

OVERVIEW OF OUTCOMES FROM CHOGM 2018

COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE	PARAGRAPH	THEME	SUB-THEME
Emphasised that the full social, economic, and political participation of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status, is essential for democracy and sustainable development to thrive.	2	Fairness	Democracy
Heads committed to ratifying and implementing the Convention on the elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).	3	Fairness	Women and Girls
Heads agreed to mainstream youth priorities into national development policies and plans, and to promote the participation of young people at all levels of decision making.	5	Fairness	Youth
Heads agreed to address the stigma around disability in all its forms and manifestations, as well as around mental health.	6	Fairness	Human Rights
Encourage all member countries to ratify and implement the UN Convention on the Rights of persons with disabilities.	6	Fairness	Human Rights
Encouraged member countries to prioritise access to ICT for all in their national development plans.	7	Prosperity	Economic Development
Providing access to justice for all, and building effective, accountable and inclusive national institutions are essential for development to flourish.	8	Fairness	Democracy
Heads encouraged the strengthening of National Human Rights Institutions in line with the Paris Principles.	12	Fairness	Human Rights
Sharing human rights best practice and expertise across the Commonwealth.	12	Fairness	Human Rights

Agreed to support National Human Rights Institutions and the Universal Periodic Review Process.	12	Fairness	Human Rights
Commitment to the Commonwealth (Latimer House) Principles.	13		
Address global challenges of poverty, inequality, discrimination, and underdevelopment and to promote the peaceful resolution of conflicts globally in centenary year of birth of Nelson Mandela.	14	Fairness	Human Rights
Called for active involvement in the lead up to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration, and for active involvement in the lead up to the Global Compact on Refugees.	15	Fairness	Migration
Underlined the importance of resisting all forms of protectionism.	16	Prosperity	Trade
Reaffirmed commitment to free trade in a transparent, inclusive, fair, and open rules-based multilateral trading system.	16	Prosperity	Trade
All Commonwealth WTO members agreed to ratify and work towards timely implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and agreed to consider providing programmes of capacity building and other targeted interventions in developing countries.	16	Prosperity	Trade
Agreed to share best practices and experiences and undertake voluntary mutual support to enable member countries to realise their full economic potential and deliver prosperity for all their people.	17	Prosperity	Trade
Agreed to work together towards an appropriate framework and to facilitate business-to-business contacts.	17	Prosperity	Trade and Investment
Resolved to address systemic barriers to women's full and equal participation in the economy.	18	Prosperity	Women and Girls

Encouraged Commonwealth and partner organisations to work towards an increase in the number and enhancement of the success rate of women-owned businesses.	18	Prosperity	Women and Girls
Importance of creating meaningful employment opportunities for the Commonwealth's growing youth populations.	19	Prosperity	Youth
Emphasised that improved access to reliable and affordable energy will create an enabling investment environment for successful industrialisation.	19	Sustainability	Climate Change and Resilience
Called for large scale public and private investments and better coordinated strategies by international financial institutions in sectors that underpin growth and increase employment.	19	Prosperity	Economic Development
Recognised that concerted action is required to address the unique challenges and vulnerabilities of small and vulnerable states.	20	Sustainability	Small States
Urged further action in addressing these challenges, including issues of unsustainable debt, limited access to development financing and other threats posed to their socioeconomic development.	20	Prosperity	Economic Development / Resilience
Encouraged support for Commonwealth Small States Centre of Excellence and the Commonwealth Small States Trade Financing Facility.	22	Prosperity	Women and Girls
Called for sustained international, regional and national efforts to identify effective solutions to combat 'de-risking'.	23	Prosperity	Economic Resilience
Renewed commitment under the Paris Agreement.	24	Sustainability	Climate Change and Resilience
Consider ratifying and implementing the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol and the Doha Amendment for parties to the Kyoto Protocol.	24	Sustainability	Climate Change and Resilience

