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## Seventh Commonwealth Local Government Research Colloquium

### ‘Participatory local governance: Empowering Commonwealth citizens’

5/6 August 2019, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Organised by the  
**Commonwealth Local Government Forum research advisory group**

Call for papers: abstract deadline ***Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017***

Dear Colleague,

#### **Invitation and call for abstracts**

We would like to invite you to participate in the next Commonwealth Local Government Research Colloquium on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

The colloquium is coordinated by the CLGF research advisory group as part of the Commonwealth Local Government Conference 2019 which opens after the research colloquium on 6 August 2019. The theme of the research colloquium will be ‘*Participatory local governance: Empowering Commonwealth citizens*’

The colloquium provides a unique opportunity for:

- Presentation and discussion of research papers and dissemination through publication in the open access, peer-reviewed *Commonwealth Journal of Local Governance*. For information about the journal please see [www.clgf.org.uk/cjlg](http://www.clgf.org.uk/cjlg)
- Exchange of information and ideas on key directions for local government research across the Commonwealth and beyond, and to strengthen collaborative efforts to address those.
- Research-based inputs to the deliberations of the main conference and the CLGF General Meeting which follow the colloquium.
- Opportunity for policy engagement with local government practitioners
- Discussion of the future direction of the CLGF Research Advisory Group and its link to the research, programmatic and advocacy work of CLGF.

As there are a limited number of places at the colloquium and attendance is by invitation only, could you please let us know as soon as possible:

- **Whether you or a representative of your organisation plan to attend the Colloquium**
- **Whether you would like to present a research paper**

If you are interested in presenting a paper please send an abstract of 100-200 words by **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019**. We will then invite preparation of full papers by the end of June 2019, with a view to them being considered for peer review and to be published in the [Commonwealth Journal of Local Governance](#). Other contributions to the colloquium such as practitioner reports, in-country reviews and work in progress are also welcome.

The programme will be framed by the theme '*Participatory local government: empowering Commonwealth citizens*' and papers relating to the follow topics are especially encouraged:

- Empowering women in local government
- Leaving no one behind and 'hard to reach' groups
- Raising the voice of youth
- Meaningful citizen participation in major urban centres
- Accountability and scrutiny through community engagement
- Dynamic and visionary political and community leadership

Please contact [gareth.wall@clgf.org.uk](mailto:gareth.wall@clgf.org.uk) for further information or to submit the attached form to register your interest in the Colloquium. There will be a small fee of \$35 for member and \$70 for non-members to cover the cost of refreshments and lunch for both days for all participants except for those also attending the Commonwealth Local Government Conference afterwards, for which attendance of the colloquium is included in their conference fee.

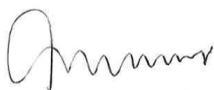
The research colloquium precedes the **2019 Commonwealth Local Government Conference: Citizen centred local government: driving inclusive social and economic change** which will take place on 6-9 August in Colombo. For further information please see [www.clgc2019.org](http://www.clgc2019.org)

You may also wish to consider your organisation joining CLGF before the conference which will enable you to benefit from the member rate, and to play a full role in CLGF's work. Please see [www.clgf.org.uk/joining-clgf](http://www.clgf.org.uk/joining-clgf)

If you would like to recommend any colleagues at your or any other institution to attend please let us know as soon as possible as places are subject to availability.

We hope to see you in Colombo.

Yours sincerely



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