

Subject: Invitation to participate and present paper at the Seventh Commonwealth Local Government Research Colloquium, in Kigali, on 13-14 November 2023

Dear colleague,

The [Commonwealth Local Government Forum](#) (CLGF) is pleased to invite you to the Seventh Commonwealth Local Government Research Colloquium, organised by CLGF's [Research Advisory Group](#), which brings together local government research and training institutions as well as academics and doctoral researchers in the field from across the Commonwealth and beyond, in partnership with the University of Rwanda

The Colloquium will be held in the lead up to CLGF's [high-level political conference](#) which is a key event in the international local government calendar and brings together local government and other relevant ministers, and elected local government leaders, including city mayors, from across the Commonwealth.

As a Colloquium participant, you are also invited to register for and attend the conference which provides a unique venue for CLGF members, partners, and stakeholders to exchange ideas and chart a way forward in priority policy areas affecting local government.

In the lead up to the colloquium, we invite you to submit a recent paper pertaining to local government/governance which you will be able to present at the colloquium as contribution to panel discussions. If you wish to submit a paper for discussion, please send it to me by Wednesday 01 November 2023. The theme of the 2023 Conference is 'Building local resilience across the Commonwealth' and we particularly welcome contributions pertaining to a wide cross-section of policy areas relevant to building resilience at the local level, such as climate, migration, public health, infrastructure, and sustainable finance.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you intend to submit a paper for presentation at the colloquium. You will find further instructions and information on the registration process for both the Colloquium and the Conference below.

Registration: The colloquium is a self-funded meeting and is free to those attending the [main political conference](#), which runs immediately after the colloquium from 15-17 November. For anyone just attending the colloquium there will be a small fee to cover lunch and refreshments for the two days of USD100. For registration for the main conference: if you are presenting at the colloquium and your institution is covering their registration fee, you will be able to avail the reduced members' rate of £450. Please choose 'member rate' when booking and let me know so I can inform the finance team to approve your reduced registration.

Logistics Venue: the colloquium will be held at the [Kigali Conference and Exhibition Centre \(TBC\)](#)

Accommodation: There are several affordable guesthouses and hotels near the conference centre and the [University of Rwanda](#) campus.

Visas and Vaccinations: Rwanda operates a visa on arrival for all Commonwealth country nationals. Please consult the [Rwandan government website](#) to ensure you are eligible to travel. If you are travelling via a third country, it is important to check whether you need a transit visa. Please also ensure you have relevant vaccinations that you will require to enter Rwanda, particularly if you are travelling from a country with high risk of yellow fever. You may wish to consult the latest [WHO list here](#).

Additional information

Publishing your paper: If you are interested in having your paper considered for publication in our peer-reviewed open-access [Commonwealth Journal of Local Governance](#), please submit the paper to journal@clgf.org.uk.

I look forward to seeing you in Rwanda.

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