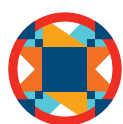


COMMONWEALTH BUSINESS FORUM 2015

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Hilton Hotel Malta



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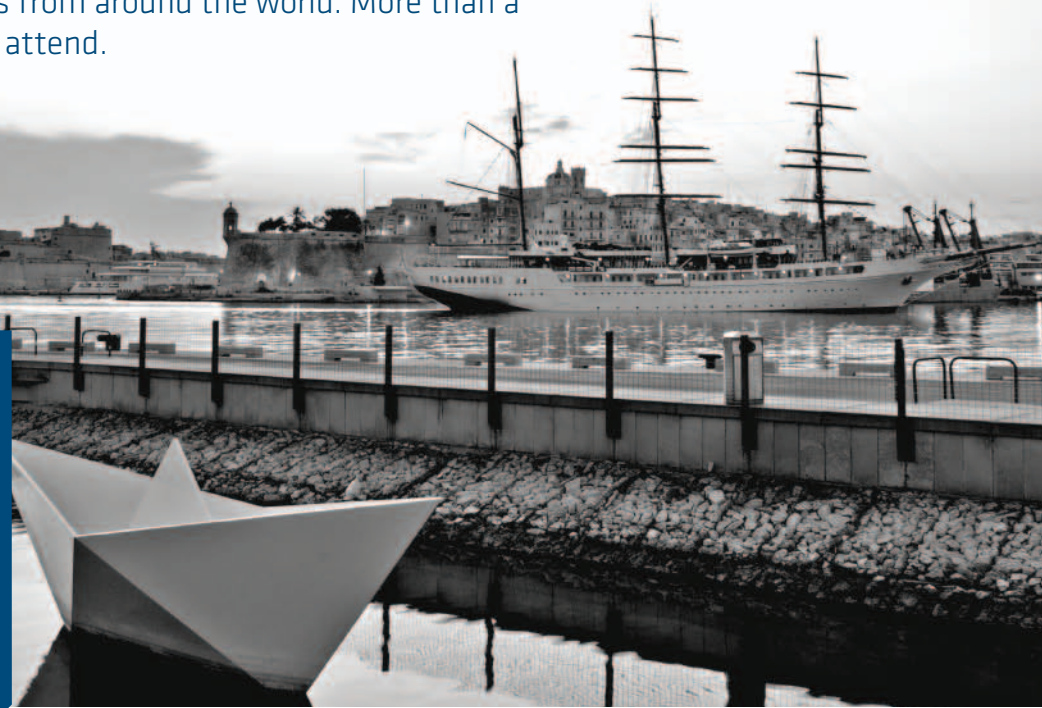
I am delighted that Malta will be hosting the Commonwealth Business Forum for the second time from the 24th to the 26th November 2015 as part of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). With the theme for CHOGM being “The Commonwealth - Adding Global Value”, I firmly believe that strengthening trade and investment is a key area where the Commonwealth can add value. The Commonwealth can be a powerful voice in international trade negotiations, and in creating an equitable and sustainable environment for businesses from all parts of the Commonwealth to flourish in domestic, regional and global markets. As a member of the European Union and the Commonwealth, and with our strategic trading location in the heart of the Mediterranean, Malta has long punched above its weight in international trade both at home and abroad. We look forward to welcoming the world’s business leaders to Malta; to sharing our experiences and learning from other countries; and to creating new trade and investment links in the Commonwealth and beyond.

JOSEPH MUSCAT

Prime Minister of Malta

Forum Overview

The Commonwealth Business Forum (CBF) took place for the first time at the Edinburgh CHOGM in 1997; since then it has featured prominently as part of the CHOGM programme. The Forum is the major business event in the Commonwealth calendar, bringing together Heads of Government, Ministers and top business leaders from around the world. More than a thousand delegates will attend.



CBF 2015 is being co-organised by the Commonwealth Economic and Investment Council (CWEIC) and the Government of Malta and is designed to provide a space for high level dialogue between business and Government leaders. An important aim is to develop stronger partnerships to ensure that the Commonwealth plays its part in promoting sustainable growth across the world. The CBF also serves as a platform for Commonwealth nations to showcase investment opportunities to the global business community. The Forum provides an opportunity for businesses to influence the debate on global trade and investment issues, network and do deals.

