

PROGRAM SCHEDULE
for the 49th annual

NATIONAL STUDENT
COMMONWEALTH FORUM

OTTAWA, ONTARIO

April 30th - May 5th, 2023



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the world safe for diversity"*
- Nelson Mandela

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pour le 49e

FORUM NATIONAL DES ÉTUDIANTS DU
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NSCF's Overall objective – Connect with one another, with Canada, and with The Commonwealth.

In order to realize one's full potential, relationships are key to our need for a sense of connection and belonging, along with our need to feel valued and respected by others.

Getting to know each other and learn about our shared interests and values, and working towards a common purpose is exciting and helps establish the linkages to unite and grow together.

The foundation of any relationship is based on trust, open communication, and mutual respect. These three factors are essential for all relationships to thrive, grow, and resolve conflicts that may arise. This is true among friends, colleagues, and nations seeking to build consensus on a better way forward for all.

**29th NSCF
PRE-EVENT VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS
Focused Reflection – Connecting with each other and Canada
April 22 & 23, 2023**

Saturday, April 22nd – Who are we?

Reminders For today:

- This pre-event workshop will be *virtual*.
- As a pluralistic society, Canada respects multiple viewpoints in terms of cultural, ethnic, linguistic, religious and political diversity as a source of creativity, innovation and resilience.
- The purpose today is to connect with each other and explore our diversity and what we have in common.
- We will explore: Who we are: our Identity, Diversity, Inclusion, and how to build Consensus on a better way forward.
- Using a combination of presentations, focused reflection, and interactive polls/surveys.

WELCOME /INTRODUCTION

Respect for Diversity/Inclusion – a review of NSCF safety and security standards

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

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- Commonwealth Country Team Breakouts
- Home Group Breakouts

THE MAKEUP OF NATIONAL IDENTITY

- our land,
- our governance framework,
- our economic growth,
- our social values,
- our character (historic actions that reflect our values)

DIVERSITY / INCLUSION

- Protecting Indigenous Rights
- National demographics (ethnicity, language, religion...)
- Evolution of the right to vote
- Charter of Rights and Freedoms

LUNCH BREAK

CONSENSUS (building strong relationships).

- Building Trust*: working towards common purpose
- Effective Communications*: practice and reinforce the skills needed to establish mutual understanding.
- Mutual Respect*: practice processes for considering multiple perspectives; sharing cultural experiences, language, customs and traditions; and learn from each other.

NATIONAL IDENTITY

- What Are We Proud Of? / What Are We Not Proud Of? (Survey & discussion)

- How the World Sees Us

Sunday, April 23rd – Indigenous Reconciliation, the evolving relationship between the Crown and Indigenous Rights

Reminders For today:

- This pre-Forum workshop will be virtual.
- The Royal Proclamation of 1763 recognized the Crown's sovereignty over the whole of North America, but it also recognized the rights of Indigenous peoples to their lands and established a process for the negotiation of treaties with them, and reconciling disputes.
- The purpose of this workshop is to understand the frameworks that define how we share the land; and the process for reconciliation of disputes.
- using a combination of presentations, focused reflection, and real-time polls/surveys.

Principles respecting the Government of Canada's relationship with Indigenous peoples – Justice Canada

-Aboriginal Title

New B.C. Treaties include Self-Government

-Treaty Rights

Ex: Mi'kmaq (right to fish out of season)

-Duty to Consult on shared use

Ex: Nahanni National Park Reserve of Canada

(Consensus-based co-governance, incorporating diverse practices)

Acknowledging wrongs of the past

-Indian Act encroachment on Aboriginal Rights

"21 Things You Didn't know about the Indian Act"

- Bob Joseph

LUNCH BREAK

Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Canadian Residential Schools, an attempt at Cultural genocide – Senator Murray Sinclair, Chair

29th NSCF

“Democracy in Action – Climate Change Policy Development” Ottawa In-Person Event. (Experiential learning)

Saturday April 29th – Out-of-Town Delegates arrive in Ottawa

Sunday, April 30th – Canada, The Commonwealth, & Pluralism

Reminders For today:

- Wear comfortable (running) shoes during the day and BRING WATER, HAT AND SUNSCREEN... or a jacket and an umbrella (check the weather beforehand)!
- Please arrive at The Bronson Centre for Cultural Evening at 6:45pm (at the latest) and make sure to sign in/out with your Home Group Leader.

