



Purpose

The Commonwealth Education Hub aims to provide an integrated and user-friendly ‘one-stop-shop’ supporting education policy makers and professionals across the Commonwealth to connect, consult and collaborate more effectively, and to share and access relevant knowledge.

How does it work?

The Education Hub provides its services via an Internet Portal. The site provides easy-to-use access to the Community of Practice, knowledge resources, information aggregation services and access to specialists in the field. The **Community of Practice** is an email-based, moderated eDiscussion group at the heart of the Education Hub. Members can request or share good practices and experience, seek expertise, or participate in discussions on current issues. The **portal** offers access to curated resources relevant to education professionals across the Commonwealth. The Education Hub is supported by a facilitation team with education experience and expertise.

Scope

The Education Hub’s focus is on emerging and ongoing issues of critical significance to its education community. Knowledge pages are created that link topic resources and eDiscussion summaries. These are aimed at supporting the needs of policy-makers and planners and delivering on the role of education for the sustainable development goals.

The Community of Practice serves as a space to keep participants of the triennial Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers (CEM) connected between meetings and to continue conversations beyond them.

The Commonwealth Education Hub provides access to hundreds of thousands of resources from selected sources on education policy and educational resources.

A specialised online Commonwealth Education Guide has been created to provide information on courses and qualifications provided by institutions in Commonwealth countries.

Resources and discussions are target to support policy makers and planners including:

- Government policymakers at central, regional and local levels;
- Researchers and academics;
- Officials of foundations and donor funding agencies;
- Professionals in NGOs and advocacy groups;
- Private sector professionals in the education field; and
- Education administrators and teachers groups.

Benefits

The Education Hub offers four key services through a Community of Practice and a portal website:

- **Collect** The Commonwealth Education Hub website offers access to a curated collection of digital knowledge resources that include Commonwealth policy tools and frameworks, country policies and good practices, as well as the ‘discussion summaries’ produced by the Community of Practice.

- **Connect** The Commonwealth Education Hub currently connects more than 700 participants from across 53 Commonwealth countries through the Community of Practice mail group. It also provides links to Commonwealth Organisations and wider partners and resources.

- **Consult** Once connected through the Community of Practice, members can ask policy questions, request resources, engage in global advocacy and participate in policy debates.

- **Collaborate** The Commonwealth Education Hub supports collaboration by sharing information, creating networks, and connecting partners for research, resources and innovation.

Context

The Commonwealth Education Hub’s starting point has been to deliver on the Commonwealth Secretariat’s role in supporting member countries to achieve their education goals including:

- Facilitating the sharing of knowledge, lessons, experience and information so that the capacities of member states are increased and practices improved;
- Enhancing partnership and collaboration opportunities among member countries and between Commonwealth bodies;
- Maintaining engagement among member states between ministerial meetings;
- Facilitating more inclusive and meaningful discussions of the main issues affecting access and quality of education in the Commonwealth; and
- Promoting linkages to global processes.

The Commonwealth Education Hub will provide support and engagement throughout the policy cycle: advocacy, assessment, development and implementation.



Pilot initiative

The Education Hub is a developing pilot initiative, learning and adjusting as it progresses. The ‘pilot’ nature of the project allows it to test new knowledge-sharing approaches and to leverage more efficient and affordable ICT systems. The next phases of development will focus on developing the connection service further, expanding the web resources and creating a collaboration service and roster of experts. Your feedback and suggestions are welcomed as the Commonwealth Education Hub continues to evolve.

How to join

Email the Facilitation Team at: eduhub@commonwealth.int or visit our website at www.thecommonwealth-educationhub.net for more information.

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