



2011

Commonwealth Local Government Conference

Energising local economies: partnerships for prosperous communities

15-18 March 2011, City Hall, Cardiff, UK

A three-day international conference to look at local government's role in local economic development and successful strategies for driving and delivering prosperous communities.

Speakers will include:

- **Rt Hon Helen Clark**, Administrator, UNDP (tbc)
- **HE Kamalesh Sharma**, Commonwealth Secretary-General
- **Rt Hon Kamla Persad-Bissessar**, Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago and Chairperson in Office of the Commonwealth (tbc)
- **Rt Hon David Cameron MP**, Prime Minister, UK (invited)
- **Rt Hon Carwyn Jones**, First Minister for Wales
- **Dame Margaret Eaton**, Chairman, Local Government Association of England and Wales
- **Cllr Rodney Berman**, Leader, Cardiff Council
- Ministers, mayors and local government leaders and experts from across the Commonwealth
- Business leaders

**Early
booking
discount:**
20% discount
if you book by
30th November

Energising local economies: partnerships for prosperous communities

In the current economic climate, creating the right environment for economic development is vital to countries and communities. Local government increasingly plays an important part in this, as one of the main promoters and facilitators of local economic development across the Commonwealth. More local governments are being given the responsibilities and powers for local economic development - from strategic planning to create the right environment, infrastructure and skills to encourage development and inward investment, to supporting micro-business and promoting youth enterprise, and local procurement of goods and services.

Many local authorities in the Commonwealth can demonstrate how their actions have helped energise their local economies: others are just beginning to focus on this as an important responsibility to foster the prosperity and well-being of their communities.

This conference will:

- help promote the role of local government in local economic development
- highlight the role of central/state government in setting the national policy framework and an enabling environment to ensure that local economic development supports national priorities
- consider the role of local authorities in energising local economies, including facilitating economic growth to tackle poverty and improve the quality of life of citizens
- look at ways in which councils are joining in partnerships with the private sector to boost inward investment, jobs and skills.

The conference will present a number of case studies that look at issues such as long-term visioning and planning, small business support, procurement, gender, skills development and the impact of HIV/AIDs, and offer study visits to some exciting and innovative local economic development projects in and around Cardiff.

The outcomes of the discussions will be drawn together as guidelines to support those involved in local government in developing and implementing strategies for local economic development, and after endorsement at the CLGF General Meeting will inform CLGF policy. They will be presented to Commonwealth Heads of Government for endorsement at their meeting in Perth later in 2011.

This is the sixth Commonwealth Local Government Conference and follows highly successful events including in Freeport, Grand Bahama in 2009, Auckland, New Zealand in 2007, and in Aberdeen, Scotland in 2005. The outcomes of these conferences have been endorsed by Commonwealth Heads of Governments and are helping central governments and local governments to strengthen their governance and democratic processes and to deliver better services.



Pre conference events and meetings (by invitation)

Pre-conference council visits

By arrangement.

CLGF research colloquium

1pm Sunday 13 March – 12 noon Tuesday 15 March

Venue: University of Cardiff

Commonwealth Youth Forum

Monday 14 March/Tuesday 15 March

Venue: University of Cardiff

ICMA International Committee

9am-4pm Monday 14 March,

Venue: City Hall, Cardiff

CLGF Board meeting

9am-1pm Tuesday 15 March,

Venue: City Hall, Cardiff

For further information contact:

clgc2011@clgf.org.uk

Programme outline



Tuesday 15 March

10am – 3pm *Delegate registration*

5pm **Opening ceremony and plenary**

Welcome remarks:

■ **Mayor Zenaïda Moya-Flowers**, CLGF
Chairperson

■ **Dame Margaret Eaton**, Chairman, Local
Government Association of England and Wales

■ **Clr Rodney Berman**, Leader, Cardiff Council

■ **Clr John Davies**, Leader Welsh Local
Government Association (WLGA) (tbc)

Keynote speakers:

■ **Rt Hon Carwyn Jones**, First Minister of Wales

■ **Rt Hon Kamla Persad-Bissessar**, Prime Minister
of Trinidad and Tobago and Chairperson in Office
of the Commonwealth (tbc)

