The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have exacerbated many of the areas in which small states are vulnerable. However, there is one area in which their small size is proving beneficial: political governance.

Across several indicators of Worldwide Governance defined by the World Bank, Small States perform better when compared to Large States. One area in which they fall behind however, is related to regulatory quality which involves implementing sound policies and regulations that permit private sector development.

Some explanations for this include:

- Small size conducive to good economic governance
- Small size helps to overcome cultural or ethnic fragmentation
- Small size favours political participation

Although some challenges remain such as outmoded and irrelevant governance structures and weak accountability, responsiveness and representativeness, Commonwealth small states’ performance on political governance is commendable when factoring in their nascent democracies.