COMMONWEALTH DAY THEME 2020

‘Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming.’
The theme of Commonwealth Day 2020 has been announced following conversations at recent Council of Commonwealth Secretariat meeting that demonstrated the desire for the theme adopt a two year cycle and mirror that of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) theme in order to avoid duplication and promote a stronger and more unified Commonwealth message. As such the theme is ‘Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming.’

The theme of “Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming” underpins a number of Commonwealth values. Tackling climate change, creating an atmosphere of inclusive economic empowerment for marginalised communities (women and young people alike) and social and democratic development are just a few of the many Commonwealth aspirations that contribute to the thriving Common future.
For your reference, as quoted from the [Charter of the Commonwealth](#)

**Good Governance** - “We reiterate our commitment to promote good governance through the rule of law, to ensure transparency and accountability and to root out, both at national and international levels, systemic and systematic corruption.”

**Rule of Law** - “We believe in the rule of law as an essential protection for the people of the Commonwealth and as an assurance of limited and accountable government. In particular we support an independent, impartial, honest and competent judiciary and recognise that an independent, effective and competent legal system is integral to upholding the rule of law, engendering public confidence and dispensing justice.”

**Protecting the Environment** - “We recognise the importance of the protection and conservation of our natural ecosystems and affirm that sustainable management of the natural environment is the key to sustained human development. We recognise the importance of multilateral cooperation, sustained commitment and collective action, in particular by addressing the adaptation and mitigation challenges of climate change and facilitating the development, diffusion and deployment of affordable environmentally friendly technologies and renewable energy, and the prevention of illicit dumping of toxic and hazardous waste as well as the prevention and mitigation of erosion and desertification.”

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