Time	Location	Dress code
9:00am until 4:00pm	Desmarais Building, 55 Laurier Avenue East, Room 1120 - University of Ottawa	Casual

9:00-9:30 AM	Delegate Registration	
9:30-10:30 AM	Co-Chair remarks & Icebreakers <i>Provincial/Territorial Songs</i>	
10:30-11:00 AM	Home Group Meetings & Cheers	
11:00-12:15 PM	Commonwealth Trivia Game	
12:15-1:00 PM	LUNCH (provided)	
1:00-2:15 PM	Canada and The Commonwealth – Royal Commonwealth Society, Basil Crozier - Commonwealth diversity; - Our shared Commonwealth values; - Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.	
2:15-3:00 PM	NSCF: Action Planning	
3:00-4:45 PM	Amazing Race (Understanding Canadian History)	Downtown Ottawa
4:45-5:30 PM	Global Centre for Pluralism, Secretary General – Meredith Preston McGhie - Engaging in dialogue with marginalized viewpoints and multiple perspectives.	330 Sussex Dr

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Monday, May 1st – Climate Change Policy Development

Reminders for today:

- BRING PHOTO ID WITH YOU TO GET THROUGH SECURITY!
- Either wear business or heritage clothing all day or bring a change of clothes with you as you cannot go home before the Senate debate.

Time	Location	Dress code
9:00am until 4:15pm	Desmarais Building, 55 Laurier Ave East, Room 1120 - University of Ottawa	Formal Business or Heritage Clothing
5:00pm until 10:00pm	Senate of Canada: 2 Rideau Street	Formal Business or Heritage Clothing

9:00-9:05 AM	Introduction	DMS 1120
9:05-9:30 AM	Opening Address by The Governor General of Canada, Mary Simon	
9:30-10:30 AM	Policy Development Workshop – Director General of International Organizations, Global Affairs Canada, Emi Furuya (Consulting stakeholders; Drafting CHGOM Resolutions; Negotiating/Building Consensus)	
10:30-12:20 PM	Home Group Meetings (Resolutions Part I) - <i>Between Tours</i>	
10:30 (35 min walk) 10:55 (35 min walk) 11:00 (35 min walk)	Group 1 Parliament Tour Group 2 Parliament Tour Group 3 Parliament Tour	Parliament Hill
11:55, 12:00, 12:20	Group tours end	
12:30-1:15 PM	LUNCH (buy/ bring your own)	
1:15-3:00 PM	Attend Question Period - MUST meet at Centennial Flame at 1:15pm sharp	
3:00-3:30 PM	Travel from Parliament Hill to uOttawa	
3:30-4:15 PM	Box Game (collaboration challenge)	
4:15-5:00 PM	DINNER BREAK – you MUST stay downtown	Downtown
5:00 PM SHARP	Group Pictures on Parliament Hill (don't be late!)	Parliament Hill
5:30-6:30 PM	Senate Security Check-in	
6:30-10:00 PM	Senate Debate –Delegates debate current Canadian Issues Host Senator Murray Sinclair	Senate of Canada Building: 2 Rideau Street

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Tuesday, May 2 – Commonwealth - National Positions

Reminders for today:

- BRING PHOTO ID WITH YOU, TO GET THROUGH SECURITY!
- Meet with the High Commission your representing, in order to understand their positions on Climate Change. Have questions prepared!
- You will be in formal business attire all day. It is suggested to bring a change of shoes for travelling between venues.

Time	Location	Dress code
8:30 am until 1:00pm	Desmarais Building, 55 Laurier Ave East, Room 1120 - University of Ottawa	Formal Business or Heritage Attire
High Commissions Visits	Everywhere - Maps will be provided by PT	Formal Business or Heritage Attire
5:00pm until 7:00pm	Courtyard, East Block - Parliament Hill	Formal Business or Heritage Attire

