



The Commonwealth

20th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers (20CCEM)

# Integrated Partners' Forum

Fiji, 19-22 February 2018

## Theme

# Sustainability and Resilience: Can education deliver?

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**The Integrated Partners' Forum (IPF) takes place alongside the 20th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers (20CCEM). The forum provides a platform for stakeholders to network and exchange ideas, and opportunities for representatives to meet and engage with ministers and education policy makers.**

The 20CCEM conference theme, "Sustainability and Resilience: Can education deliver?" will guide discussions:

- What does it take to achieve a quality education?
- Financing education: privatisation versus state funding, who wins and who loses?
- Culture and education: what can education gain from traditional knowledge and local culture?
- Formal, informal and non-formal education and lifelong learning for sustainable development.
- Making your voice heard: accountability, equity and fairness in education;
- Breaking down the barriers for marginalised groups.

The programme provides a mixture of interactive workshops, plenary and breakout sessions, in addition to a series of interactive World café discussions.

## Who should attend

We are inviting civil society organisations, higher education leaders, teachers and students and other stakeholders.

## Why attend?

- It is a unique opportunity for you to be part of a triennial discussion on key education issues, including but not limited to lifelong

learning, equity, fairness and accountability in education;

- You will engage with peers as well as ministers and senior government officials and agree strategies for collaborative solutions to pressing education challenges, such as low enrolment rates in preschool, primary and secondary schools, low adult literacy and persisting gender disparities in education;
- You will contribute to the ministerial declaration that will be agreed at the meeting, and which will be presented to Commonwealth Heads of Government at their summit in April 2018 in London, United Kingdom;
- You will hear from renowned international speakers and leading figures from across the education spectrum, politics and civil society.

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# Programme

## Sunday 18 February

Delegates' arrival and registration

## Monday 19 February

Delegates' arrival and registration

### Opening session of the Integrated Partners' Forum

- Welcome statement: *Secretary-General, Rt. Hon Patricia Scotland, Commonwealth Secretariat*
- Welcome statement: Representative of the Government of Fiji
- Keynote addresses:
  - Susan Hopgood, President, Education International*
  - Professor Konai Thaman, University of South Pacific*
- Guest speaker: Student Representative.

#### Session 2:

Defining Quality Education for Sustainability and Resilience in the Commonwealth

- Interactive panel discussion: Perspectives from Students, Teachers, Higher Education, Civil Society and Business.

#### Session 3:

Parallel breakout sessions

- Financing Education: Who should pay and how?
- From Cradle to Grave: How can education systems respond to the need for lifelong learning?
- Culture and education for sustainability and resilience.

#### Session 4:

Debate: "Education has failed students and business on employability"

## Tuesday 20 February

Parallel Sessions for individual IPF partner groups:

- Commonwealth Teachers' Group
- Students' Group

- Higher Education Constituency
- Civil Society Organisations.

### Official Opening Ceremony of the 20CCEM including keynote speech (Tuesday pm)

## Wednesday 21 February

#### Session 5:

Accountability in Education: Who should answer to whom?

- Presentation of UNESCO's 2017/18 Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report, 'Accountability in education: Meeting our commitments', Manos Antoninis, Director of The Global Education Monitoring Team
- Interactive panel discussion: Perspectives from Students, Teachers, Higher Education, Civil Society and Business.

#### Session 6:

Addressing Equity and Fairness in the Commonwealth: Who are we leaving behind?

- Presentation from marginalised groups followed by World café discussion.

#### Session 7:

Reflecting on Resilience and Sustainability and areas for Commonwealth action

- World café discussions reflecting on the forum sessions and implications for resilience and sustainability.

#### Session 8:

Can Education Deliver? – Towards a Commonwealth Agenda for Education

- World café discussions, reflecting on the forum sessions and the implications for Commonwealth government and non-governmental actors.

Concurrent (20CCEM) Ministerial Meetings: attended by representatives of the IPF.

## Thursday 22 February

### Session 9:

Presentation of 'IPF Joint Statement' to IPF delegates and adoption of Statement.

Commonwealth Students Association Meeting – Sessions 1-2.

Concurrent (20CCEM) Ministerial Meetings: attended by representatives of the IPF.

## Friday 23 February

Commonwealth Students Association Meeting – Sessions 3-6.

Concurrent (20CCEM) Ministerial Meetings: attended by representatives of the IPF.

# Participant Information

## Visa

Participants are responsible for obtaining their own visa.

Information about entry requirements for Fiji is available on the official website of Fiji's High Commission in London at: [www.fijihighcommission.org.uk](http://www.fijihighcommission.org.uk)

For those that do not have a Fijian diplomatic mission in their country of residence please see list of diplomatic missions here: [www.fiji.gov.fj/Government-Directory/Fiji-Overseas-Missions.aspx](http://www.fiji.gov.fj/Government-Directory/Fiji-Overseas-Missions.aspx) or visit Fiji's Department of Immigration's website [www.immigration.gov.fj](http://www.immigration.gov.fj)

## Tickets

The international airport for Denarau Island is the **Nadi International Airport**. Fiji Airways, being the country's official airline, has direct flight connections to airports in Los Angeles, San

Francisco, Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands. Fiji Airways now has our PROMO CODE in place and available for use.

## Hotels

The host Government has negotiated discounted rates at the Sheraton and Westin resorts. These rates are available until 15 January 2018.

There is a list of non-designated hotels, with varying price bands, located outside the conference venue. See **Appendix 1** in the conference Administrative Note, which can be obtained via registration.

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### Forum Theme

## Sustainability and Resilience: Can education deliver?

### Sub-themes:

- i **Education for sustainable development: Education as a key enabler for sustainable development – skills development and transitioning youth to decent work.**
- ii **Building resilience through education: Climate change and the curriculum – displacement and migration due to climate change and the challenges faced by small and atoll islands (including the role of education, traditional knowledge and local culture in building climate resilience).**
- iii **Education governance & management: Strengthening the teaching profession and school management – issues of quality and equity; financing of education; societal barriers (including drug abuse and internet/social media); and advocacy for education strategies across the SDGs.**