

Commonwealth Women's Forum 2018

Social Media Toolkit

#CWF



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The Women's Forum will draw international delegates from the Commonwealth and the rest of the world to highlight women's positive political, economic and societal contributions and establish how women and girls will be key to building sustainable and resilient societies.

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the opportunity to interact with leaders and for the Commonwealth's commitments to gender equality to be positioned high on the agenda for Heads of Government.

The 2018 CWF will address the theme "An empowered future for women and girls".



The theme signals a clear message that gender equality, women's rights, and women's empowerment are goals and means towards achieving sustainable development as pursued through the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In this toolkit you will find sample posts for Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Please feel free to use these posts as a guide for your own social media efforts.

Don't forget to use the hashtag **#CWF**

For more information on Commonwealth Day 2018 and downloadable resources visit: thecommonwealth.org/womens-forum

Join in with the #CWF online discussion and tell us what "An empowered future for women and girls" means to you

What does "An empowered future for women and girls" mean to you?

We want as many people around the Commonwealth to take part in the Commonwealth Women's Forum online discussion. Here are some suggestions to help you get started:

What does an empowered future for women and girls look like to you?

- 1) Take a photo of what an empowered future for women and girls look like to you
- 2) Use #CWF and illustrate how you have been empowered
- 3) What can Commonwealth Leaders do
- 4) Explain how you are making gender equality a reality
- 5) Share what motivates you to get involved in SDG 5
- 6) What barriers hinder women and girls' empowerment





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Session: Sexual Health and Reproductive Health and Rights

The right to have a control over and decide freely on matters related to sexuality, including sexual reproductive health improves the health outcomes of women across the #Commonwealth. Kate Gilmore (@UNHumanRights) and activists talk about grassroots issues. #CWF #SRHR

The panel discussion on 'Sexual Health and Reproductive Health and Rights' is joined by @Neha_Chauhan21, @TanyaBarronPlan, Viola, Matt Jackson and Marianne Haslegrave. Panellists highlight the policy and legislative progress that has been made in relation to #SRHR. #CWF

Panellists express that #Commonwealth countries should take concrete steps towards fulfilling the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health that women are entitled to. Propose your recommendation to address this issue in doing so using the hashtag #CWE #CWF

Session: Women and Election-related Violence

Tweet 1: Panel introduction

The #Commonwealth advocates for ending violence against women in elections (VAWIE) which undermines fair & inclusive elections.

Panellists are @KadagaRebecca, @hazelbrandywill, @carolkidu and @ZobaidaJalal, who share how #VAWIE is a threat to the integrity of electoral process.

Tweet 2: Engage online users

Violence against women in politics disproportionately affects women's participation as voters, candidates, election officials, activists and party leaders.

What steps do you recommend to overcome this obstacle? Share your thoughts. #ourCommonwealth #VAWIE #CWF

Session: Eliminating Harmful Practices

Tweet 1: Keynote

The session 'Eliminating Harmful Practices' addresses barriers to empowerment including child and forced early marriage (CFEM) and female genital mutilation (FGM) in #Commonwealth countries. Joining the conversation, a survivor from Global South and @Chris_MacLennan from Global Affairs Canada. #CWF #SDG5

Tweet 2: Panel introduction

The panel discussion on 'Eliminating Harmful Practices' is joined by @JLallaMaharajh, Lakshmi Sundaram and Frances J Ferreira.

Panellists share how reforming policy on women's rights is key to improving the lives of women in many #Commonwealth countries. #CWF #SDG5

Tweet 3: Engage online users

Panellists now discuss how can critical sectors, like health and education, be included in addressing child and forced early marriage (CFEM) and female genital mutilation (FGM). Join the conversation to share your recommendation in overcoming these challenges using the hashtag #CWE

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Session: Sexual Health and Reproductive Health and Rights

The session on 'Sexual Health and Reproductive Health and Rights' highlights how reforming policy on women's sexual and reproductive health rights is key to improving the health outcomes for millions of women in many #Commonwealth countries. Across the Commonwealth, women and girls have the right to have control over and decide freely and responsibly on matters related to their sexuality, including sexual reproductive health, however, often women endure barriers in exercising this right. What recommendation do you propose to ensure their sexual and reproductive rights are protected and exercisable without coercion, discrimination and violence? Share your insights in the comment section below. #SRHR #ourCommonwealth #SDG5 #CWF

Session: Women and Election-related Violence

The #Commonwealth advocates for ending Violence Against Women in Politics and Elections which undermines free, fair and inclusive elections. It disproportionately affects women's participation as voters, candidates, election officials, activists and party leaders. Discussants are Rebecca Kadaga, Hazel Brandy-Williams, Dame Carol Kidu and Zobaida Jalal, who reflect how violence against women in politics is a threat to the integrity of the electoral process. What steps do you recommend to overcome this obstacle? Share your thoughts in the comment section. #ourCommonwealth #VAWIE #CWF

Session: Eliminating Harmful Practices

The session on 'Eliminating Harmful Practices' addresses barriers to empowerment in the community.

