

COMMONWEALTH BUSINESS FORUM 2024

23-24 OCTOBER **APIA, SAMOA**

In partnership with BSP Financial Group Ltd

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, Blue Planet Alliance
- **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

Invite Only

- **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:** HE Nana Addo Dankwa-Akufo Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana
- 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
- **Address:** The Rt Hon David Lammy MP, Secretary of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, United Kingdom

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
- **Address:** HE Mr. Md. Touhid Hossain, Hon'ble Foreign Advisor (Foreign Minister) of the Interim Government of Bangladesh
- Asif Chaudry, Consultant Robotic Surgeon, The Royal Marsden Trust
- Toleafoa Douglas Creevey, Technical Consultant, PCL Consultants
- Michelle Curry, CEO and Founder, TOQQA Global
- Mia Garlick, Regional Director of Policy, Pacific, Meta
- Blair Turnbull, 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

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Retreat

Business Forum Fiafia Reception

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Thursday 24 October 2024

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

0900 – 0930 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
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0930 – 1100 Plenary 4: Transforming the Workforce

Ballroom

- **Chair:** Lord Swire KCMG PC, Deputy Chairman, Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council
 - 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
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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
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0900 – 1030 Roundtable 8: Global Standards; Collaboration and Partnerships

Harbour View 2

Invite Only

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

- **Chair:** Lord Marland, Chairman, Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council
- **Address:** HE Mohammed Ishaq, Deputy Prime Minister of Pakistan
- **Address:** HE Ms Rose Kayi Mivedor, Minister for Trade, Craft and Local Consumption, Government of Togo

1300 – 1400

Ballroom

Networking Lunch

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Invitation Only Heads of Government and CEOs Engagement

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