

# 18CCEM

The 18<sup>th</sup> Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers (18CCEM) will be held in Mauritius from 28 to 31 August 2012.

## What is CCEM?

The CCEM is a triennial event where the Education Ministers of all the 54 countries of the Commonwealth meet to discuss issues of mutual concern and interest. Such Meetings contribute to broaden the Commonwealth goals of development, democracy and human rights as set out in the Commonwealth Secretariat Strategic Plan.

## Objectives of CCEM:

The main objectives of the CCEM are to, *inter-alia*:

- Increase the understanding of Commonwealth Ministers and senior Officials of critical issues in education;
- Provide a forum for discussion of these issues and lesson sharing within the Commonwealth; and
- Gain commitment of Ministers to specific actions identified by them at the Conference.

## Theme of the 18CCEM:

The 18CCEM has as main theme "*Education in the Commonwealth: Bridging the Gap as we accelerate towards achieving Internationally Agreed Goals (IAGs)*".

## Structure of Events:

The 18CCEM will have a **Ministerial Meeting** from 29 to 31 August 2012 which will be preceded by the **Senior Officials' Meeting** on 28 August 2012.

Within the context of the 18 CCEM, there will also be four Parallel Events namely:

- (i) the **Teachers' Forum**;
- (ii) the **Youth Forum**;
- (iii) the **Stakeholders' forum**; and
- (iv) the **Post Secondary/Higher Education Leaders' forum**.

These Parallel Events will be held on 28 and 29 August 2012, culminating in the formulation of their respective statements that would be presented to Ministers during the Closing Ceremony.

## Commonwealth Good Practice Awards

In the context of the 18<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of the Commonwealth Education Ministers (18CCEM), the Commonwealth Secretariat has launched the Third Edition of the Commonwealth Education Good Practice Awards (CEGPA) 2012.

This Competition recognizes and celebrates Institutions, Civil Societies and Individuals in Commonwealth countries who have brought in innovative education practices in the several member states.

The Final Adjudication and Award Ceremony will take place in August 2012. Relevant information on the CEGPA 2012 may be obtained on the Commonwealth Secretariat's web-site at [www.thecommonwealth.org/education](http://www.thecommonwealth.org/education).

## Exhibition

During the 18CCEM, an Exhibition will also be held so as to allow Governments, NGO's, Agencies, Universities and the Private Sector to showcase their work in Commonwealth Education.

