

# Commonwealth Business Forum 2015

Hilton Hotel, Malta  
24-26 November 2015

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## Tuesday 24 November

### 0930-1030 **Opening Ceremony**

- Adrian Hillman, Chair, CBF Organising Committee
- Lord Marland of Odstock, Chairman, Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council
- HE Kamallesh Sharma, Commonwealth Secretary-General
- The Hon Dr George Vella MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Malta
- The Hon Dr Joseph Muscat MP, Prime Minister of Malta

### 1030-1100 **Networking Break**

### 1100-1230 **Leveraging Networks: The Commonwealth, the EU and Global Economic Cooperation**

- Chair: The Hon Dr Christian Cardona MP, Minister for the Economy, Investment and Small Business, Malta
- The Hon Abdesslem Bouchouareb, Minister for Industry and Mining, Algeria
- The Hon Hannah Tetteh MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration, Ghana
- Rt Hon Lord Maude of Horsham, Minister of State for Trade and Investment, UK

### 1230-1400 **Networking Lunch**

### 1400-1530 **Opportunity Malta: Creating a Trade Hub for the EU, Middle East and Africa**

- Chair: Dr Mario Vella, Chairman, Malta Enterprise

### 1400-1530 **Parallel Session: Facilitating Commonwealth Trade**

- Chair: Deodat Maharaj, Deputy Secretary-General, Commonwealth Secretariat
- Mohammad Razzaque, Acting Director, Trade Division, Commonwealth Secretariat
- Lord Lindsay, Chairman, UK Accreditation Service
- James Gatera, Managing Director, Bank of Kigali, Rwanda

### 1400-1530 **Parallel Session: Empowering Entrepreneurs**

- Fatin Arifin, President, Commonwealth Asia Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs, Brunei
- Dr Rahul Mirchandani, Founder, Commonwealth Asia Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs, India
- Raphael Celier, Founder, Celier Aviation
- Sam Borg, Brand Manager, Bortex, Malta
- Dr Shiraz Gidwani, Chief Executive, Iktara World, UAE

### 1530-1600 **Networking Break**

### 1600-1730 **Supporting Enterprise: SMEs as the Engine of Growth**

- Chair: Oliver Everett, CEO, Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council
- Dr Mohammed Al Zuhair, Executive Chairman, Kuwait National Fund for SME Development, Kuwait
- Dr Lena Wilson, CEO, Scottish Enterprise, UK

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- Tabitha Karanja, CEO, Keroche Breweries, Kenya
- Eileen V Muscat, CEO, Malta Stock Exchange

## 1600-1730 **Parallel Session: Financial Centres as Catalysts of Growth**

- Chair: Professor Joe Bannister, Chairman, Malta Financial Services Authority
- Alderman Alan Yarrow, Chairman, Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment, UK
- Varun Maharaj, CEO, International Financial Centre, Trinidad and Tobago
- Dr Vanessa Borg, Chief Executive, Argus Insurance Agencies Ltd, Malta

## 1600-1730 **Parallel Session: Sustainable Infrastructure for Developing and Island States**

- Adrian Said, Chairman, Project Malta
- Celeste Connors, Executive Director, Hawaii Green Growth, USA
- Alex Kaplan, Vice President of Global Partnerships, Swiss Re, USA
- Josh Sawislak, Global Director for Resilience, AECOM
- Paddy Pugh, Director of Conservation and Planning, John McAslan Partners, UK

## 1800-1900 **Reception**

## 1900-2100 **Gala Dinner**

- Hosted by Joseph Muscat MP, Prime Minister of Malta

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## Wednesday 25 November

### 0730-0830 **Breakfast Briefing session for Chambers of Commerce**

- Lord Marland of Odstock, Chairman, Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council
- Anton Borg, President, Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry

### 0900-1030 **Financial and Professional Services: Delivering Jobs and Growth**

- The Rt Hon Lord Mayor of London
- The Rt Hon Sir Anerood Jugnauth, Prime Minister, Mauritius
- The Hon Professor Edward Scicluna, Minister of Finance, Malta
- Paul Manduca, Chairman, Prudential, UK