7pm Welcome **reception and opening of exhibition**
at City Hall

Wednesday 16 March

9.00-9.30am Report on CLGF activities 2009-11

9.30-11.00am **Plenary 1: The role of local government in
energising local economies**

*A session exploring the importance of national policy
frameworks to support LED, and the relationship
between local economic development and national
economic policy in facilitating economic growth.*

**Introduction to the conference theme and
background paper**

Speaker tbc

Keynote speaker:

■ **Rt Hon Helen Clark**, Administrator, UNDP (tbc)

11.00-11.30am *Tea and coffee break*

11.30-1pm **Plenary 2: Successful approaches to local
economic development in the Commonwealth**

How local government can support and facilitate
economic growth to reduce poverty and improve
the quality of life for citizens

1.00-2.30pm *Lunch*

2.30-4.30pm Working groups

Six parallel session covering practical issues including:

■ Establishing a national policy framework for LED

■ The role of procurement in supporting local
economic development

■ The role of tourism and major events in
supporting local economic development

■ Local action for local economic development:
Addressing the Impact of HIV/AIDS

■ Integrated and strategic planning for local
economic development

■ Urbanisation, urban regeneration and local
economic development

5.00-6.00pm **CLGF Regional group meetings** (CLGF members)

7.30 for 8pm **Conference gala dinner** at City Hall.

*The City Hall, a magnificent building built in English
Renaissance style, opened in 1906 when Cardiff was
granted city status*

Thursday 17 March

9.00-10.30am **Plenary 3: Building partnerships for sustainable
local economic development**

*Partnerships, joint ventures, resource sharing, leveraging
in resources from the private sector etc – local
government as an enabler of local economic
development in the community*

11.00am-1pm **Working groups**

Six parallel session covering practical issues
including:

■ Supporting women to be economically active in
the local economy

■ Using climate change adaptation to support local
economic development

■ International models of good practice in LED

■ Local government supporting young people in
economic development and business

■ Micro-credit, credit unions and community asset
management – a grassroots approach to LED

■ Strategies for supporting business development.

2.30-5.30 pm **Study visits**

*A selection of site visits to local economic development,
enterprise and regeneration projects in the Cardiff area.*

6pm **Reception** at the Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff
Bay

*After the reception delegates will be able to
explore the bay area attractions and restaurants
at their leisure.*

Friday 18 March

9.00-10.30 am **Plenary 4: A framework for Commonwealth
good practice on LED**

*Empowering local government to develop their local
economies in the current global financial climate
within a Commonwealth framework*

11.00am-1pm **Plenary 5: Closing plenary**

Keynote speakers:

■ **Rt Hon David Cameron MP**, Prime Minister,
UK (*invited*)

■ **HE Kamallesh Sharma**,
Commonwealth Secretary-General

2.30-5.00pm **CLGF General meeting** (CLGF members and by
invitation)

■ Election of CLGF Board for 2011-13

■ Presentation of CLGF work plan and financial
statements

7.00pm **Closing reception** at the National Museum of
Wales, Cardiff

*In the heart of Cardiff's civic centre, the National Museum
of Wales was officially opened in April 1927. The museum,
funded by the Welsh Assembly Government, has a
collection of seven and a half million items.*



*The Wales Millennium Centre, which was opened in 2004 by
HM Queen Elizabeth II, is a major landmark and a world-
recognised destination for performing arts and culture.*

Booking form



How to book

a) Complete this booking form and fax it or send it to:
Conference 2011, CLGF, 16a Northumberland Avenue, London WC2N 5AP, UK Fax: +44 (0)20 7389 1499
or

b) Log on to the conference website www.clgc2011.org to register online

Please complete a separate registration form for each person attending the conference. You may photocopy this form if necessary.

Note that you will be invoiced and given details of payment methods when we send you your registration documents.

