

Re-engaging with the Commonwealth? Gambia, and Zimbabwe

Monday, 16 April 18:00–20:00

Woburn Suite, Ground Floor, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU

A panel discussion on Re-engagement with the Commonwealth, in view of Gambia's formal resumption of membership, and the sharply differing case of Zimbabwe's possible re-engagement. Speakers will address the importance of individual national circumstances, diplomacy and processes of re-joining the Commonwealth as a declared values based association. Discussion will also highlight ongoing issues around human rights, including the current media landscape in both countries.

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Chair:

David White, Head, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, London

Gambia:

Zeinab Badawi, Chair, Royal Africa Society, broadcaster, and commissioner, CHRI report Gambia's suitability for Gambia's re-entry to the Commonwealth

Alieu Ceesay, Coordinator, Campaign for Human Rights in The Gambia UK

Zimbabwe:

Sue Onslow, Deputy Director, Institute of Commonwealth Studies (co-author, with Martin Plaut: Robert Mugabe (Ohio University Press, 2018)

Knox Chitiyo, Associate Fellow, The Africa Programme, Chatham House; and President, the British Zimbabwe Society.

Discussant:

Professor Winston Mano, Head, Africa Media Centre, University of Westminster