### 0900-1030 **Parallel Session: ICT & eGovernment: Showcasing Malta**

- Chair: Tony Sultana, Chief Executive, Malta Information Technology Agency
- Joseph Cuschieri, Chairman, Malta Gaming Authority
- Adebola Akindele, CEO, Courteville Business Solutions
- Steven Ramage, Director of Strategy, what3words

### 0900-1030 **Parallel Session: Skilling the Commonwealth**

- Professor Asha Singh Kanwar, CEO, Commonwealth of Learning, Canada
- The Hon Evarist Bartolo MP, Minister for Education and Employment, Malta
- Lloyd Dorfman, Chairman, The Prince's Trust, UK
- Patrick McKendry, Managing Director, Careers Australia
- Dr Hanan Khalifa, Director, Cambridge English, UK
- Phil Andrew, Chief Executive, Working Links, UK
- Jan Matern, Co-Founder and CEO, Emerge Venture Lab
- Richard Dennys, Head of Digital Business Academy, Tech City UK
- Claire Dove, CEO, Blackburne House Group, UK

### 1030-1100 **Networking Break**

### 1100-1230 **Investing in Infrastructure: Building for the Long Term**

- Chair: Philip Bouverat, Director, JCB, UK
- HE Edgar C. Lungu, President of Zambia
- The Hon Joe Mizzi MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Malta
- Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa, Chief Secretary, Government of Malaysia
- Datuk Shahril Ridza Ridzuan, CEO, Employees Provident Fund, Malaysia
- Shaun Bonétt, Managing Director, Precision Group, Australia
- Stephanie Miller, Director, Western Europe, IFC

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## 1100-1230 **Parallel Session: Innovation in Financial Services**

- Chair: Mark Boleat, Chairman, Policy and Resources Committee, City of London, UK
- Lawrence Wintermeyer, CEO, Innovate Finance, UK
- Kenneth Farrugia, Chairman, FinanceMalta
- Claire Gauci, Director of Compliance and Head of Malta Office, William Grosvenor & Partners
- Eric-Vincent Guichard, CEO, Homestrings, USA
- Carlos Silva, Founder, Seedrs, UK

## 1100-1230 **Parallel Session: Supporting the Blue Economy**

- Chair: Justin Mundy, Director, HRH Prince of Wales' International Sustainability Unit, UK
- The Rt Hon Keith Mitchell, Prime Minister, Grenada
- HE Karmenu Vella, EU Commissioner for The Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

## 1230-1400 **Networking Lunch**

## 1400-1530 **The Business of Health: Improving Access and Outcomes**

- Chair: The Rt Hon Professor Lord Kakkar, Chair, Commonwealth Healthcare Business Group
- HE Peter Mutharika, President, Malawi
- The Hon Chris Fearn, Parliamentary Secretary for Health, Malta
- The Rt Hon Lord Narendra Patel, Chancellor, University of Dundee, UK
- Dr Gordon Caruana Dingli, President, Commonwealth Medical Association, Malta
- Dr Zahid Al Sabti, CEO, Interhealth Canada

## 1400-1530 **Parallel Session: Technology for Smart Cities**

- Chair: Gerard Grech, CEO, TechCity, UK
- The Hon Pete Buttigeig, Mayor of the City of South Bend, Indiana, USA
- Ram Walase, CEO, IL&FS Township & Urban Assets Limited, India
- Michael Sippitt, Chairman, Clarks Legal, UK
- Steven Ramage, Visiting Professor, University of Strathclyde, UK
- Oliver Lewis, Head of Government Relations, Improbable, UK

## 1400-1530 **Parallel Session: The Maritime Commonwealth**

- Chair: Doug Barrow, Chief Executive, Maritime London
- The Rt Hon Lord Mayor of London
- James Piscopo, Chair, Transport Malta
- Greg Ogbeifun, Chairman, Ship Owners Association of Nigeria
- Andy Thorne, Chairman, Kestrel Liner Agency, UK