Affirmed the Commonwealth's strength in sharing experience and expertise on the links between oceans, wellbeing, and prosperity of the people of the Commonwealth.	28	Sustainability	Oceans
Climate Change (including sea level rise and acidification), biodiversity, overfishing, and plastic pollution as some of the most significant pressures on the ocean, and called for ambitious, coordinated global action.	28	Sustainability	Oceans
Adopted the Commonwealth Blue Charter, setting out principles by which Commonwealth member countries will lead international efforts by sustainably developing and protecting their ocean.	29	Sustainability	Oceans
Committed to take action to safeguard the ocean for future generations. Heads agreed to establish Action Groups on ocean issues led by Commonwealth member countries, which will collaborate with partners at national, regional, and international levels.	29	Sustainability	Oceans
Agreed to share best practice in effectively developing, governing and managing natural resources on the basis of sustainability, equity, transparency, good governance, and wealth creation.	30	Fairness	Transparency
Encouraged cooperation among member countries, and partnering with relevant organisations on how to transition to clean forms of energy to promote sustainable economic growth	31	Sustainability	Climate Change and Resilience
Encouraged member countries to participate in Queen's Commonwealth Canopy.	31	Sustainability	
Reiterated commitment to achieving health-related goals of the 2030 agenda, particularly Goal 3.	32	Sustainability	Global Health

Agreed to achieve compliance with International Health Regulations, accelerate Universal Health Coverage, including through sustainable financing, strengthening health systems and integrated services which promote prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment and palliative care.	32	Sustainability	Global Health
Called for coordinated global action to address the problem, including through the One Health approach.	32	Sustainability	Global Health
Committed to halve malaria across the Commonwealth by 2023	33	Sustainability	Global Health
Committed to take action towards achieving access to quality eye care for all, including eliminating blinding trachoma by 2020.	33	Sustainability	Global Health
Encouraged the implementation of specific actions to provide the opportunity for at least 12 years of quality education and learning for girls and boys by 2030, by investing in skilled motivated and supportive teachers, educational facilitates, and focusing on education reforms.	34	Fairness	Women and Girls
Agreed to support marginalised groups, especially disadvantaged girls, children with disabilities, and those who have dropped out of school to progress through secondary education and training through appropriate policies, advocacy and strategic partnerships.	34	Fairness	Human Rights
Committed to work with Commonwealth sports bodies to maximise this positive impact, and take collective action to promote good governance, address Corruption, protect the integrity of sport, and promote human rights through sport.	35	Prosperity	Sport and Human Rights
Adopted a Commonwealth Cyber Declaration that reflects Commonwealth values, and sets out a common commitment to an open, democratic, peaceful, and secure internet, respecting human rights and freedom of expression.	36	Security	Cyber

Opposed the use of chemical weapons under any circumstances, and committed to strengthen the effective implementation of the Chemical Weapons convention. Reiterated commitment to strengthening disarmament and non-proliferation regime against the spread and use of chemical weapons.	37	Security	Serious and Organised Crime
Underlined importance of timely investigations and stressed that the conduct of all investigations of all alleged use of chemical weapons must be in accordance with the provisions of the convention.	37	Security	Serious and Organised Crime
Condemned violent extremism in all its forms, and expressed their continued support of the UN SG's plan of action to prevent violent extremism, and welcomed the commemoration of 2019 as the International Year of Moderation.	38	Security	Serious and Organised Crime
Encouraged member countries to actively share expertise and best practice, to work cooperatively with the Secretariat's Countering Violent Extremism Unit.	38	Security	Countering Violent Extremism
Encouraged active involvement in finding solutions to the challenges associated with the phenomenon of violent extremism.	38	Security	Countering Violent Extremism
Called for effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery, and human trafficking, and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour in all its forms by 2025, including the unlawful recruitment and use of child soldiers.	39	Security	Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery
Encouraged to endorse the 'Call to Action to End Forced Labour, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking' presented at the 72nd meeting of UNGA. Encouraged ratification and implementation of relevant outstanding international agreements, and to develop appropriate national strategies in this regard.	39	Security	Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery
Agreed to take action to end child sexual exploitation online including through joining relevant international bodies and initiatives.	39	Security	Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery

