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Prosperity Starts Here: Investing in Wellbeing for a Prosperous Commonwealth

CONCEPT NOTE

The theme of CHOGM 2026, **Accelerating Partnerships and Investment for a Prosperous Commonwealth**, recognises that lasting prosperity depends on collaboration across governments, civil society, business and communities. While investment often focuses on infrastructure, trade and economic growth, prosperity is ultimately built on people. Investing in wellbeing is a strategic investment that enables individuals and communities to participate, contribute and thrive.

Across the Commonwealth, communities are facing increasingly complex challenges to their wellbeing and their capacity to prosper, including: poor mental health; domestic, internal and external violence; digital harms; social isolation; declining trust; widening inequalities; disability exclusion; and growing financial pressures on families and communities. These issues affect health, education, employment, productivity, prosperity, and social cohesion, demonstrating that wellbeing is not the responsibility of any one sector, but a shared foundation for sustainable development across multiple sectors.

This interactive session will explore how partnerships across Commonwealth Accredited Organisations, governments, local authorities, the private sector, education, sport, social care, faith communities, and health systems can strengthen the foundations of wellbeing. Rather than examining wellbeing solely through a health lens, the discussion will consider how safe communities, supportive relationships, access to trusted information and services, opportunities for physical activity, freedom of expression, community participation, disability inclusion, and inclusive public policy, collectively create the conditions for prosperity.

The session will open with short video reflections from Commonwealth citizens, including women, young people, persons with disabilities, and community leaders, sharing what wellbeing means in their daily lives and what enables people to flourish in their communities. These voices will provide the context for a moderated conversation in which representatives from different sectors respond by identifying the unique contribution their organisations can make to strengthening wellbeing across the Commonwealth.

The discussion will highlight practical examples of prevention, community action and cross-sector collaboration—from health professionals providing access to essential services; pharmacists providing trusted community spaces; sport building confidence, inclusion and belonging for all abilities; local government creating safe and accessible places; parliamentarians shaping enabling policy; social workers supporting vulnerable families and young carers; educators fostering life skills and inclusive learning environments; faith organisations strengthening community connections; disability organisations advancing accessibility and rights; and businesses investing in healthy, inclusive workplaces.

The session will conclude by inviting Accredited Organisations and partners to develop practical partnership commitments that position wellbeing as a shared responsibility and a strategic investment in a more resilient, inclusive and prosperous Commonwealth.

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IFCO Health and Wellbeing Cluster

CHPA members
Commonwealth Association of Museums
Commonwealth Medical Trust (Commat) (NGOs Beyond 2014)
Commonwealth Disabled People's Forum (CDPF)
CommonAge
Age International UK
Rotary International
Commonwealth Trade Union Group (CTUG)
International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
Commonwealth Association of Planners (CAP)
Ramphal Institute
Commonwealth Local Government Forum
Children and Families Across Borders (CFAB)
UK member International Social Services
Institution of Occupational Safety and Health
Royal Life Saving Society