

## CHOGM Malta 2015

### **Commonwealth Business Forum: MALTA 24-26 NOVEMBER 2015**

I would like to invite you to the Commonwealth Business Forum (CBF) which will take place in Malta between 24-26 November, 2015 in conjunction with the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). The Business Forum will be opened by The Hon Dr Joseph Muscat MP, Prime Minister of Malta.

The Forum is a global event, bringing together Heads of Government, Ministers and more than 1,000 senior business leaders from the 53 Commonwealth countries and beyond. We are expecting top level participation from all continents across Africa, Asia, Australia, the Americas and Europe. A substantial number of Commonwealth Heads of Government are expected to attend the Business Forum.

In addition, some 100 global business leaders and experts will address CBF 2015 on issues and areas such as infrastructure, financial services, technology, tourism, healthcare, maritime industry and sustainability. The Forum will provide a valuable opportunity for high level dialogue on trade and investment between business and government leaders from the Commonwealth and beyond.

With regards to private sector representatives, several business leaders from various Commonwealth and non Commonwealth countries including companies from the European Union, Asia and others have already confirmed their attendance. We look forward to welcoming, amongst others, the Lord Mayor of London, Chairs of Prudential (UK), Chaudhary Group (Nepal), Kuwait National SME Fund (Kuwait) J&J Group (South Africa) and Sandals Group (Jamaica), as well as the CEOs of TechCity (UK) Keroche Breweries (Kenya), Employees Provident Fund (Malaysia), Iklara World (UAE) and Homestrings (USA).

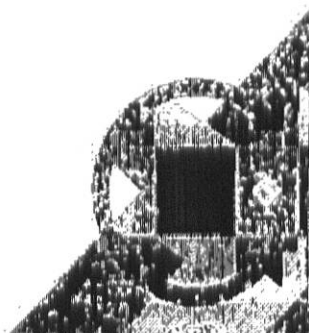
The sessions spread over three days include ample opportunities for networking and business to business meetings (B2B) as well as business to Government (B2G) meetings. An on-line system will allow all registered participants to request individual meetings prior to the event.

Registration is open on <https://chogm2015.mt/fora/business>. Group discounts are also available.

For further information please contact the Business Forum Team on [businessforum@chogm2015.mt](mailto:businessforum@chogm2015.mt) or telephone 0035699426238 / 0035699446124.

Very best regards.

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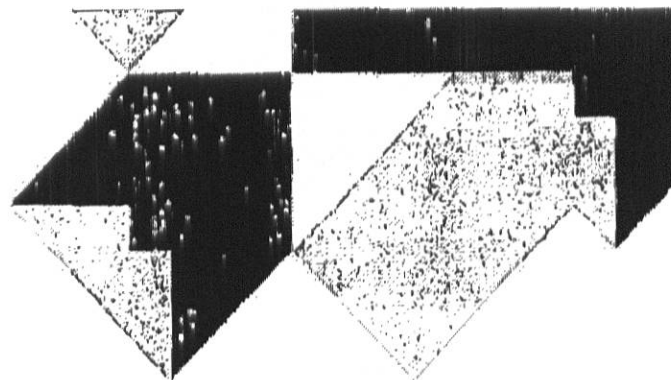


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### Tuesday 24 November

#### 0930-1030 Opening Ceremony

- Adrian Hillman, Chair, CBF Organising Committee
- Lord Marland of Odstock, Chairman, Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council
- HE Kamallesh Sharma, Commonwealth Secretary-General
- The Hon Dr George Vella MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Malta
- The Hon Dr Joseph Muscat MP, Prime Minister of Malta

#### 1030-1100 Networking Break

#### 1100-1230 Leveraging Networks: The Commonwealth, the EU and Global Economic Cooperation

- Chair: The Hon Dr Christian Cardona MP, Minister for the Economy, Investment and Small Business, Malta
- The Hon Abdesslem Bouhouareb, Minister for Industry and Mining, Algeria
- The Hon Hannah Tetteh MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration, Ghana
- Rt Hon Lord Maude of Horsham, Minister of State for Trade and Investment, UK

#### 1230-1400 Networking Lunch

#### 1400-1530 Opportunity Malta: Creating a Trade Hub for the EU, Middle East and Africa

- Chair: Dr Mario Vella, Chairman, Malta Enterprise

#### 1400-1530 Parallel Session: Facilitating Commonwealth Trade

- Chair: Deodat Maharaj, Deputy Secretary-General, Commonwealth Secretariat
- Mohammad Razzaque, Acting Director, Trade Division, Commonwealth Secretariat
- Lord Lindsay, Chairman, UK Accreditation Service
- James Gatera, Managing Director, Bank of Kigali, Rwanda