Resolved to tackle enablers of Serious and Transnational Organised Crime by cooperating with international and regional bodies.	40	Security	Serious and Organised Crime
Encouraged cooperation among member countries' law enforcement and prosecution bodies; strengthening cooperation with the private sector; supporting the Commonwealth Network of Contact Persons; and adopting and implementing recommendations of the Financial Action Taskforce to strengthen anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing regulations. Scale up international cooperation by advancing the exchange of information which will enable domestic resource mobilisation.	40	Security	Serious and Organised Crime
Denounced illicit trade in small arms and light weapons; encouraged countries to become State Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty, the UN Firearms Protocol, and the Parties to the UN Convention against Transnational Organised Crime.	41	Security	Serious and Organised Crime
Agreed to strengthen cooperation in combating illicit proliferation of small arms and light weapons, including taking further steps to fully participate in relevant international initiatives and to continue to collaborate and exchange information, where agreed, through INTERPOL and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime.	41	Security	Serious and Organised Crime
Agreed to enhance cooperation and share holistic approaches to address the root causes of urban crime.	42	Security	Serious and Organised Crime
Endorsed the principles and actions of UNSC Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace, and Security. They urged member countries to consider support for youth-led mechanisms that enable the meaningful participation of young people in peace building and social cohesion processes in their communities.	43	Security	Youth
Foreign Ministers to decide what action to take on Commonwealth Reform at CFAMM meeting at UNGA.	44	Institutions	Reform of the Secretariat
Heads conveyed support for continued international efforts to mobilise assistance in response to the expressed needs of countries and territories who suffered catastrophic damage as a result of hurricanes.	51	Sustainability	Vulnerability and Resilience

OVERVIEW OF PROJECTS ANNOUNCED BY THE UK IN SUPPORT OF THE OUTCOMES FROM CHOGM 2018

PROJECT	SUB-THEME	COMMUNIQUE PARAGRAPH
Prosperity		
Additional funding for the Commonwealth Scholarships Commission	Economic Empowerment, Youth	5, 19
Support for the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan (CSFP) through the creation of a new fund to increase the number of awards.	Economic Empowerment, Youth	5, 19
Technical assistance to improve Commonwealth Governments' and Business access to finance .	Economic Development	16, 17, 20
Enhancing Commonwealth central bank capacity to regulate and supervise financial systems in developing countries.	Economic Development	17, 19, 20
Developing a Commonwealth 'SheTrades' Programme to promote the increased participation of women-owned business in trade.	Economic Empowerment, Women & Girls	3, 18
Creating a Commonwealth Standards Network to increase collaboration between Commonwealth national standards bodies, and so facilitate intra-Commonwealth trade and investment.	Trade Facilitation	16, 17
Supporting the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement through the World Customs Organisation, creating more efficient customs procedures and facilitating more intra-Commonwealth trade.	Trade Facilitation	16,17
Security		
Support for a cadre of experts on Countering Violent Extremism to strengthen national strategies in the Commonwealth.	Countering Violent Extremism	38
Enhancing Cyber Security across the Commonwealth by identifying vulnerability and gaps in capacity, and providing support to member states to address them.	Cyber	36
Cyber Security Capacity Building in three countries to help build specific	Cyber	36

