

Programme

Wednesday 27 July

08.00 Registration

09.00-09.30 **Conference opening**

Chair: Prof John Wood, Secretary General, The Association of Commonwealth Universities

- **Prof Jan Thomas**, Chair, ACU Council, and Vice-Chancellor, University of Southern Queensland, Australia
- **Prof Domwini Dabire Kuupole**, Vice-Chancellor, University of Cape Coast, Ghana
- **HE John Dramani Mahama**, President of Ghana

09.30-10.30 **Keynote address**

- **Kofi Annan**, Chancellor, University of Ghana, and former Secretary-General, United Nations

Vote of thanks: Herine Otieno-Menya, Commonwealth Scholar, Sheffield Hallam University, UK

10.30-11.00 Refreshments

11.00-12.30 **Concurrent sessions A**

A1: Responsibilities towards staff

Chair: Prof Andrew Atherton, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Lancaster University, UK

- **Prof Emmanuel Mbennah**, Vice-Chancellor, St John's University, Tanzania
- **Dr Brian Jennings**, Institutional Quality Coordinator, Ghana Christian University College
- **Emma Falk**, Research Officer, The Association of Commonwealth Universities

A2: How far can universities meet labour market needs?

Chair : Prof Domwini Dabire Kuupole, Vice-Chancellor, University of Cape Coast, Ghana

- **Prof Paul Jones**, Deputy Director (International Centre for Transformational Entrepreneurship), Coventry University, UK
- **Prof Ranbir Chander Sobti**, Vice-Chancellor, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, India

Respondent: Prof Romeela Mohee, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mauritius

A3: Funding trends and opportunities

Chair: Ben Prasadam-Halls, Director of Programmes, The Association of Commonwealth Universities

- **Dan Shah**, Assistant Director for Policy, Universities UK
- **Prof Hannah Akuffo**, Deputy Head of Unit and Senior Advisor (Research Cooperation), Swedish International Development Agency (Sida)
- **Andrea Johnson**, Programme Officer, Carnegie Corporation of New York, USA

A4: Universities, faith and tolerance preparatory session

12.30-13.30 Lunch and **launch of report by the British Academy**

13.30-15.00 Concurrent sessions B

B1: Developing the new generation

Chair: Janet Remington, Regional Director (Africa), Taylor & Francis Group

- **Dr Caroline Moss**, Programme Officer, The Association of Commonwealth Universities, and **Prof Graham Furniss**, Chair, Africa Panel, British Academy
- **Herine Otieno-Menya**, Commonwealth Scholar, Sheffield Hallam University, UK
- **Dr Olawale Emmanuel Olayide**, Research Fellow, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Respondent: Andrea Johnson, Programme Officer, Carnegie Corporation of New York, USA

B2: How far can universities meet labour market needs?

Chair: Prof Julius Okojie, Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Nigeria

- **Dr Tim McTiernan**, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Canada
- **Prof Dato Dr Mohd Saleh Jaafar**, Advisor, Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education
- **Joana Doodoo**, Assistant Lecturer, University of Cape Coast, Ghana

B3: Social responsibility – embedding the third pillar

Chair: Dr David Atkinson, President and Vice-Chancellor, MacEwan University, Canada

- **Prof Charity Angya**, former Vice-Chancellor, Benue State University, Nigeria
- **Prof Craig Mahoney**, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of the West of Scotland, UK
- **Prof Ranbir Chander Sobti**, Vice-Chancellor, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, India
- **Christie Lee**, Director Student Community Engagement, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

B4: Responsible use of scholarships

Chair: The Hon Prof Dr Naana Jane Opoku-Agyeman, Minister for Education, Ghana

- **Helen Pennant**, Director, Cambridge, Commonwealth, European and International Trust, UK
- **Prof Harlene Hayne**, Vice-Chancellor, University of Otago, New Zealand
- **Prof Cheryl de la Rey**, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, University of Pretoria, South Africa

15.00-15.30 Refreshments

15.30-17.00 Plenary 1: Responsibility in different national and regional contexts

Chair: Dr John Kirkland, Deputy Secretary General, The Association of Commonwealth Universities

- **Prof Furqan Qamar**, Secretary-General, Association of Indian Universities
- **Prof Paul Boyle**, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Leicester, UK
- **Prof Cheryl de la Rey**, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, University of Pretoria, South Africa

19.00-22.00 Welcome reception hosted by the University of Ghana

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09.00-10.30 **Plenary 2: Universities, faith and tolerance**

Chair: Prof John Wood, Secretary General, The Association of Commonwealth Universities

- **Prof Sebastian Kim**, Chair in Theology and Public Life, York St John University, UK
- **Prof Gerald Pillay**, Vice-Chancellor and Rector, Liverpool Hope University, UK
- **Dr Ahmad Kawesa Sengendo**, Rector, Islamic University in Uganda
- **Ven Prof Gallele Sumanasiri Thero**, Vice-Chancellor, Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka

10.30-11.45 **Concurrent sessions C**

C1: Responsibilities in international partnerships

Chair: Prof Gabriel Teye, Vice-Chancellor, University of Development Studies, Ghana

- **Prof Jan Thomas**, Vice-Chancellor, University of Southern Queensland, Australia
- **Dr Peter Mascher**, Associate Vice-President (International Affairs), McMaster University, Canada

Respondent: Wiseman Jack, Executive Director of International Relations and Advancement, Vaal University of Technology, South Africa

C2: How far can universities meet labour market needs?

