



Commonwealth Local Government Conference 2011
Energisng local economies: partnerships for prosperous communities

FINAL PROGRAMME

Tuesday 15 March

09.00-14.30 **CLGF BOARD MEETING**, City Hall, Cardiff (closed meeting)

10.00-15.00 *Delegate Registration, City Hall, Cardiff*

17.00 **OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY**, City Hall, Cardiff

Master of Ceremonies:
Ms Angharad Mair

Cultural Performance Howells Senior Girls Choir and Oakfield and Bryn Celyn Primary School Choir.

Introduction:

Mr Carl Wright, CLGF Secretary-General

Welcome remarks:

Mayor Zenaida Moya-Flowers, Mayor Belize City Council and CLGF Chairperson

Cllr Rodney Berman, Leader, Cardiff Council

Cllr John Davies, Leader, WLGA

Baroness Eaton DBE, Chairman, LGA of England and Wales

Keynote speakers:

HE Kamallesh Sharma, Commonwealth Secretary-General

Hon Hazel Jenkins, Premier, Province of Northern Cape, South Africa

Rt Hon Carwyn Jones, First Minister of Wales

Message from Rt Hon David Cameron, Prime Minister, UK

Special Keynote Address

Hon Kamla Persad-Bissessar, Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago and Chairperson in Office of the Commonwealth

19.15 *Opening reception and opening of conference exhibition including Trinidad & Tobago and performance from Machel Montano and full live band*

Wednesday 16 March

09.00-09.30 **Plenary 1: Report on CLGF achievements 2009-2011**

Chair: **Mayor Zenaida Moya-Flowers**, Mayor Belize City Council and CLGF Chairperson

Mr Carl Wright, CLGF Secretary General

Message from Rt Hon Alex Salmond MSP, First Minister of Scotland

- 09.30-11.00 **Plenary 2: The role of local government in energising local economies and delivering the Millennium Development Goals**
 Chair: **Mayor Zenaida Moya-Flowers**, Mayor Belize City Council and CLGF
 Chairperson
The importance of national policy frameworks to support local economic development, LED, the relationship between LED and national economic policy and MDG delivery, and the role of local government in shaping business/investment climates.
- Keynote speaker:
Rt Hon Helen Clark, Administrator, UNDP
- Presentation of Conference Background Paper: **Prof PS Reddy**, University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa, followed by presentations by:
Hon L T Mokalake, Minister of Local Government, Botswana
Mayor Lawrence Yule, President, Local Government New Zealand
Hon Byran Woodside Minister of State for Lands and Local Government, The Bahamas
Dr Lazaros Savvides, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of the Interior, Cyprus (Europe)
- 11.00-11.30 *Networking break*
- 11.30-13.00 **Plenary 3: Pro-poor economic development strategies**
 Chair: Hon. Adolf Mwesige, Minister of Local Government, Uganda
- How local government can support LED and facilitate economic growth to reduce poverty, implement the MDGs and improve the quality of life for citizens.*
- Keynote Speaker:
Hon James Musoni, Minister of Local Government, Rwanda
- Panel discussion:
 Moderator- **Mr Philip Amis**, University of Birmingham, UK
Dr Tofail Ahmed, Advisor, UNDP, Bangladesh
Hon Felix Godsent Akhabue, President, Association of Local Governments of Nigeria
Hon Kouraiti Beniato, Minister of Internal Affairs & Social Development, Kiribati
Hon Capt (Rtd) George Huruma Mkuchika MP, Minister of State, Regional Administration & Local Government, Tanzania
Mr Stephen Hammond, MP, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government, UK
- 13.00-14.30 *Networking Lunch*
- 14.30-15.00 **Plenary 4: Inclusive development- engaging with youth and young professionals**
Feedback and recommendations from the first Commonwealth Local Government Young Professionals' Forum
 Chair: **Mr Basil Morrison**, CLGF Immediate Past Chairperson
- Keynote speaker: **Ms Barbara Hachipuka Banda**, Youth Enterprise Developer, Zambia
- 15.00-17.00 **Working groups 1-6**
 1. Establishing a national policy framework for LED

2. Integrated and strategic planning for LED
3. Inclusive cities – the role of LED in ensuring inclusive development in Commonwealth cities
4. Local action for LED: addressing the Impact of HIV/AIDS
5. The role of ICT in LED
6. Supporting women and youth to be economically active in the local economy

17.00-18.30 **Regional meetings** for CLGF Members to discuss nominations to 2011-13 Board and consider relevant regional programmes and issues
 Africa (East, Southern and West)
 Americas
 Asia-Pacific (Asia and Pacific)
 Europe
 Associate members

19.30 for 20.00 *Conference Gala Dinner, City Hall, Cardiff:*

Thursday 17 March

09.00-10.30 **Plenary 5: Delivering high quality services with limited resources: public sector innovations at a time of global recession**
 Chair: **Cllr Rodney Berman**, Leader, Cardiff Council

