

1st Commonwealth Chemistry Congress Programme

Each session in the Congress has two editions at different times to accommodate the wide variety of time zones across the Commonwealth and ensure all delegates can join at least one edition of each session live. All sessions, with the exception of networking / social sessions, will also be recorded to watch later on demand.

All times listed are GMT.

Tuesday 18 May – Opening Ceremony, Panel Discussion and Social Event

Edition 1

Time GMT	Activity	Chair
07:00-09:30	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <p>‘Chemistry and the Commonwealth’ Panel Discussion</p> <p>The panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nelson Torto, Ministry of Tertiary Education, Research, Science and Technology, Botswana• Jean Paul Brice Affana, Vital Actions for Sustainable Development, Cameroon• Sandeep Verma, Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Department of Science and Technology, India• Panellist 4 TBC <p>will discuss the challenges facing the Commonwealth including the SDGs and how chemistry can provide solutions together with wider issues that need to be addressed to deliver success including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The value of scientific partnership in delivering solutions; and how can we establish effective partnerships between Commonwealth chemistry communities.• What contributions can chemistry in the Commonwealth make in tackling climate change, developing sustainable energy systems and tackling more broadly the SDGs.• What changes might chemistry communities have to make to face the challenges of the 21st century and how do we ensure that the rising generation of Commonwealth chemists have the skills to respond to these challenges.• The importance of inclusion and diversity in delivering solutions to the SDGs <p>Social and networking activity</p>	Richard Catlow United Kingdom

Edition 2

Time GMT	Activity	Chair
15:00-17:30	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <p>‘Chemistry and the Commonwealth’ Panel Discussion</p> <p>The panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ishenkumba Kahwa, University of the West Indies, Jamaica • Karen Salt, UK Research and Innovation, UK • Ulric Trotz, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre, Belize <p>will discuss the challenges facing the Commonwealth including the SDGs and how chemistry can provide solutions together with wider issues that need to be addressed to deliver success including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The value of scientific partnership in delivering solutions; and how can we establish effective partnerships between Commonwealth chemistry communities. • What contributions can chemistry in the Commonwealth make in tackling climate change, developing sustainable energy systems and tackling more broadly the SDGs. • What changes might chemistry communities have to make to face the challenges of the 21st century and how do we ensure that the rising generation of Commonwealth chemists have the skills to respond to these challenges. • The importance of inclusion and diversity in delivering solutions to the SDGs <p>Social and networking activity</p>	<p>Richard Catlow United Kingdom</p>

Wednesday 19th May - Scientific Sessions

Plenary talks: 20 mins including Q&A

Flash talks: 2 mins pre-recorded only

Edition 1	Parallel Session 1		Parallel Session 2		Parallel Session 3	
Time GMT	Theme	Chair: Choon-Hong Tan, Singapore	Theme	Chair: G D Yadav, India	Theme	Chair: Sourav Pal, India
07:00-10:00	Biodiversity and Natural Products	Plenary 1 Nor Hadiani Ismail, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia	Energy and Materials	Plenary 1 Veena Sahajwalla, University of New South Wales, Australia	Food and Agriculture	Plenary 1 Simon Cook, Curtin University, Australia (affiliation TBC)
		Flash talks		Flash talks		Flash talks
		Ishmael Masesane University of Botswana, Botswana		Plenary 2 Juan Joon Ching University of Malaya, Malaysia		Plenary 2 Priyani Paranagama Institute of Chemistry Ceylon, Sri Lanka
	Break					
	Theme	Chair: Vicki Gardiner, Australia	Theme	Chair: Karen Wilson, Australia	Theme	Chair: Vinod Singh, India
	Health and Wellbeing	Plenary 1 G Mugesh Indian Institute of Science, India	Green Chemistry and Catalysis	Plenary 1 Lakshmi Kantam Mannepalli Insitute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai, India	Water and Environmental Chemistry	Plenary 1 Richard Webster Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
		Flash talks		Flash talks		Flash talks
		Plenary 2 Kelly Chibale, University of Cape Town, South Africa		Plenary 2 Johannes Awudza, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana		Plenary 2 Catherine Ngila, African Academy of Sciences, Kenya
	Meet the Plenary Speakers and Networking					

Edition 2	Parallel Session 1		Parallel Session 2		Parallel Session 3	
Time GMT	Theme	Chair: Sunday Okeniyi, Nigeria	Theme	Chair: James Darkwa, Botswana	Theme	Chair: Romeela Mohee, Mauritius
15:00-18:00	Biodiversity and Natural Products	Plenary 1 Marcel Jaspars, University of Aberdeen, UK	Energy and Materials	Plenary 1 Emmanuel Iwuoha, University of the Western Cape, South Africa	Food and Agriculture	Plenary 1 Alejandro Marangoni, University of Guelph, Canada
		Flash talks		Flash talks		Flash talks
		Plenary 2 Judith Gobin, University of the West Indies, Trinidad & Tobago		Plenary 2 Steven Holdcroft, Simon Fraser University, Canada		Plenary 2 Charles Midega, International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology, Kenya
	Break					
	Theme	Chair: Bice Martincigh, South Africa	Theme	Chair: Vincent Nyamori, South Africa	Theme	Chair: Catherine Ngila, Kenya
	Health and Wellbeing	Plenary 1 Asel Sartbaeva, University of Bath, UK	Green Chemistry and Catalysis	Plenary 1 Rufus Sha’Ato, University of Agriculture Makurdi, Nigeria	Water and Environmental Chemistry	Plenary 1 Dawn Fox, University of Guyana, Guyana
		Flash talks		Flash talks		Flash talks
		Plenary 2 Rupika Delgoda, University of the West Indies, Jamaica		Plenary 2 Cathleen Crudden, Queen’s University, Canada		Plenary 2 Bright Kwakye-Awuah, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana
	Meet the Plenary Speakers and Networking					

Wednesday 19 May/Thursday 20 May – Networking

Time GMT	Activity	Chair
01:00-02:00 on Thursday 20 May	Networking for delegates who are not able to meet each other in previous sessions due to the timings, especially those delegates from The Caribbean, The Americas, Asia and The Pacific.	

Thursday 20 May – Panel Discussion and Closing Ceremony

Edition 1

Time GMT	Activity	Chair
07:00-09:00	<p>‘Career Conversations’ Panel Discussion</p> <p>The panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sarah Masters, University of Canterbury, New Zealand• Hebo Oika, University of Papua New Guinea, Papua New Guinea• Mahesh Sanganee, Evotec, UK• Sandeep Verma, Science and Engineering Research Board, India <p>will share and highlight their career experiences including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• notable aspects of their career path• how they overcame any obstacles or setbacks• how they made key decisions and considered options <p>They will then take questions from the audience</p> <p>Closing Ceremony</p>	Peter Mallon South Africa

Edition 2

Time GMT	Activity	Chair
15:00-17:00	<p>‘Career Conversations’ Panel Discussion</p> <p>The panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michael Forde, University of the West Indies, Trinidad & Tobago• Romeela Mohee, Higher Education Commissioner (affiliation TBC), Mauritius• Deborah Nicoll-Griffith, Endoparagon Inc, Canada• Leontios Philotheou, Kyprianides & Associates, Cyprus <p>will share and highlight their career experiences including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• notable aspects of their career path• how they overcame any obstacles or setbacks• how they made key decisions and considered options <p>They will then take questions from the audience</p> <p>Closing Ceremony</p>	Marvadeen Singh- Wilmot, Jamaica