



COMMONWEALTH BUSINESS FORUM 2024

23-24 OCTOBER
APIA, SAMOA

One Resilient Common Future:
Transforming Our Common Wealth

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CBF Forum Venue: Sheraton Samoa Aggie Grey's Hotel & Bungalows
Main Beach Road, Vaisigano, Apia

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Wednesday 23 October 2024

All day

Registration / Pass Collection

- Delegates need to have collected their passes from the Accreditation Centre – The Tatte Building - prior to arriving at the Sheraton

0930 – 1000
Ballroom

Opening Ceremony: One Resilient Common Future: Transforming our Common Wealth

- The Hon Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa, Prime Minister of the Independent State of Samoa
- Lord Marland, Chairman, Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council

1000 – 1100
Ballroom

Opening Plenary: The Global Economy; What's Next?

- **Address:** Henk Brouwer Rogers, Founder and CEO, Blue Planet Energy
- **Chair:** Lord Marland, Chairman, Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council
- The Hon Gaston Browne, Prime Minister, Antigua & Barbuda
- Dino Otranto, CEO, Fortescue Metals

1100 – 1130

Networking Break – Served in the Hotel Lobby

1130 – 1300
Ballroom

Plenary 1: Access to Finance and the Scalability of Finance

- **Chair:** Loretta Joseph, Managing Director, The Policy Group
- **Address:** The Hon Philip Davis KC MP, Prime Minister, The Bahamas
- **Address:** Mark T Robinson, Group CEO, BSP Financial Group Ltd
- James Johnstone, Portfolio Manager, Redwheel
- Jennifer Pryce, CEO, Calvert Impact
- Naibuka Saune, Chief Investment Officer, Fiji National Provident Fund
- Paul Schroder, Chief Executive, AustralianSuper
- Saoleititi Maeva Natacha Betham Vaai, CEO, Ministry of Finance, Samoa

1130 – 1300
Harbour View 1

Roundtable 1: Skills Migration, Regional Collaboration and Economic Impact

Invite Only

- **Roundtable Chair:** Asomua Howard Politini, Chairman, Pacific Island Private Sector Organization (PIPSO)

1130 – 1300
Harbour View 2

Roundtable 2: Digital Transformation and Ecommerce

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- **Roundtable Chair:** Michelle Curry, CEO and Founder, TOQQA Global

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1300 – 1400

Networking Lunch

1300 – 1400

By Invitation Only Private Lunch supported by BSP Financial Group LTD

1400 – 1530

Ballroom

Plenary 2: Reducing Barriers to Trade

- **Chair:** Andrew McKellar, Chief Executive, Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- **Address:** The Rt Hon David Lammy MP, Secretary of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, United Kingdom
- Dr Mohamed Althaf, Director, Lulu Group International
- The Hon Julianna O'Connor-Connolly JP, MP, Premier of the Cayman Islands
- Roy Lagolago, Head of Secretariat, PACER Plus Implementation Unit & Labour Mobility Secretariat
- Ayo Otuyalo, Group Managing Director, Prime Atlantic Group
- Dr Damie Sinanan, Executive Director, Caribbean Export Development Agency

1400 – 1530

Harbour View 1

Invite Only

Roundtable 3: Unlocking Green Investment; Risk Mitigation

- **Roundtable Chair:** Niro Cooke, Group Director, Main Board of Directors, Capital Maharaja Group

1400 – 1530

Harbour View 2

Invite Only

Roundtable 4: The Business of Data

- **Roundtable Chair:** Samuel Spencer, CEO and Co-Founder, Aristotle Metadata

1530 – 1600

Networking Break – Served in the Hotel Lobby

1600 – 1730

Ballroom

Plenary 3: Tech and Innovation

- **Chair:** Paul Guerra, Chief Executive, Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Asif Chaudry, Consultant Robotic Surgeon, The Royal Marsden Trust
- Toleafoa Douglas Creevey, Technical Consultant, PCL Consultants
- Michelle Curry, CEO and Founder, TOQQA Global
- Angie Madara, Founder and CEO, AthenaFundX
- Dr Simon Milner, Vice President, Public Policy APAC, Meta
- Blair Turnball, CEO, Tower

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1600 – 1730

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Roundtable 5: Investment in Lifelong learning

- **Roundtable Chair:** Professor Colin Riordan, Secretary General and Chief Executive, Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU)

1600 – 1730

Harbour View 2

Invite Only

Roundtable 6: Island Nation Leaders Roundtable

- **Roundtable Chair:** Lord Swire KCMG PC, Deputy Chairman, Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council

1900

St Therese
Retreat

Business Forum Fiafia Reception

- A Shuttle service will depart from Accommodation booked through Official Portal from 1830 and will return delegates following the conclusion of the Fiafia

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0800 – 0900 Invitation Only Private Breakfast supported by Federal Pacific Group

0900 – 1030 **Plenary 4: Transforming the Workforce**

Ballroom

- **Chair:** Lord Swire KCMG PC, Deputy Chairman, Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council
- **Address:** HE Mohammed Ishaq, Deputy Prime Minister of Pakistan
- Gatoloai Tili Afamasaga, Commission Member, Samoa Public Service Commission
- Niro Cooke, Group Director, Main Board of Directors, Capital Maharaja Group
- Professor Cheryl de la Rey, Chair, Association of Commonwealth Universities
- The Hon Dr Joseph Garcia CMG MP, Deputy Chief Minister, Gibraltar
- Charlotte Parkhill, Chair of the Board, Auckland Business Chamber

0900 – 1030 **Roundtable 7: Building Resilient Infrastructure**

Harbour View 1

Invite Only

- **Roundtable Chair:** David White, Director of Advocacy and Communications, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure

0900 – 1030 **Roundtable 8: Global Standards; Collaboration and Partnerships**

Harbour View 2

Invite Only

- **Roundtable Chair:** Lord Lindsay, Chair, UKAS

1030 – 1100 **Fireside Conversation; Connecting the Commonwealth**

Ballroom

- **Chair:** Richard Griffiths, Arentfox Schiff LLP
- His Excellency Julius Maada Wonie Bio, President of Sierra Leone
- Lord Marland of Odstock, Chairman, Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council
- Lauren Dreyer, Vice President, Starlink

1100 – 1230 **Plenary 5: The Blue Economy; Sustainability and Resilience**

Ballroom

- **Chair:** Louise Quy, Managing Director, Chemonics UK
- Colin Buckley, Managing Director and General Counsel, BII
- Amanda Ellis, Executive Director, Asia-Pacific, Global Institute of Sustainability and Innovation
- Asomua Howard Politini, Chairman, Pacific Island Private Sector Organization (PIPSO)
- Kenneth Katafono, Founder and Managing Director, TraSeable Solutions
- Dr M. Sanjayan, CEO, Conservation International

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1100 – 1230

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Roundtable 9: SMES and Economic Growth

- **Roundtable Chair:** Ben Hedley, Senior International Engagement Manager, BSI

1100 – 1230

Harbour View 2

Invite Only

Roundtable 10: Regional Trade Facilitation; Opportunities for all

- **Roundtable Chair:** Leata Alaimoana, Queensland Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner, Pacific Island Operations, Trade and Investment Queensland
- **Roundtable Co-Chair:** Lord Lindsay, Chair, UKAS

1230 – 1300

Ballroom

Closing Plenary: A Challenge for the Future

This session closes CBF 2024, looks ahead to Samoa's time as Chair-in-Office of the Commonwealth, and sets the challenges for the future.

1300 – 1400

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Networking Lunch

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Invitation Only Heads of Government and CEOs Engagement

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