FORUM PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2015

0930-1030	Opening Ceremony: Adding Global Value - Creating a More Prosperous Commonwealth Formal opening of the Commonwealth Business Forum 2015 Keynote Address: <i>Hon Joseph Muscat MP, Prime Minister of Malta</i>		
1030-1100	Networking Break		
1100-1230	Advancing Trade: The Commonwealth, The European Union and Regional Integration Opportunities for increasing intra-Commonwealth trade and investment, and Malta's role as a gateway for accessing markets in the European Union and Mediterranean.		
1230-1400	Networking Lunch		
1400-1530	Technology for Growth The role of technology in creating jobs, growth and changing the way we live and do business. Looking at ways to encourage innovation and promote start-ups across the Commonwealth.		
Breakout Sessions	<table><tr><td>Small Economies Global Innovators</td><td>Financing Commonwealth Trade</td></tr></table>	Small Economies Global Innovators	Financing Commonwealth Trade
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1530-1600	Networking Break		
1600-1730	Destination Malta: Creating a Trade Hub for the EU, Middle East and Africa The opportunity for Malta to become a regional and global trade hub building on its assets such as its geostrategic position, historical links, global Diaspora, flexible legislative environment and its wealth of expertise.		
Breakout Sessions	<table><tr><td>Next Generation Entrepreneurs</td><td>Technology for Sustainable Cities</td></tr></table>	Next Generation Entrepreneurs	Technology for Sustainable Cities
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1800-1900	Reception		
1900-2100	Gala Dinner Hosted by: <i>Hon Joseph Muscat MP, Prime Minister of Malta</i>		

WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2015

0900-1030	Financial services for Growth Examining the demands on financial services in ensuring the recovery, preventing another crisis and enhancing resilience, as well as highlighting the critical role of the financial services industry in creating prosperity across the Commonwealth.		
1030-1100	Networking Break		
1100-1230	Infrastructure for Growth Looking at ways to overcome the impediments to investment in infrastructure and attract new sources of long term capital into the sector.		
Breakout Sessions	<table><tr><td>Innovation in Financial Services</td><td>Supporting the Blue Economy</td></tr></table>	Innovation in Financial Services	Supporting the Blue Economy
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1230-1400	Networking Lunch		
1400-1530	CommonHealth for Future Prosperity Harnessing the Commonwealth's diverse experience and expertise in the healthcare sector to improve the performance of national health systems and businesses.		
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1600-1730	Tourism for Growth Analysing the success of the tourism industry in Malta and lessons that can be learnt by and from other Commonwealth countries, with a particular focus on supporting indigenous tourism businesses.		
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1730-2000	Reception		

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THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2015

0900-1000	Improving the Business Environment for Growth How can the Commonwealth help to make doing business easier? This session will look at opportunities for improving the ease of doing business within the Commonwealth and improving social outcomes.		
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1000-1100	Energy Security and Sustainability for Growth How can the Commonwealth collaborate to ensure its citizens and businesses have access to affordable, sustainable and reliable sources of energy?		
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1100-1130	Networking Break		
1130-1230	A Commonwealth Vision for Sustainable Growth How can the Commonwealth work together to promote sustainable growth, economic development and ensure the benefits are shared by all.		
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1230-1300	Concluding Session <i>Keynote address</i> by visiting Head of Government		
1300-1400	Concluding Networking Lunch		
1400-1500	Prime Minister's Roundtable with Heads of Government (by invitation only)		

WHY ATTEND?

A Global Business Event

- Hosted by Hon Joseph Muscat MP, Prime Minister of Malta.
- Addressed by Presidents and Prime Ministers from the Commonwealth's 53 member countries and beyond.
- More than 1,000 influential business delegates representing companies from across the world.

Top Level Attendance

- Heads of Government supported by their accompanying delegations, including Cabinet Ministers and senior business leaders.
- Chairs and CEOs of multinationals and global investment companies.
- World experts from a diverse range of fields.

Learn from Influential Speakers

- More than 100 authoritative speakers from business, government and international institutions.
- Plenary sessions focused on major international issues and addressed by global thought leaders.
- Contribute to the dialogue in interactive breakout sessions with sector experts.

An Unrivalled Networking Opportunity

- Online booking system for contacting and arranging meetings in advance.
- Networking Lounge, with dedicated staff to help facilitate meetings.
- Pre-scheduled country, region and sector networking sessions.
- Relax at a series of Receptions and Gala Dinners in the stunning environs of Malta's historic capital city.

A Platform for Doing Business

- Identify new business and investment opportunities at country, regional and sector specific sessions.
- Meet potential investors or partners for your projects.
- Visit world class manufacturing facilities across Malta.

Showcase your brand

- Opportunities to introduce your company to a global business audience.
- Profile your company alongside global leaders in your field.
- Participate in the international trade show and exhibition.
- Opportunity to host sessions, including breakfast and lunches, during the Forum.

About CWEIC

The Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council facilitates trade and investment throughout the 53 states of the Commonwealth and supports private sector companies and governments to promote economic activity. We work with member companies to expand their businesses and to help with new investments in any Commonwealth country.

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