country domestic capabilities and foster greater cooperation in South Asia.		
Support for legislative reform, law enforcement training, and data collection regarding child labour .	Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery	39
Supporting member countries to develop national strategies on modern slavery and human trafficking through legislative reform and technical assistance on criminal justice.	Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery	39
Building member state capacity to tackle online child sexual exploitation with the WePROTECT model for national response.	Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery	39
Tackling illicit flow of arms by providing tools to strengthen cooperation, coordination and information-sharing between member countries.	Serious and Organised Crime	41
Promoting greater inclusion of the world's poorest into the digital economy through a three year digital access programme in three African Member States	Economic Development	17, 36
Creating a Commonwealth Digital Finance Champion's Group to enhance member state cooperation on the inclusive digital finance agenda.	Economic Development	17, 36
Sustainability		
Pacific Facility for Resilient Low Carbon Transition: establishing a hub of technical excellence to help Commonwealth Pacific Island states develop and implement plans to reduce their carbon footprint and build resilience to climate change.	Climate Change and Resilience	19, 20, 24
Development of Energy and Emissions Calculators in five Commonwealth Countries, technology that helps countries develop strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	Climate Change and Resilience	24
Strengthening Small Island and Developing States preparedness and financial resilience to disasters , with a focus on the Caribbean.	Climate Change and Resilience	20, 21, 27
Satellite Enablement for Disaster Risk Reduction in Kenya	Climate Change and Resilience	27
Eliminating blinding trachoma in the Commonwealth by 2020.	Global Health	32, 33

Development of Triple Artemisinin Combination (TACTs) therapies for malaria.	Global Health	32, 33
Enabling Commonwealth Marine Economies: programme to gather data and develop plans to help Commonwealth Small Island Developing States develop and protect sustainable marine economies.	Oceans	20, 21, 29
Commonwealth Marine Plastic Taskforce: As part of the Commonwealth Clean Oceans Alliance, support the development of marine plastic reduction plans for six Commonwealth states.	Oceans	29
Formation of ' Commonwealth Clean Oceans Alliance ' co-led with Vanuatu, to encourage actions to reduce plastics entering the oceans, with UK technical assistance for members.	Oceans	29
Marine Plastics Challenge Fund: Research and Innovation: initiative to develop a shared framework and platform for research and innovation in the Commonwealth to build capacity to tackle plastic pollution.	Oceans	29
Partnership to drive business and government co-operation across the Commonwealth to tackle impact of plastic pollution.	Oceans	29
Aid Match with UK charities active in Commonwealth countries taking action on waste management	Oceans	33
Sustainable Manufacturing and Environmental Pollution Programme: development and application of technology-based solutions to reduce the environmental impact and pollution of manufacturing.	Waste Management	29
Enhancing Digital Identity to increase access to services for women and girls: Enabling participation of women and girls in the formal economy by providing digital solutions that allow them to run small businesses or have independent bank accounts.	Women & Girls	3, 36

Fairness		
Support for the Commonwealth Electoral Observation Programme , to broaden observation to the whole electoral cycle.	Democracy	2, 11
Advancing Inclusive and Accountable Democracy in the Commonwealth through greater inclusion of women, young people, persons living with disabilities, people from religious minorities, and the LGBT+ community; and greater political accountability through more effective and transparent parliaments.	Democracy	2
The project is to improve the employment prospects of young people , including those from disadvantaged backgrounds, by piloting and introducing new approaches to employer led skills development	Economic Empowerment, Youth	5, 19
Building Fairer, More Equal and More Inclusive Commonwealth Societies by supporting countries seeking to reform laws that discriminate against women and girls and LGBT people.	Human Rights	2
Pacific Commonwealth Equality Project : increasing the ability of young people, women, persons with disabilities and LGBT communities to fully participate in policy and decision-making in order to drive sustainable development in the Pacific.	Human Rights	2, 12
Enhanced support for the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs)	Human Rights	2, 12
Eliminating the stigma and discrimination of disability and mental health through expanding the UK's 'Time to Change' campaign to end mental health discrimination to Commonwealth countries.	Human Rights	2, 6
Additional support for the Commonwealth Small States Office in Geneva , enabling greater participation in rules-based international organisations on human rights and trade.	Human Rights and Trade	12, 16
Support to deliver 12 Years of Quality Education for Girls in 9 Commonwealth countries	Women & Girls	3, 34

Developing a Network of Women Mediators in the Commonwealth	Women & Girls	3, 8
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