#ChildMarriage and Female Genital Mutilation violate human rights of young women and girls in Commonwealth countries, exposing them to a range of associated risks including sexual violence, social stigma, and maternal ill health. The discussion is joined by a survivor from the Global South and Christopher MacLennan from Global Affairs Canada. #CWF #ourCommonwealth #SDG5



In the week of the #Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (#CHOGM2018) in #London, the 2nd Commonwealth Women's Forum (#CWF) will be held under the theme "An empowered future for #women and #girls", signalling a clear message that #genderequality, women's rights and women's empowerment are goals and means towards achieving sustainable development (#sustdev) as pursued through the #2030Agenda and the #SDGs.

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The theme of the 2018 #Commonwealth Women's Forum (#CWF) at #CHOGM2018 is "An empowered future for women and #girls". The Women's Forum will place Commonwealth commitments to #genderequality high on the agenda for Heads of Government, and will include substantive plenary sessions and parallel workshops providing the opportunity for participants to focus on areas such as 'women, #peace and security' and 'women's economic #empowerment'.

Join the discussion on the 2018 Commonwealth Women's Forum by sharing your messages, photos and videos with the hashtag #CWF. Don't forget to tag the #Commonwealth Secretariat social media channels: Twitter: @commonwealthsec Facebook: /commonwealthsec Instagram: @commonwealth_sec

Session: Sexual Health and Reproductive Health and Rights**Instagram story:**

Panellists: "Sexual Health = Fundamental Human Right"

Audience: "Sexual Right = Human Right"

Audience: "Child marriage = CRIME"

Instagram post: Panellists

The session on 'Sexual Health and Reproductive Health and Rights' highlights how reforming policy on women's sexual and reproductive health rights is key to improving the health outcomes for millions of women in many #Commonwealth countries. What recommendation do you propose to ensure their sexual and reproductive rights are protected and exercisable without coercion, discrimination and violence? Share your insights in the comment section below. #SRHR #ourCommonwealth #SDG5 #CWF

Session: Women and Election-related Violence**Instagram story:**

Panellists: "Votes Without Violence"

Audience: "VAWIE = Threat to Electoral Process"

Instagram post: Panellists

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Session: Eliminating Harmful Practices**Instagram story:**

Survivor: "Child marriage = hindrance to progress"

Audience: "Child marriage = human rights violation"

Panellists: "Female Genital Mutilation = CRIME"

Instagram post: Panellists

The session on 'Eliminating Harmful Practices' addresses barriers to empowerment in the community. Our panellists discuss how reforming policy can eliminate Child Marriage and Female Genital Mutilation violate human rights of young women and girls in Commonwealth countries.

The #Commonwealth values its citizens and wants every voice to be heard. Share your recommendation on overcoming these challenging by commenting below. #CWF #SDG5 #ourCommonwealth

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting

This year Commonwealth Day precedes the [2018 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting](#), when the leaders of 53 independent member countries will meet to address key global challenges and agree how to work together for the welfare and common good of its 2.4 billion citizens.

The two events are joined by the same theme 'Towards a Common Future'. Building upon the 2017 theme of 'A Peace-Building Commonwealth', this year's theme explores how the Commonwealth can address global challenges and work to create a better future for all citizens through sub-themes of sustainability, security, prosperity and fairness, in line with the theme of the 2018 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in London.

[Find out more about the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting](#)

Other Forums

[Commonwealth Youth Forum](#)

The Commonwealth Youth Forum provides an opportunity for the young people of the Commonwealth to build cross-cultural connections and networks, debate the challenges facing its young people, and agree youth-led initiatives to influence decision makers and ensure young people have a voice in its future. #CYF

[Commonwealth Business Forum](#)

The Commonwealth People's Forum brings together civic voices from around the world to debate key issues facing Commonwealth people. #CommonwealthBusiness

[Commonwealth Peoples Forum](#)

The Business Forum will be held across the Guildhall and Mansion House in the City of London and the QEII Conference Centre, Westminster and will be addressed by heads of government, ministers and global business leaders. #CWpeople

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