#### 1400-1530 Parallel Session: Empowering Entrepreneurs

- Fatin Arifin, President, Commonwealth Asia Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs, Brunel
- Dr Rahul Mirchandani, Founder, Commonwealth Asia Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs, India
- Raphael Celler, Founder, Celier Aviation
- Sam Borg, Brand Manager, Bortex, Malta
- Dr Shiraz Gidwani, Chief Executive, Iktara World, UAE

#### 1530-1600 Networking Break

#### 1600-1730 Supporting Enterprise: SMEs as the Engine of Growth

- Chair: Oliver Everett, CEO, Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council
- Dr Mohammed Al Zuhair, Executive Chairman, Kuwait National Fund for SME Development, Kuwait
- Dr Lena Wilson, CEO, Scottish Enterprise, UK

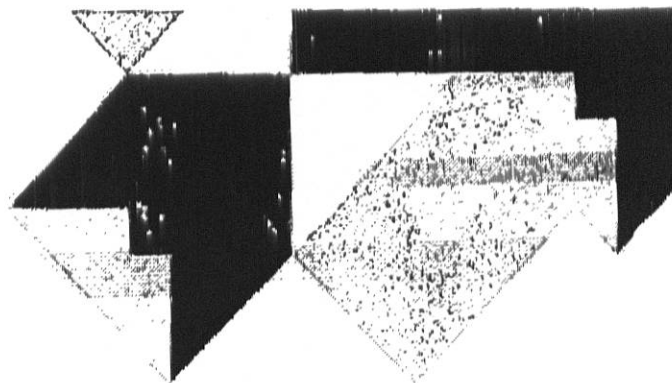


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- Tabitha Karanja, CEO, Keroche Breweries, Kenya
- Eileen V Muscat, CEO, Malta Stock Exchange

### **1600-1730 Parallel Session: Financial Centres as Catalysts of Growth**

- Chair: Professor Joe Bannister, Chairman, Malta Financial Services Authority
- Alderman Alan Yarrow, Chairman, Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment, UK
- Varun Maharaj, CEO, International Financial Centre, Trinidad and Tobago
- Dr Vanessa Borg, Chief Executive, Argus Insurance Agencies Ltd, Malta

### **1600-1730 Parallel Session: Sustainable Infrastructure for Developing and Island States**

- Adrian Said, Chairman, Project Malta
- Celeste Connors, Executive Director, Hawaii Green Growth, USA
- Alex Kaplan, Vice President of Global Partnerships, Swiss Re, USA
- Josh Sawislak, Global Director for Resilience, AECOM
- Paddy Pugh, Director of Conservation and Planning, John McAslan Partners, UK

### **1800-1900 Reception**

### **1900-2100 Gala Dinner**

- Hosted by Joseph Muscat MP, Prime Minister of Malta



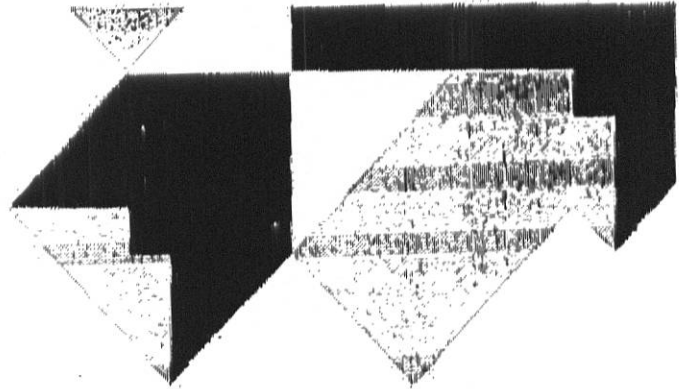


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### Wednesday 25 November

#### 0730-0830 Breakfast Briefing session for Chambers of Commerce

- Lord Marland of Odstock, Chairman, Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council
- Anton Borg, President, Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry

#### 0900-1030 Financial and Professional Services: Delivering Jobs and Growth

- The Rt Hon Lord Mayor of London
- The Rt Hon Sir Anerood Jugnauth, Prime Minister, Mauritius
- The Hon Professor Edward Scicluna, Minister of Finance, Malta
- Paul Manduca, Chairman, Prudential, UK

#### 0900-1030 Parallel Session: ICT & eGovernment: Showcasing Malta

- Chair: Tony Sultana, Chief Executive, Malta Information Technology Agency
- Joseph Cuschieri, Chairman, Malta Gaming Authority
- Adebola Akindele, CEO, Courteville Business Solutions
- Steven Ramage, Director of Strategy, what3words

