



The Commonwealth

Call for Registration of Researchers for Commonwealth Connectivity Agenda Academic Network

Background

In 2018, the Commonwealth Heads of Governments launched the Commonwealth Connectivity Agenda (CCA) for Trade and Investment. The agenda is guided by the principles that co-operation should be pragmatic and practical, leading to credible results; taking into account regional integration initiatives and the needs of small and vulnerable economies and least developed countries. The agenda also recognizes the vital importance of the private sector and the promotion of the blue and green economy.

The CCA focuses on five core areas namely;

1. Physical Connectivity which includes issues on trade facilitation, infrastructural development including multi-sectoral connectivity and sharing of trade information in order to reduce the physical barriers to trade;
2. Digital Connectivity, which includes expanding ICT capabilities, identification and development of national digital economies, improving regulatory frameworks and building infrastructure, inter alia through capacity building and promoting investments.
3. Regulatory Connectivity, which includes improving understanding of various regulatory regimes, ease of doing business, promoting good regulatory practises including regulatory cooperation among member countries to reduce non-tariff barriers, improving services data collection, mutual recognition, reducing regulatory barriers for micro, small and medium enterprises and consumers.
4. Supply Side Connectivity: which includes enhancing global value chains and sharing knowledge among members and harnessing them for economic growth, creation of export opportunities for micro, small and medium enterprises and its impacts.
5. Business to Business Connectivity: supporting dialogue between public and private sectors and between businesses, assisting member countries to attract investment through capacity building, facilitating the needs of micro, small and medium enterprises to access finance and ways in which the private sectors role could be enhanced in the blue and green economy.

Registration for CCA Academic Network

In order to empower researchers including young women and also provide researchers from across the Commonwealth Countries with a common platform for interaction on CCA issues including participating in publication of papers/chapters for books, we invite researchers to register and be part of a dynamic network of academic researchers on the Commonwealth Connectivity Agenda. The CCA Academic Network will further aim to provide researchers and academics with global exposure within the Commonwealth on the relevant cluster issues.

Researchers from different multidisciplinary fields are welcome to register by providing their details including Name, Area of Research, Institution and Email Address to Dr. Radika Kumar at r.kumar@commonwealth.int or Ms. Rita Broni on r.broni@commonwealth.int by close of business on Wednesday 31 July, 2019.

Note: A subsequent communication will be conveyed to the registered researchers on the CCA Academic Network for submission of Chapters for a Book Series with the Commonwealth after 30 July, 2019.