

**Subject:** CEC/ICE Commonwealth Conference - March 2010

Dear CEC Members,

Please find below details of a conference being organised by the Commonwealth Engineers' Council and the Institution of Civil Engineers, to mark Commonwealth Week 2010. The conference, scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010, will take place in London. However for those of you who are unable to attend there is the facility to participate in real time over the Internet, or to listen to recordings of the conference at a later date. As well as the registration link below, I have also attached the programme and would be very grateful if you could advertise the event to your members.

### **CEC/ICE Commonwealth Week Conference – *Engineering a Better World***

As part of Commonwealth Week 2010, which features the theme *Science, Technology and Society*, the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) and the Commonwealth Engineers' Council (CEC) are to hold a two day conference focusing upon the contribution of the engineering profession to humanitarian causes.

The conference aims to share knowledge and expertise in the areas of humanitarian assistance and international development challenging received wisdom and discussing past mistakes. Bringing together practising engineers and other built environment professionals, NGO personnel and academics with policy-makers and political representatives, the event also seeks to increase coordination between charities and NGOs, public institutions and private companies committed to humanitarian causes, as well as to encourage engineers across the Commonwealth to actively engage in these issues.

Keynote speakers at the event include:

- **HRH The Princess Royal**
- Dr Latif Rashid, Minister of Water Resources, **Government of Iraq**
- Geoffrey Dennis, Chief Executive, **Care International**
- Michela Wrong, journalist and writer on Africa
- Prof Paul Jowitt, President, **Institution of Civil Engineers**
- Petter Matthews, Executive Director, **Engineers Against Poverty**
- Martin McCann, Chief Executive, **RedR UK**
- Beatriz Souviron, **Bolivian Ambassador to the UK**

Attendance at the conference is free however spaces are limited and hence **advance booking is essential**.

Registration for attendance and the joining instructions for virtual participation, as well as the full conference programme and background information on the event, can be found here:

<http://event.conceptglobal.com/profile/web/index.cfm?PKwebID=0x16246c7f8&varPage=home>

We very much look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Kind regards,

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