8:30-8:40 AM	Protocol for Country Team visits to High Commissions	DMS 1120
8:40-9:40 AM	Climate Change – Canada’s Chief Negotiator, Stephen Kuhn IPCC goals; approach; and solutions to climate change	
9:40-10:40AM	Sim Game (role playing, different perspectives)	
10:40-11:00 AM	Travel to Parliament Hill / Security	
11-12:00 PM	Multi-Party, MP Discussion on Climate Change	Parliament Hill
12:00-1:00 PM	LUNCH (provided by PT) Photo Review/ Awards Ceremony of Amazing Race	
1:00-1:15 PM	Home Group Meeting (Resolutions II)	DMS 1120
1:15-4:00 PM	High Commission and Global Affairs Desk Officer visits	Downtown
1:15-4:00 PM	After scheduled visit to GAC or HC you have the opportunity work on resolutions with your Country partner	
4:30 PM	Arrive at Parliament Hill	Parliament Hill
5-7:00 PM	MP BBQ on the Hill - Commonwealth Parliamentary	Courtyard, East Block,

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Wednesday, May 3rd – Including Different Perspectives

Reminders for today:

- Make sure to come up with some Resolutions with your partner for the Resolution Session today.
- Note that we have a speaker right away. Don't be late so you are not rudely interrupting.

Time	Location	Dress code
All Day	Desmarais Building, 55 Laurier Ave East, Room 1130 - University of Ottawa	Casual
2:15-6:00 pm	Museum or Rideau Hall (Ottawa)	Casual

8:30 AM	Delegates Arrive	DMS 1130
9:00-10:00 AM	Stakeholder Interests Panel (NGO, Industry)- David Suzuki Foundation One Nature; RealPart Canada (AgriSolar)	
10:00-10:30 AM	CHOGM No No's	
10:30-11:30 AM	Theme discussion & Resolutions Part III Finalize with Partners & Resolution Seconding	
11:30-12:00 PM	Home Group Meeting	
12:00-12:45 PM	LUNCH (provided by PT) - Delegates should talk to friends to see what museum they want to go to & finalize drafting of Resolutions that will be collected during Home Group	
12:45-2:15 PM	CHOGM Overview / Simulation	
2:15 PM	Depart for Tour of Rideau Hall or Museum Visit	

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Thursday, May 4th – Commonwealth Heads of Government Mtg

- Model CHOGM hosted by Global Affairs Canada.
- Country teams take on the roles of Head of State and Foreign Minister to represent their Commonwealth country’s interests - in putting forward and building consensus on Commonwealth resolutions to build a better way forward for all.
- **Reminders for today:** It will take you extra time to get to the CHOGM location; plan your route carefully and make sure to leave early!

Time	Location	Dress code
9:00-4:30	Global Affairs Canada: 111 Sussex Drive	Formal Business or Heritage Attire
6:00-7:30	British High Commissioner’s Residence	Formal Business or Heritage Attire

9:00 AM	Delegates arrive at Global Affairs for CHOGM	Global Affairs Canada 111 Sussex Dr.
9:15-9:30 AM	Commonwealth Deputy Secretary General’s Video Address to Delegates Commonwealth of Learning Video Address to Delegates	
9:30-9:40 AM	CHOGM Opening Address	
9:40-12:45 PM	1st Plenary Session (first set of Resolutions)	
12:45-1:45 PM	Lunch (bring your own, or buy in building cafeteria)	
1:45-4:30 PM	2nd Plenary Session (second set of Resolutions)	
4:30-4:45 PM	CHOGM Closing Address	
5:00-5:30 PM	Home group photos	
6:00-7:30 PM	British High Commissioner’s Reception – Susannah Goshko Commonwealth policy dialogue *Light refreshments and appetizers will be served	240 Sussex Dr.

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Friday, May 5th – Putting the Week in Perspective

Time	Location	Dress code
9:00am – 1:00pm	Desmarais Building, 55 Laurier Avenue East, Room 1130 - University of Ottawa	Casual
6:30pm – 11:00pm	Gala Dinner LAGO Bar and Grill, 1001 Queen Elizabeth Dr	Formal Business or Heritage Attire

9:00 AM	Delegates Arrive	DMS 1130
9:00-10:15 AM	Youth Community Engagement Opportunity Fair	
10:15-10:30	Duke of Edinburgh’s Awards – giving back to the community	
10:30-11:15 AM	Canadian Heritage Evaluations	
11:15-12:00 PM	Strengthening NSCF Relationships – Post Event Activity Discussion	
12:00-1:00 PM	LUNCH (provided by PT)	
1:00 PM	Community Engagement Speaker: Jeff Leiper: Ottawa City Councilor for Kitchissippi Ward	
6:30 PM-12 AM	NSCF Gala Dinner/ Dance	LAGO

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Saturday, May 6th - Out-of-Town Delegates depart