#### 0900-1030 Parallel Session: Skilling the Commonwealth

- Professor Asha Singh Kanwar, CEO, Commonwealth of Learning, Canada
- The Hon Evarist Bartolo MP, Minister for Education and Employment, Malta
- Lloyd Dorfman, Chairman, The Prince's Trust, UK
- Patrick McKendry, Managing Director, Careers Australia
- Dr Hanan Khalifa, Director, Cambridge English, UK
- Phil Andrew, Chief Executive, Working Links, UK
- Jan Matern, Co-Founder and CEO, Emerge Venture Lab
- Richard Dennys, Head of Digital Business Academy, Tech City UK
- Claire Dove, CEO, Blackburne House Group, UK

#### 1030-1100 Networking Break

#### 1100-1230 Investing in Infrastructure: Building for the Long Term

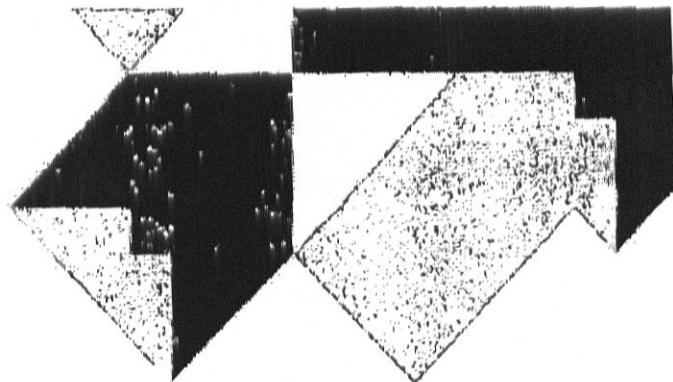
- Chair: Philip Bouverat, Director, JCB, UK
- HE Edgar C. Lungu, President of Zambia
- The Hon Joe Mizzi MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Malta
- Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa, Chief Secretary, Government of Malaysia
- Datuk Shahril Ridza Ridzuan, CEO, Employees Provident Fund, Malaysia
- Shaun Bonétt, Managing Director, Precision Group, Australia
- Stephanie Miller, Director, Western Europe, IFC

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### **1100-1230 Parallel Session: Innovation in Financial Services**

- Chair: Mark Boleat, Chairman, Policy and Resources Committee, City of London, UK
- Lawrence Wintermeyer, CEO, Innovate Finance, UK
- Kenneth Farrugia, Chairman, FinanceMalta
- Claire Gauci, Director of Compliance and Head of Malta Office, William Grosvenor & Partners
- Eric-Vincent Guichard, CEO, Homestrings, USA
- Carlos Silva, Founder, Seedrs, UK

### **1100-1230 Parallel Session: Supporting the Blue Economy**

- Chair: Justin Mundy, Director, HRH Prince of Wales' International Sustainability Unit, UK
- The Rt Hon Keith Mitchell, Prime Minister, Grenada
- HE Karmenu Vella, EU Commissioner for The Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

### **1230-1400 Networking Lunch**

### **1400-1530 The Business of Health: Improving Access and Outcomes**

- Chair: The Rt Hon Professor Lord Kakkar, Chair, Commonwealth Healthcare Business Group
- HE Peter Mutharika, President, Malawi
- The Hon Chris Fearne, Parliamentary Secretary for Health, Malta
- The Rt Hon Lord Narendra Patel, Chancellor, University of Dundee, UK
- Dr Gordon Caruana Dingli, President, Commonwealth Medical Association, Malta
- Dr Zahid Al Sabti, CEO, Interhealth Canada

### **1400-1530 Parallel Session: Technology for Smart Cities**

- Chair: Gerard Grech, CEO, TechCity, UK
- The Hon Pete Buttigieg, Mayor of the City of South Bend, Indiana, USA
- Ram Walase, CEO, IL&FS Township & Urban Assets Limited, India
- Michael Sippitt, Chairman, Clarks Legal, UK
- Steven Ramage, Visiting Professor, University of Strathclyde, UK
- Oliver Lewis, Head of Government Relations, Improbable, UK

### **1400-1530 Parallel Session: The Maritime Commonwealth**

- Chair: Doug Barrow, Chief Executive, Maritime London
- The Rt Hon Lord Mayor of London
- James Piscopo, Chair, Transport Malta
- Greg Ogbeifun, Chairman, Ship Owners Association of Nigeria
- Andy Thorne, Chairman, Kestrel Liner Agency, UK

### **1530-1600 Networking Break**

### **1600-1730 Harnessing Technology: Driving Innovation and Job Creation**

