

Commonwealth 70th Anniversary Events



Date	Organiser	Event	Location	Description
8 March - 3 May	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association	Exhibition: '70 years of the modern Commonwealth; Visitors past and present'	Glass Wall Portcullis House Atrium, Houses of Parliament, Westminster London	An exhibition to mark the 70th Anniversary of the Commonwealth and celebrate visitors to the UK Parliament from around the Commonwealth.
1 - 3 April	Commonwealth Association of Legislative Counsel	CALC Biennial Members Conference	Avani Victoria Falls Resort, Livingstone, Zambia	The 2019 CALC Conference will be held in Livingstone, Zambia, on the theme of Change and Continuity in Legislative Drafting.
3 April	Institute of Commonwealth Studies	ICWS@70L: South Africa, media and the 2019 elections	Room 349, Third Floor, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU	At this event, speakers will discuss the impact of the media and fake news on elections and the implications for democracy.
4 April	Commonwealth Secretariat EYSDD	4th Commonwealth Debate on Sport and Sustainable Development	Commonwealth Secretariat, Marlborough House, Pall Mall, London	The 4th Commonwealth Debate will focus on the following question: Is the contribution of sport to the Sustainable Development Goals limited by a current skills and knowledge gap?
8 - 12 April	Commonwealth Lawyers Association	21st Commonwealth Law Conference	Livingstone, Zambia	Commonwealth Lawyers Association along with the Law Association of Zambia will be presenting the 21st Commonwealth Law Conference on the theme: "The Rule of Law in Retreat? Challenges for the Modern Commonwealth."
11 - 13 April	Institute of Commonwealth Studies	ICWS@70: The State and Canada	Senate House, Malet St, Bloomsbury, London WC1E 7HU	From traditions of Indigenous governance, through the colonial institutions of Britain and France, to the advent of a nation state in its liberal and social welfare forms, BACS 2019 critically examines the state in Canada, in all its manifestations, and from the vantage of any and all disciplines.
29 April	Institute of Commonwealth Studies	ICWS@70: The Commonwealth & Resilience in 21st century	The Court Room, First Floor, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU	An event held by the Institute of Commonwealth Studies on 'The Commonwealth and Resilience in the 21st Century'.

Date	Organiser	Event	Location	Description
30 April	Commonwealth Association of Science, Technology and Mathematics Educators	The Dennis Chisman Memorial Lecture 2019 - The Engineering Education Conundrum	Boardroom of International Students House (Gulbenkian Room), 229 Great Portland Street, London W1W 5PN	Reflecting on the current state of Engineering Education in schools and colleges, both nationally and globally, this talk will explore some of the major achievements of recent years and ask the question 'What next for Engineering Education?'
30 April 2019	The Commonwealth Resounds	The Commonwealth International Composition Award – Media Introduction and Official Launch	Commonwealth Secretariat,	The official launch of the Commonwealth International Composition Award will be presented by Zeb Soanes, BBC Broadcaster and Author.
2 May	Institute of Commonwealth Studies	ICWS@70: Black British History Workshops	University of Leicester	Following the success of previous events in London, Liverpool, Bristol, Preston and Huddersfield, the tenth of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies' Black British History Workshops (WHBBHX) will be held at the University of Leicester.
7 May	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association	70th Anniversary Reception	Speaker's House, Houses of Parliament, Westminster, London	An event to mark the 70th Anniversary of the Commonwealth in UK Parliament.
8 May 2019	Rotary International and Commonwealth Secretariat	Learning and Development Seminar Series – 'Connecting Communities: Rotary and the Sustainable Development Goals'	Commonwealth Secretariat, Marlborough House	A talk by Rotary International President Barry Rassin, the second event in the Learning and Development Seminar Series to mark the Commonwealth's 70th Anniversary.
8 May	Institute of Commonwealth Studies	ICWS@70: Children of the Windrush Generation	Dr Seng T Lee Centre for Manuscript and Book Studies, Senate House Library, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU	How to Gather Memories of 'Home from Home' - an oral history workshop to be run by Dr Sue Onslow, Institute of Commonwealth Studies.
19 May	Commonwealth Secretariat	Commonwealth Health Ministers Meeting	Geneva, Switzerland	The Commonwealth Health Ministers Meeting (CHMM) is the annual meeting of Health Ministers from Commonwealth member states.
30 May 7.00pm	Royal Over-Seas League	ROSL Gold Medal Final	Queen Elizabeth Hall, Southbank Centre	Musical stars of the future compete for the prestigious Royal Over-Seas League Gold Medal and £15,000 first prize. The winners of the Wind & Brass, Singers, Strings, and Keyboard sections compete for the top prize of ROSL's annual competition, which is open to Commonwealth citizens under the age of 30.