Innovations and tools to contribute to successful and sustainable local economic development; partnerships, joint ventures, bonds, resource sharing, levering in resources from the private sector etc – local government as an enabler of local economic development

Keynote speaker: **Mr Tanmoy Chakrabarty**, Vice President and Head, Government Industry Solutions Group, TATA Consultancy Services

Panel discussion:

Moderator- **Mr Peter Kellner**, Chairman, Royal Commonwealth Society
Cllr Marvin Hunt, Director, National Board of Directors, Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Hon Dr Chris Said, LLD MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Consumers, Fair Competition, Local Councils and Public Dialogue, Office of the Prime Minister, Malta
Hon Yunus Carrim, Deputy of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, South Africa
Hon Edwin Poots, MLA, Minister of the Environment, Northern Ireland, UK

Message from **Hon Senate C M Dlamini**, Acting Minister, Housing and Urban Development Swaziland

10.30-11.00 *Networking break*

11.00-13.0 **Working groups 7-12**

7. Urbanisation, urban regeneration and LED
8. Partnerships for LED
9. Local government procurement policies for LED
10. Strategies for supporting business development in local government
11. The role of tourism, sport and major events in supporting LED
12. Infrastructure development and employment creation

13.00-14.30 *Networking Lunch and **workshop to consider opportunities for developing pan Commonwealth Community Partnership with BUILD UK (Building Understanding through International Links for Development)(by invitation)***

14.30-17.30 **Study visits** – site visits to local economic development projects in the Cardiff area and **Special Session: Innovations in public service management and local government efficiency savings.**

18.30-21.00 *Reception at the Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff Bay*

Friday 18 March

07.30-08.45 **Commonwealth Women’s Networking Event:** (light breakfast provided)(by invitation)
Hosted by **Mayor Zenaida Moya-Flowers**, Mayor Belize City Council and CLGF Chairperson and CLGF Chairperson and **Cllr Judith Woodman**

09.00-10.30 **Plenary 6: Partnerships to promote LED**
Chair: **Hon Adolf Mwesige**, Minister of Local Government, Uganda and CLGF Vice Chairperson
Empowering local government to develop their local economies through partnerships with the private sector, central/state government and international development partners
Keynote speaker: **Mr Jan Muehlfeit**, Chairman, Microsoft Europe

Panel discussion:

Moderator: **Dr Bishnu Ragoonath**, University of the West Indies, Trinidad & Tobago

Hon Jerry Ekandjo, Minister of Regional and Local Government, Housing and Rural Development & Chair, SADC Ministers of Local Government Forum

Hon Dato’ Wira Chor Chee Heung, Minister of Housing & Local Government, Malaysia

Mayor Orlando Nagessar, Chairman, Trinidad & Tobago Association of Local Government Authorities

Mr David Morrison, Executive Secretary, UNCDF

Mr Mark Robinson, Chief Professional Officer, Governance, Conflict & Social Development, Department for International Development, UK

10.30-11.00 Networking break

11.00-12.00 **Plenary 7: Presentation of conference outputs**
Chair: **Mayor Zenaida Moya-Flowers**, Mayor, Belize City Council and CLGF Chairperson
Discussion and endorsement of conference policy recommendations for submission to CLGF General Meeting and subsequent transmission to Commonwealth Heads of Government
Mr Carl Wright, CLGF Secretary General
(and members of Conference drafting group)

Launch of CLGF Handbook 2011-12

Announcement of host of 2013 Commonwealth Local Government Conference

12.00-13.00 **Plenary 8: CLOSING SESSION**
Chair: **Mayor Zenaida Moya-Flowers**, Mayor, Belize City Council and CLGF Chairperson

Message from **Juan Somavia**, Director General, ILO

Message from **Joan Clos Executive Director, UN-Habitat**

Special Guest Speakers:

Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas, Presiding Officer, National Assembly of Wales
Mrs Mmasekgoa Masire-Mwamba, Commonwealth Deputy-Secretary General
Lord Howell of Guildford, PC Minister of State, Commonwealth Affairs, UK

Vote of thanks and closing remarks

Cllr Rodney Berman, Leader, Cardiff Council

Mr Carl Wright, CLGF Secretary General

- 13.00-14.30 *Networking Lunch & Closing Cultural Performance from Kiribati dancers*
- 14.30-16.30 **CLGF GENERAL MEETING**, City Hall, Cardiff (CLGF members and invited observers)
(registration 14.00-14.30)
Chair: **Mayor Zenaida Moya-Flowers**, Mayor, Belize City Council and CLGF Chairperson
Agenda will include elections to the CLGF Board for 2011-13
- 16.30-17.30 **CLGF BOARD MEETING**, City Hall, Cardiff (closed meeting)
Newly elected Board to meet to elect Chairperson and other officers
- 18.00 *Closing reception at the Museum of Wales*