

The Rwanda Development Board (RDB) together with the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC) have commenced the 2022 Commonwealth Business Forum (CBF 2022) scheduled from 21-23 June in Kigali.

The forum brings together government leaders, captains of industry and business executives, leaders of global and regional development institutions, young entrepreneurs and representatives of trade and investment organisations from across the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth Business Forum is the first and largest in-person gathering for governments and businesses across the Commonwealth since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, bringing together over 1,500 delegates from Commonwealth member states.

CBF 2022 will address the CHOGM theme – ‘Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming’, with a focus on “A Global Reset”, dealing with the impact of the pandemic and the Commonwealth’s role in rebuilding and reinvigorating the global economy.

Throughout the 3-days of the forum, participants will explore topics such as financing future growth, trade and regional integration, sustainability, inclusive and resilient food systems and the future of work.

There will be several sessions with discussions that shape agendas, generate insights and share best practice knowledge on strategies businesses in the Commonwealth can apply as they build back post-pandemic.

Speaking about the forum, Clare Akamanzi, the Chief Executive Officer of the Rwanda Development Board, welcome participants, “We welcome all our delegates to the Commonwealth Business Forum. The wait is over. Now is the time to discuss together the big ideas and tangible solutions that will drive the global reset after the pandemic but also shape a Commonwealth that is equitable, sustainable and resilient.”

Lord Marland, Chair of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council noted, “Rwanda is a fantastic host for CBF 2022 – together, we have been able to convene experts and business leaders from every region of the Commonwealth and delegates representing a cross-section of critical Commonwealth sectors. CBF 2022 will showcase the immense opportunities across the Commonwealth to a global

business audience and provide a valuable opportunity to connect.”