Delegate details:

Title:	First name:	Last name:	
Organisation:	Department:		
Position:			
Address:			
Country:			Postcode/Area code:
Tel:		Fax:	
Website:		E-mail:	

Type of organisation:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Local authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Local authority association | <input type="checkbox"/> Government department |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commonwealth / international organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> University/research organisation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NGO/ Community organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> Private sector | |

Is your organisation a member of CLGF?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CLGF member | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-member |
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Role at the conference:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CLGF Board member | <input type="checkbox"/> Plenary speaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Working group speaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Full delegate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitor | <input type="checkbox"/> Council visit host | <input type="checkbox"/> Study visit host | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accompanying person (please state who you are accompanying) | | | |

Other information:

Dietary and other requirements: _____

Pre- conference council visits

- Please indicate if you would be interested in a pre-conference visit to a UK local authority that has been identified as a centre of excellence - on issues such as economic prosperity, cohesive and sustainable communities, strategic partnerships, tackling climate change, disaster planning, and electoral services - and learn about their approach to strategic policy setting and service delivery. These visits which are being arranged through the Local Government Association of England and Wales (LGA) will generally take place on the Monday before the conference.

Please indicate any particular policy areas of interest.

How to book Part 2

Conference fee

Fees cover attendance at conference, including lunches and specified social events. It does not include accommodation which must be booked and paid for separately.

Full delegate:

Book and pay before 30 November 2010 to receive a 20% early booking discount.

CLGF member £400

Non-member £480

From 1 December 2010:

CLGF member £500

Non-member £600

Delegates from Wales only:

Special Welsh delegate rate £400

Partners and accompanying people

Partners or accompanying people who are not attending the conference but would like to attend social events can register for these for a fee of £125

Partner/ accompanying persons £125

Name of person you are accompanying: _____

(Note: Partners and accompanying persons will be invited to social events but are not entitled to attend the main sessions of the conference. If they wish to attend the conference sessions they must register as a full delegate)

Please contact CLGF regarding discount rates for delegations of six or more (not applicable to delegates from Wales)

Terms and conditions

- 1 Bookings must be made at least one month before the conference otherwise a place cannot be guaranteed.
- 2 Rates are per delegate. Please check the appropriate rate when booking.
- 3 Cancellations must be made in writing to CLGF. Cancellations made up to one month before the conference will receive a 75 per cent refund. Cancellations made less than one month before the conference will not be entitled to a refund.

Accommodation

Five hotels within walking distance of City Hall have been designated the main conference hotels. These are Holiday Inn Cardiff City, Premier Inn Cardiff City Centre, Parc Hotel, Thistle, Mercure Holland House and Hilton Cardiff Hotel. They can be booked directly or through the Cardiff Convention Bureau which has rooms reserved for delegates at a special conference rate. Further details will be given in the delegate information pack when you book your place at the conference and a link will be available on the conference website. Note that you must book early to be sure of a place at your preferred hotel.

For further details about the conference contact: clgc2011@clgf.org.uk or check out the conference website at www.clgc2011.org.

Visiting Cardiff

Cardiff, the capital city of Wales in the UK, is one of Europe's fastest growing capital cities offering a vibrant mixture of activities, attractions and events. In 2008 it was European Capital of Culture. Situated on the Bristol Channel, Cardiff is a waterside city, with a freshwater lake which is controlled by a barrage. Cardiff is a flat city, surrounded by open countryside, and hills and valleys.

Travelling to Cardiff

There are direct flights to Cardiff via many European cities. You can also fly to London Heathrow and take a National Express Coach direct from the airport to Cardiff. Details about this and priority accommodation can be found on the conference website at www.clgc2011.org/delegateinformation.

Visas

Delegates are responsible for their own travel arrangements and documents. You may need to obtain a visa to visit the UK or for one of your transit countries. We advise that you do this well in advance to make sure that you receive your visa before travel as it may take up to three months to obtain visas.

CLGF: promoting local democracy in the Commonwealth

The Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF) was set up in 1995 to promote and support local democracy in the Commonwealth. It promotes and strengthens democratic local government throughout the Commonwealth and encourages the exchanges of good practice – through capacity-building programmes and projects, through conferences, events, and research for knowledge and information sharing. It works with its members in Commonwealth countries to support the development of democratic values and good governance and improve the delivery of local government services.

CLGF is a membership organisation funded by membership subscriptions, and specific grants and donations. It has more than 170 members in 40 countries including ministries of local government, local government associations and individual councils. Research organisations and professional bodies can join as associate members.



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