## 1530-1600 **Networking Break**

## 1600-1730 **Harnessing Technology: Driving Innovation and Job Creation**

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- Chair: Gerard Grech, CEO, TechCity, UK
- Professor Ian Goldin, Director, Oxford Martin School, UK
- Naomi Krieger Carmy, Director, UK Israel Tech Hub, British Embassy Israel, UK

## 1600-1730 **Parallel Session: Islamic Finance in the Commonwealth**

- Sheikh Ayman Sejiny, CEO, Bank Alkhair, Saudi Arabia
- Arshad Ghafur, President, Middle East & North Africa, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, UAE
- Mohamed Amersi, Chairman, Inclusive Ventures Limited, UAE

## 1600-1730 **Parallel Session: Invest in Mauritius**

- Chair: The Hon Etienne Sinatambou, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mauritius

## 1600-1730 **Special Session: Healthcare Interactive Session**

- Chair: The Rt Hon Professor Lord Kakkar, Chair, Commonwealth Healthcare Business Group

## 1730-2000 **Reception**

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## Thursday 26 November

### 0730-0830 **Breakfast Briefing session for Investment Promotion Agencies**

- Chair: Lord Marland of Odstock, Chairman, Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council
- Dr Mario Vella, Chairman, Malta Enterpri
- Lynton Crosby, Founder, Crosby Textor Group
- Robert Kelsey, CEO, Moorgate Group, UK

### 0900-1000 **Energy Security: Investing in the Future**

- HE Filipe Nyusi, President of Mozambique
- The Hon Peter O'Neill, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea
- The Hon Dr Konrad Mizzi, Minister for Energy and Conservation of Water, Malta
- Rory Stear, Executive Chairman, Flambard Holdings

### 0900-1000 **Parallel Session: Invest in Malawi**

- HE Peter Mutharika, President of Malawi

### 0900-1000 **Parallel Session: Investing in Small States**

### 1000-1100 **African Opportunity: Capitalising on The Growth Story**

- Chair: The Rt Hon Mark Simmonds, Deputy Chairman, Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council
- HE Hage Geingob, President of Namibia
- The Rt Hon Pakalitha Mosisili, Prime Minister of Lesotho
- Jayendra Naidoo, Executive Chairman, J&J Group, South Africa
- Folorunso Alakija, Vice Chairman, Famfa Oil Limited, Nigeria
- Ronald Micallef, Malta Enterprise Representative, Sub-Saharan Africa

### 1000-1100 **Parallel Session: Investment Session: Focus on the Pacific**

- The Hon Peter O'Neill, Prime Minister, Papua New Guinea

### 1100-1130 **Networking Break**

### 1130-1230 **Connecting Asia: Accelerating Regional Integration and Development**

- The Hon Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh
- Binod Chaudhary, Chairman, Chaudhary Group (Nepal)

### 1130-1230 **Investment Session: Focus on the Caribbean**

- Gordon Stewart, Founder and Chairman, Sandals Resorts, Jamaica
- Dr Jean Alain Rodriguez, Secretary Of State And Executive Director at Dominican Republic Export and Investment Center

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## 1230-1330 **Sustainable Tourism: Measuring Impact and Adding Value**

- The Hon Edward Zammit Lewis MP, Minister of Tourism
- Binod Chaudhary, Chairman, Chaudhary Group, Nepal
- Gordon Stewart, Founder and Chairman, Sandals Resorts, Jamaica

## 1330-1430 **Networking Lunch**

## 1430-1515 **A Commonwealth Vision for Sustainable Growth**

- Chair: Malcolm Preston, Global Head of Sustainability, PwC, UK
- Sir Sherard Cowper-Coles, Adviser to the Chairman, HSBC, UK
- Dr Steve Waygood, Chief Responsible Investment Officer, Aviva, UK

## 1515-1600 **The Commonwealth and India: A New Dawn**

- Chair: Manoj Ladwa, Founder, India inc., UK
- Sumit Mazumder, President, Confederation of Indian Industry, India

## 1600-1615 **Concluding Session**

## 1625-1700 **Prime Minister of Malta's Roundtable with Heads of Government**