Date	Organiser	Event	Location	Description
3 - 5 June	Institute of Commonwealth Studies	ICWS@70: Rethinking the Regional in Refugee Law and Policy	The Beveridge Hall, Ground Floor, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU	The Refugee Law Initiative Annual Conference offers a dedicated annual forum internationally to share and debate the latest research and cutting-edge developments in refugee protection. This year's special theme – 'Rethinking the "Regional" in Refugee Law and Policy' – reflects on how a host of 'regional' questions loom large for refugee protection in 2019.
14 June	Commonwealth Secretariat	Secretary-General's Commonwealth@70 Reception / Commonwealth Innovation Awards Ceremony	Commonwealth Secretariat, Pall Mall, London	The Secretary-General will be hosting a 70th anniversary reception at Marlborough House for High Commissions, Commonwealth Accredited Organisations and other key stakeholders. At the same event the winners of the inaugural edition of the Commonwealth Secretary-General's Innovation for Sustainable Development Awards will also be announced.
25 June 6.30pm	Royal Over-Seas League	ROSL Rush Hour: Kabantu	Princess Alexandra Hall, Royal Over-Seas League	The Rush Hour Concert Series promises to bring you a varied programme of excellent music from Beethoven to Gershwin; packaged into an hour, giving you a great excuse to miss the crowds and give you a tune or two to hum all the way home.
4 July 6.30pm	Royal Over-Seas League	An Evening of words and music with the Caine Prize writers and ROSL musicians	Princess Alexandra Hall, Royal Over-Seas League	The Caine Prize for African Writing is a literature prize awarded to an African writer of a short story published in English. The prize was launched in 2000 to encourage and highlight the richness and diversity of African writing by bringing it to a wider audience internationally. This year, the event will combine music performances with the readings, with a duo performance from Jonathan Radford saxophone and South African pianist Ben Schoeman.
11 July	Commonwealth Association of Science, Technology and Mathematics Educators	CASTME STEM Challenge Day	Royal Holloway, University Of London Engineering Department	For 5-11 year old students to 'Solve an Everyday Problem using Everyday Materials'. CASTME is working to foster creativity, scientific awareness and problem solving through a competition open to children in the UK.
6 - 9 August	Commonwealth Local Government Forum	Commonwealth Local Government Conference	Colombo, Sri Lanka	Commonwealth Local Government Conferences are held every two years in different regions of the Commonwealth. The next conference will be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka and the theme is - Citizen centred local government: driving inclusive social and economic change.
13 - 18 August	Commonwealth Association of Architects	Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) General Assembly and Architects Association of Kenya (AAK) Convention	Mombasa, Kenya	The AAK Convention will focus on the topic of housing with special reference to providing affordable housing in the African Region and its development in accordance with the SDGs. The CAA will also be presenting the results of its Survey of the Architectural Profession in the Commonwealth

Date	Organiser	Event	Location	Description
September	Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy	CASLE Golden Jubilee event & 14th General Assembly	London	CASLE's Golden Jubilee Event and 14th General Assembly will be held in September 2019 in London, in collaboration with the regional surveying institutions, RICS, the University of the West of England and the University of Manchester.
2 September	Commonwealth Association of Museums	ICOM Kyoto - International Museum Partnerships and Collaborations	Kyoto International Conference Center Japan	The Commonwealth Association of Museums (CAM), the International Council of African Museums (AFRICOM), the Museums Association of the Caribbean (MAC), and the Pacific Islands Museums Association (PIMA) are collaborating on a half day event to explore international partnerships and collaborations and the potential for these four ICOM Affiliated Organisations to work together more effectively.
3 - 6 September	Commonwealth Games Federation	Commonwealth Games Federation General Assembly	Kigali Convention Centre, Rwanda	The General Assembly, which brings together sports leaders from nations and territories of the Commonwealth. It marks the ten-year anniversary of Rwanda joining the list of Commonwealth nations in 2009, and takes place a year before Rwanda hosts the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in 2020.
9-12 September 2019	Commonwealth of Learning and The Open University	Ninth Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning (PCF9)	BT Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh, Scotland	With the compelling theme of 'Innovations for Quality Education and Lifelong Learning,' this hallmark event will address how technology can be harnessed to achieve inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong learning for all. More than 500 policy makers, practitioners and thought leaders from across the Commonwealth and beyond are expected to attend.
10 - 11 October	Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy	Caribbean Land Conference 2019	Port-of-Spain, Trinidad & Tobago	The Caribbean Land Conference is being organised by The Institute of Surveyors of Trinidad and Tobago (ISTT) in collaboration with CASLE and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) on the theme of: Surveying best practice toward the sustainable development of Caribbean SIDS.
28 - 31 October	Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy	70th Anniversary conference: CASTME - A Commonwealth of Communities of Science: Voice of the Child	Stranmillis College, Belfast	The 70th Anniversary conference will be held at Stranmillis College, Belfast, to share effective education practice in STEM. The theme of the Conference is 'Commonwealth of Communities of Science: Voice of the Child.'

Date	Organiser	Event	Location	Description
10 December	Royal Over-Seas League	The ROSL Photography Competition 2019	Kigali Convention Centre, Rwanda	The Royal-Over Seas League Photography Competition highlights the diversity of the Commonwealth and allows artists to present their own cultures through their submissions. The deadline for entries is 5pm GMT on Monday 2 September 2019. The 20 images selected for exhibition will be announced on Friday 20 September. The exhibition of final images will open at Over-Seas House on Tuesday 10 December.