Chair: Prof Dato Dr Mohd Saleh Jaafar, Advisor, Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education

- **Prof Jonas Redwood-Sawyer**, former Vice-Chancellor and Principal, University of Sierra Leone
- **Lynette Ntuli**, Chairperson, Commonwealth Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs – Southern Africa
- **Ashwin Fernandes**, Regional Director, QS

C3: Ensuring that research benefits society: institutional approaches

Prof Hannah Akuffo, Deputy Head of Unit and Senior Advisor (Research Cooperation), Swedish International Development Agency (Sida)

- **Prof Ernest Aryeetey**, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ghana
- **Prof Celestino Obua**, Vice-Chancellor, Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Uganda
- **Prof Romeela Mohee**, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mauritius
- **Dr Prins Nevhutalu**, Vice-Chancellor, Cape Peninsula University of Technology, South Africa

C4: The future of Commonwealth Scholarships

Chair: Dr Jonathan Jenkins, Director of Scholarships, The Association of Commonwealth Universities

- **Prof Crispus Kiamba**, Chair, CSFP Taskforce
- **Richard Middleton**, Chair, Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK

11.45-12.15 Refreshments

12.15-13.30 Concurrent sessions D

D1: Ensuring that research benefits society

Chair: Prof P S M Gunaratne, Vice-Chairman, University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka

- **Hillary Layton**, Director of Internationalisation, University of York, UK
- **Prof David Morrison**, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Innovation, Murdoch University, Australia
- **Prof Cheryl Potgieter**, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Head of College of Humanities, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
- **Wiseman Jack**, Executive Director of International Relations and Advancement, Vaal University of Technology, South Africa

D2: Maintaining the integrity of the undergraduate curriculum

Chair: Dr David Atkinson, President and Vice-Chancellor, MacEwan University, Canada

- **Dr Ralph Nilson**, President and Vice-Chancellor, Vancouver Island University, Canada
- **Dr Robert Campbell**, President and Vice-Chancellor, Mount Allison University, Canada
- **Bangi Sayid**, Vice-Chair, Commonwealth Students Association, Uganda

D3: Working with Africa: barriers and opportunities

Chair: HE Jon Benjamin, British High Commissioner to Ghana

- **Prof John Grainger**, Provost, Lancaster University Ghana
- **Prof Michael Faborode**, Secretary-General, Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities
- **Prof Hannah Akuffo**, Deputy Head of Unit and Senior Advisor (Research Cooperation), Swedish International Development Agency (Sida)

D4: Visions of social responsibility

Chair: Ben Prasadam-Halls, Director of Programmes, The Association of Commonwealth Universities

- **Prof Olawale Moronkola**, former Dean of Education, University of Ibadan, Nigeria
- **Prof Arun Diwaker Nath Bajpai**, Vice-Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh University, India
- **Prof Sokkalingam Arumugam Dhanaraj**, Dean, JSS University, India

Respondent: Dan Shah, Assistant Director for Policy, Universities UK

13.30-14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.45 Concurrent sessions E

E1: Ensuring that research benefits society: case studies

Chair: Prof Ernest Aryeetey, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ghana

- **Prof George Kanyama-Phiri**, Vice-Chancellor, Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Malawi
- **Dr Michael Owen**, Interim Dean (Education), University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Canada
- **Prof John Wood**, Secretary General, The Association of Commonwealth Universities
- **Prof Peter Mbithi**, Vice-Chancellor, University of Nairobi, Kenya

E2: Social responsibility of the private university

Chair: TBC

- **Prof Kwesi Yankah**, President, Central University College, Ghana
- **Prof Osei K Darkwa**, President, Ghana Technology University College
- **Dr Koroyoe Anim-Wright**, President, African University College of Communications, Ghana
- **Isaac Gachanja**, Student, Mount Kenya University, Kenya

E3: Universities, access and inclusivity

Chair: Prof Rahamon A Bello, Vice-Chancellor, University of Lagos, Nigeria

- **Prof Mohan de Silva**, Chairman, University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka
- **Prof Jan Thomas**, Chair, ACU Council, and Vice-Chancellor, University of Southern Queensland, Australia
- **Prof Tim Blackman**, Vice-Chancellor, Middlesex University, UK

E4: Maintaining the integrity of the undergraduate curriculum in times of growth

Chair: Dr David Atkinson, President and Vice-Chancellor, MacEwan University, Canada

- **Dr David Docherty**, President, Mount Royal University, Canada
- **Prof Vianne Timmons**, President, University of Regina, Canada
- **Dr Michael Mahon**, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Lethbridge, Canada

Respondent: Dr Idris Rai, Vice-Chancellor, State University of Zanzibar, Tanzania

15.45-16.15 Refreshments

16.15-17.15 Plenary 3: Addressing historical injustice: from Rhodes to reparations

Chair: Prof Christina Slade, Vice-Chancellor, Bath Spa University, UK

- **Prof Sir Hilary Beckles**, Vice-Chancellor, University of the West Indies, Jamaica
- **Prof Adam Habib**, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

19.00-22.00 **Gala dinner** at State House

- Guest speaker: **The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC**, Commonwealth Secretary-General

Friday 29 July

09.00-10.30 Ministerial panel discussion

- **The Hon Prof Dr Naana Jane Opoku-Agyeman**, Minister for Education, Ghana
- **The Hon Dr Becky R K Ndjoze-Ojo MP**, Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Namibia
- **The Hon Dr Fred Okeng'o Matiang'i**, Cabinet Secretary, Kenya
- **The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC**, Commonwealth Secretary-General

10.30-11.00 Refreshments

11.00-11.20 The ACU: report and future agenda

- **Dr John Kirkland**, Deputy Secretary General, The Association of Commonwealth Universities

11.20-13.00 Conference debate

'This house believes that society expects too much of higher education'

Chair: Prof Jan Thomas, Chair, ACU Council, and Vice-Chancellor, University of Southern Queensland, Australia

13.00-13.15 **Closing remarks**