youth Forum, Fremantle, Australia, 23–27 October 2011	Our Commonwealth, our future	The Australian Government in association with the Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council and the Commonwealth Youth Programme
2013	Colombo, Sri Lanka, 10–17 November	Ninth Commonwealth Youth Forum, Hambanthota, Sri Lanka, 10–14 November 2013	Inclusive development: stronger together	The Sri Lankan Government in association with the Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council and the Commonwealth Youth Programme
2015	Malta, 27–29 November	Tenth Commonwealth Youth Forum, St Paul's Bay, Malta, 21–25 November 2015	Adding global value ... #WhatNext?	The Malta Government in association with the Commonwealth Youth Council and Commonwealth Youth Programme

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Annex 2: Retreats for Prime Ministers' Meetings and Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings 1973–2015

Year	CHOGM	Retreat
1973	Ottawa, Canada, 2–10 August	Mont-Tremblant
1975	Kingston, Jamaica, 29 April–6 May	Hanover
1977	London, United Kingdom, 8–15 June	Gleneagles
1979	Lusaka, Zambia, 1–7 August	Livingstone
1981	Melbourne, Australia, 30 September–7 October	Canberra
1983	New Delhi, India, 23–29 November	Goa
1985	Nassau, The Bahamas, 16–22 October	Lyford Cay
1987	Vancouver, Canada, 13–17 October	Lake Okanagan
1989	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 18–24 October	Langkawi
1991	Harare, Zimbabwe, 16–21 October	Victoria Falls
1993	Limassol, Cyprus, 21–25 October	Paphos
1995	Auckland, New Zealand, 10–13 November	Queenstown
1997	Edinburgh, United Kingdom, 24–27 October	St Andrews
1999	Durban, South Africa, 11–20 November	George
2002	Coolum, Australia, 6–9 October	Coolum
2003	Abuja, Nigeria, 5–8 December	Aso Rock, Abuja
2005	Valletta, Malta, 25–27 November	Golden Bay
2007	Kampala, Uganda, 23–25 November	Munyonyo, Kampala
2009	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 27–29 November	Port of Spain
2011	Perth, Australia, 28–30 October	Kings Park, Perth
2013	Colombo, Sri Lanka, 10–17 November	Waters Edge, Colombo
2015	Malta, 27–29 November	Fort St Angelo

Annex 3: Commonwealth Heads of Government Themes 1997–2015

1997	Edinburgh, United Kingdom, 24–27 October	Promoting shared prosperity
1999	Durban, South Africa, 11–20 November	Globalisation and people-centred development
2002	Coolum, Australia, 6–9 October	The Commonwealth in the twenty-first century: continuity and renewal
2003	Abuja, Nigeria, 5–8 December	Development and democracy: partnership for peace and prosperity
2005	Valletta, Malta, 25–27 November	Networking the Commonwealth for development
2007	Kampala, Uganda, 23–25 November	Transforming societies to achieve political, economic and human development
2009	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 27–29 November	Partnering for a more equitable and sustainable future
2011	Perth, Australia, 28–30 October	Building national resilience, building global resilience
2013	Colombo, Sri Lanka, 10–17 November	Growth with equity: inclusive development
2015	Malta, 27–29 November	Adding global value

Annex 4: Commonwealth Chair-in-Office 1999–2015

Term start	Term end	Chair-in-Office	Country	CHOGM year
12 November 1999	2 March 2002	HE Mr Thabo Mbeki*, President	South Africa	1999
2 March 2002	5 December 2003	The Hon. John Howard*, Prime Minister	Australia	2002
5 December 2003	25 November 2005	HE Chief Olusengun Obasanjo*, President	Nigeria	2003
25 November 2005	23 November 2007	The Hon. Dr Lawrence Gonzi*, Prime Minister	Malta	2005
23 November 2007	27 November 2009	HE Mr Yoweri Kaguta Museveni*, President	Uganda	2007
27 November 2009	26 May 2010	The Hon. Patrick Manning*, Prime Minister	Trinidad and Tobago	2009
26 May 2010	28 October 2011	The Hon. Kamla Persad-Bissessar, Prime Minister	Trinidad and Tobago	
28 October 2011	27 June 2013	The Hon. Julia Gillard*, Prime Minister	Australia	2011
27 June 2013	18 September 2013	The Hon. Kevin Rudd, Prime Minister	Australia	
18 September 2013	15 November 2013	The Hon. Tony Abbot, Prime Minister	Australia	
15 November 2013	9 January 2015	HE Mr Mahinda Rajapaksa*, President	Sri Lanka	2013
9 January 2015	27 November 2015	HE Mr Maithripala Sirisena, President	Sri Lanka	
27 November 2015	<i>Incumbent</i>	The Hon. Dr Joseph Muscat*, Prime Minister	Malta	2015

* Indicates Chair-in-Office during CHOGM.

