

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

for the 43rd annual

NATIONAL STUDENT COMMONWEALTH FORUM

OTTAWA, ONTARIO
MAY 10-15th, 2015

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Canada 

THEME: Youth in the Commonwealth / Gender & Gender Equality

*Program details are subject to change without notice.

Sunday, May 10th – Introduction to the Commonwealth

| Time | Location | Dress code |
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| 9:00am until 4:00pm | Room 1160 - Desmarais Building, University of Ottawa | Casual – Running shoes required (Wear or bring your new NSCF t-shirt!) |
| 7:00pm until 10:00pm | Rideau Curling Club, 715 Cooper Street | Business or Heritage Clothing |

9:00 – 9:30am Delegate Registration

9:30 – 10:30am Co-Chair remarks & Icebreakers

10:30 – 11:15am HomeGroup Meetings

11:15 – 12:15pm Theme Package Trivia

12:15 – 1:00pm Lunch (buy / bring your own)

1:00 – 1:45pm Speaker: Gregory Evanik (President, Royal Commonwealth Society Ottawa Branch)

1:45 – 4:00pm Amazing Commonwealth Race

4:00 – 7 :00 pm BREAK

7:00 – 10:00pm Cultural Evening – Rideau Curling Club

Monday, May 11th – Introduction to Theme Issues

| Time | Location | Dress code |
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| 9:30am until 4:00pm | Room 1160 - Desmarais Building, University of Ottawa | Casual |
| 6:30pm until 10:00pm | Senate - Parliament Hill | Business or Heritage Clothing |

9:30 – 10:30am Speaker: Ana Bogic (University of Ottawa)

10:30 – 11:00am Home Group Meetings

11:00am – 11:30am Walk to Parliament Hill

11:30 – 12:30pm Parliament Hill Tours (11:30 and 12:10)

12:30 – 1:30pm Lunch on Parliament Hill (Bring/Buy your own)

1:30 – 2:00pm Walk to University of Ottawa

2:00 – 3:30pm Box Game

3:30 – 5:30 pm BREAK

5:30 – 6:30pm Senate Check-in and Security

6:30 – 7:45pm Senate Session 1

7:45 – 8:15pm BREAK

8:15 – 8:30pm Speaker: Honourable Senator Vernon White

8:30 – 9:45pm Senate Session 2

Tuesday, May 12th – Theme Issues (continued)

| Time | Location | Dress code |
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| 9:00am - 1:00pm | Room 1160 - Desmarais Building, University of Ottawa | Casual |
| 12:00pm - 4:00pm | High Commissions or DFATD | Formal Business/ Cultural Attire |
| 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Courtyard, East Block - Parliament Hill | Business Casual |

9:00 – 10:15am Simulation Game

10:15 – 11:00am Home Group Meetings

11:00 – 12:00pm Speaker: Zachary Johnstone (Canadian Centre for Gender & Sexual Diversity)

12:00pm Lunch (Provided)

12:00 – 4:00pm High Commission and DFATD Desk Officer meetings

1:00 – 4:00pm BREAK (after scheduled HC/DFATD meetings)

5:00 – 7:00pm Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Barbecue

Opening Speaker: Mr. Joe Preston, M.P. (Chair of the CPA Canadian Branch)

Wednesday, May 13th – Preparation for CHOGM

| Time | Location | Dress code |
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| 9:00am until 1:30pm | Room 1160 - Desmarais Building, University of Ottawa | Casual |
| 2:00pm until 6:00pm | Canadian Museum of History/ Canadian War Museum | Casual |

9:00 – 9:15am Speaker: Emily Tiu

9:15 – 9:45 Roundtable Discussion on Youth in the Commonwealth

9:45 – 10:15am CHOGM No Nos

10:15 – 10:45am HomeGroup Meetings

10:45 – 11:15 Resolution drafting

11:15 – 11:45pm CHOGM overview

11:45 – 12:15pm Resolution seconding

12:30 – 1:30pm Lunch (buy / bring your own)

1:30 – 2:00pm Bus to Museum

2:00 – 6:00pm Museum Visit

Thursday, May 14th – CHOGM

| Time | Location | Dress code |
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| All Day | Bytown Room, 111 Sussex Drive, John G. Diefenbaker Building | Business Attire/ Formal Heritage Clothing |

9:00am Delegates arrive

9:30 – 9:40am Mr. Deodat Maharaj, Deputy-Secretary General (Commonwealth Secretariat) Video-Message

9:40 - 9:45am Professor Asha Kanwar (Commonwealth of Learning) Video-Message

9:45 – 10:00am Opening Address: Sarah Fountain Smith (Director General, International Organizations at Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD) and Senior Official to the Commonwealth)

10:00 – 12:45pm 1st Plenary Session

12:45 – 1:45pm Lunch

1:45 – 4:30pm 2nd Plenary Session

4:30 – 4:45 pm Closing Address

5:00 – 6:00pm HomeGroup Photos and Debrief Meetings

6:00 – 8:00 Reception at Earnscliffe

Residence of British High Commissioner His Excellency Howard Drake OBE

Friday, May 15th – Putting the Week in Perspective

| Time | Location | Dress code |
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| 9:00am until 1:00pm | Room 1160 - Desmarais Building, University of Ottawa | Casual |
| 6:30pm until 11:00pm | Lago, Dow's Lake Pavilion, 1001 Queen Elizabeth Driveway | Formal Attire |

9:00 – 10:15am Youth Engagement Panel

10:15 – 10:30am Speaker: Royal Commonwealth Society - Ottawa Branch

10:30-11:15am Home Group Meetings & Heritage Canada Program Evaluations

11:15 – 12:00pm Alumni Reflections

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch (provided) & Week Debrief

1:00pm – 6:30pm BREAK

6:30 – 7:00pm Reception & Registration

7:00pm – 12am NSCF Banquet Dinner/Dance, Lago - Dow's Lake Pavilion

Saturday, May 16th - Out-of-Town Delegates depart