

Introduction

Commonwealth Organisations was first published by the Commonwealth Secretariat in 1977. It was designed as a simple source of reference to the bodies which provide Commonwealth co-operation. It aims to promote appreciation of the extent of the Commonwealth network, to facilitate links among unofficial bodies, and between them and governmental organisations.

Each edition has been prepared from information supplied by the organisations themselves. Some have been omitted because information was not available.

The Commonwealth Secretariat much appreciates the help and advice received from many organisations and individuals, and the good response to requests for information. It welcomes comments, amendments and additions which could be of use for future editions of the *Directory of Commonwealth Organisations*.

Please help us to keep up to date by letting us know of any changes to organisations listed, or about new or other organisations not included here but which fall within the criteria for inclusion (see below).

Organisations included

The directory lists non-commercial organisations which promote Commonwealth co-operation. It includes:

Governmental organisations These are: pan-Commonwealth organisations, regional governmental bodies with a wholly or largely Commonwealth membership, and national agencies of Commonwealth countries which support development in other Commonwealth countries.

Non-governmental organisations This includes national, regional or intergovernmental voluntary bodies with objectives in sympathy with those of the Commonwealth, which are based in a Commonwealth country and, by membership or function, have an interest in Commonwealth countries.

Also included are national bodies whose main function is to promote or otherwise advance Commonwealth interests.

Purely national organisations, organisations linking only two Commonwealth countries and international bodies with headquarters outside the Commonwealth are not included.