Annex 5: Commonwealth Day Themes 1980–2015

Since 1977, Commonwealth Day has been observed by all member countries on the second Monday in March.

Year	Date	Theme
2015	9 March	A young Commonwealth
2014	10 March	Team Commonwealth
2013	11 March	Opportunity through enterprise
2012	12 March	Connecting cultures
2011	14 March	Women as agents of change
2010	8 March	Science, technology and society
2009	9 March	Commonwealth @ 60: serving a new generation
2008	10 March	The environment, our future
2007	12 March	Respecting difference, promoting understanding
2006	13 March	Health and vitality: the Commonwealth challenge
2005	14 March	Education: creating opportunity, realising potential
2004	8 March	Building a Commonwealth of freedom
2003	10 March	Partners in development: working together to create a better future for all
2002	11 March	Celebrating diversity
2001	12 March	A new generation
2000	13 March	The communications challenge: sharing knowledge
1999	8 March	Music
1998	9 March	Sport brings us together
1997	10 March	Our worldwide web: talking to one another
1996	11 March	Our working partnership
1995	13 March	Our global neighbourhood: working together for tolerance and understanding
1994	14 March	Sport makes good friends
1993	8 March	The Commonwealth and human values
1992	9 March	Partnership for the future
1991	11 March	Science in our communities
1990	12 March	Planet management: working together
1989	13 March	Women in the Commonwealth
1988	14 March	The future of the Commonwealth*
1987	9 March	Landscapes
1986	10 March	Commonwealth food crops
1985	11 March	Youth working together
1984	12 March	Special issue Commonwealth stamps ^{\$}
1983	14 March	Sports of the Commonwealth
1982	8 March	Flags of the Commonwealth
1981	9 March	Musical instruments of the Commonwealth
1980	10 March	A world to share
1979	12 March	⊥
1978	13 March	⊥
1977	14 March	⊥

*This was a youth theme.

^{\$}A set of special stamps was issued by all members on Commonwealth Day 1983.

[⊥]No theme is recorded in the report of the Commonwealth Secretary-General.

Annex 6: Member Countries of the Commonwealth 2007–15

Country	Joined Commonwealth	Country	Joined Commonwealth
Antigua and Barbuda	1981	Namibia	1990
Australia	1949*	Nauru	1968
The Bahamas	1973	New Zealand	1949*
Bangladesh	1972	Nigeria	1960
Barbados	1966	Pakistan	1949 * ¹
Belize	1981	Papua New Guinea	1975
Botswana	1966	Rwanda	2009
Brunei Darussalam	1984	Saint Lucia	1979
Cameroon	1995	St Kitts and Nevis	1983
Canada	1949*	St Vincent and the Grenadines	1979
Cyprus	1961	Samoa	1970
Dominica	1978	Seychelles	1976
Fiji Islands	1970 [#]	Sierra Leone	1961
The Gambia	1965 ^{\$}	Singapore	1965
Ghana	1957	Solomon Islands	1978
Grenada	1974	South Africa	1949* [%]
Guyana	1966	Sri Lanka	1949*
India	1949*	Swaziland	1968
Jamaica	1962	Tonga	1970
Kenya	1963	Trinidad and Tobago	1962
Kiribati	1979	Tuvalu	1978
Lesotho	1966	Uganda	1962
Malawi	1964	United Kingdom	1949*
Malaysia	1957	United Republic of Tanzania	1961
Maldives	1982	Vanuatu	1980
Malta	1964	Zambia	1964
Mauritius	1968		
Mozambique	1995		

*Date of the London Declaration, for convenience regarded as the beginning of the modern Commonwealth.

[#]Fiji Islands originally joined the Commonwealth in 1970 and left in 1987. It was readmitted in 1997. Fiji's military regime was suspended from the councils of the Commonwealth in December 2006, then fully suspended from membership of the Commonwealth in 2009. Following restoration of a democratically elected government, it was readmitted in 2014.

^{\$}The Gambia left the Commonwealth in 2013.

¹Pakistan originally became a member in 1949. It left the Commonwealth in 1972 and was readmitted in 1989.

[%]South Africa originally became a member in 1949. It left the Commonwealth in 1961 and was readmitted in 1994.