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Forthcoming Second Edition of *Global Citizen: Grass Roots Activism and High Diplomacy* by Carl Wright

Hansib Publications is proud to announce the forthcoming second edition of Dr Carl Wright's powerful and timely memoir, *Global Citizen: Grass Roots Activism and High Diplomacy*. Since its initial publication in 2022, the world has faced alarming geopolitical instability, and this updated edition brings the author's half-century of international experience into sharp focus for today's turbulent times.

Dr Wright, Secretary-General Emeritus of the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF), offers a unique perspective that bridges the gap between the grass roots activist and the high-level diplomat. His memoir recounts high-level missions to nearly 100 countries and personal encounters with global icons such as Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu and Fidel Castro, providing rare insights into the dynamics of global cooperation and good governance.

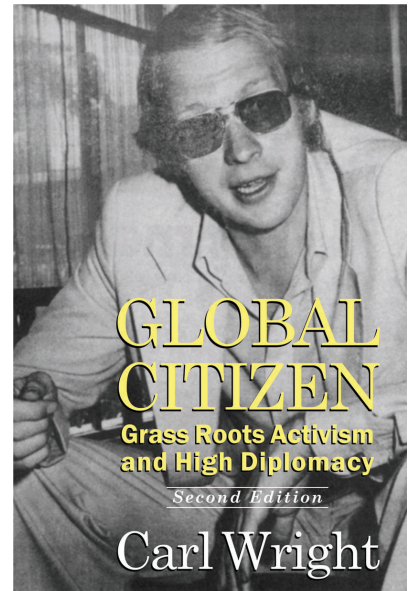
Crucially, the new Introduction to the Second Edition directly addresses the escalating global crises of the last three years – marked by conflict, rising poverty and a dangerous surge in Far-Right populism. Wright argues that these events only underscore the book's core message: the urgent necessity of international co-operation to counter the xenophobic nationalism that breeds social division and human suffering.

Global Citizen is not just a memoir; it is a passionate call to action. Carl Wright makes a compelling plea to the general reader, and especially to the younger generation, to reject the "siren calls of political populism" and rediscover personal idealism, political commitment and enthusiastic civic engagement to become global citizens.

This second edition is highly relevant and topical, particularly given the author's strong stance against extremism and his unique authority in promoting democratic values.

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Global Citizen is unique in that it examines not only the workings of intergovernmental organisations but also how key interest groups like trade unions and associations of mayors interact within the global system.

Rt Hon Helen Clark, former Prime Minister of New Zealand and former UNDP Administrator

These recollections are a textbook for a generation still in need of learning the compulsions of global citizenship.

HE, the late Shridath Ramphal, former Commonwealth Secretary-General

The book is not just a look backwards but is highly relevant to our troubled times. It makes a passionate plea to reject the siren calls of political populism and the drift towards authoritarianism and conflict.

Hon Robert Montague, CH, MP, Chairman, Jamaica Labour Party

Carl was as integral to the development of a free and independent trade union movement in South Africa as it was possible for an outsider to be... Carl Wright's recollections of a half century are an entertaining and personal account.

Owen Tudor, former Deputy General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation, ITUC

Carl's book takes an interesting and broad view of intergovernmental processes and manages to reinforce the 'local' in political leadership by putting local government and the local impact of global decision making into the spotlight... this is particularly pertinent as the CLGF... marks its thirtieth anniversary.

Lucy Slack, Secretary-General, Commonwealth Local Government Forum, CLGF

“The geopolitical events of the past three years, if anything, underline the core messages of Global Citizen on the need for international co-operation as opposed to xenophobic nationalism which causes so much social division and human suffering.”

Carl Wright



The author pictured with Commonwealth Secretary-General Shirely Botchwey

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