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SOCIAL WORKERS PLAYING A KEY ROLE IN THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING 19-25 June 2022

Social workers will be playing an active role during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting 2022 (#CHOGM2022), which takes place on **19-25 June 2022**, in Kigali, Rwanda.

Commonwealth leaders and representatives of Commonwealth Organisations will travel to Rwanda to reaffirm their common values and agree actions and policies to improve the lives of all their citizens. Decisions taken at CHOGM also guide the work programme of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

COSW has four accredited CHOGM representatives led by Charles Mbugua (Kenya), with Gerald Okiria (Uganda), Alice Mbiyu (Kenya) and Innocent Habimfura (Rwanda). Members of the Rwanda Social Work Association are also providing support and assistance.

The official opening of CHOGM takes place on Friday 24 June and is followed by the main high-level meetings of Heads on Friday 24 to Saturday 25 June. They are preceded by four Forums, ministerial meetings, side events and other activities.

CHOGM was due to take place in June 2020 but was postponed twice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COSW will be contributing to the [People's Forum](#) (#CWpeople), [Youth Forum](#) (#CYPF2022) and [Women's Forum](#) (@CWWomen). COSW will be promoting the draft [Commonwealth Young Carers' Charter](#) which has been developed in consultation with young people from several countries and is now placed into the Commonwealth agenda for wider consultation.

COSW played a leading role in consulting on and editing the formal submission to CHOGM 2022 from the Commonwealth Organisations (attached). This sets out the priority concerns and proposals from the Commonwealth Organisations on the CHOGM agenda themes.

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NOTE TO EDITORS

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