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The Commonwealth is one of the world’s oldest political association of states. Its roots go back to the British Empire when some countries were ruled directly or indirectly by Britain. Some of these countries became self-governing while retaining Britain’s monarch as Head of State. They formed the British Commonwealth of Nations. In 1949 the association we know today – The Commonwealth – came into being. Since then, independent countries from Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and the Pacific have joined The Commonwealth.

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The Commonwealth resilience framework has been developed to identify both the national policies required to build resilience and the areas in which regional and international development partners can provide support. This study refines and expands the framework to cover areas such as governance, environmental management and social development. It proposes policy measures for building resilience and ways in which the resilience framework for small states can be embedded in national planning to help stakeholders to agree priority areas for policy intervention.

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This publication introduces the Commonwealth Secretariat’s anticipatory and transformative social protection approach, which outlines the principles and strategies for advancing gender-responsive, human rights-based approach to social protection.

Integrating Sustainable Development into International Investment Agreements

This guide is designed to assist developing countries to negotiate International Investment Agreement (IIAs) that are more effective in promoting their sustainable development. It identifies and consolidates emerging best practices from existing treaty models, evaluating the costs and benefits of different approaches; suggesting new and innovative provisions to encourage foreign investment flows; and outlining how states can achieve coherence among their IIAs.

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Commonwealth leaders have consistently endorsed the role that sports development and peace (SDP) can play in development and peace work, in particular in the domain of youth engagement and empowerment. This collection of papers, commissioned by the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Commonwealth Advisory Body on Sport (CABOS), showcases innovative approaches and examples of effective SDP policies and strategies.