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The Prince of Wales will arrive this Tuesday in Rwanda for the ongoing Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) that is taking place in the capital Kigali.

Prince Charles and his wife Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall are expected to arrive in Kigali on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 for their first time a member of the British royal family has set foot in Rwanda.

Charles will represent the Queen, head of the Commonwealth, when heads of governments gather in for the global summit.

Ahead of CHOGM, the Prince hailed the potential of the Commonwealth to make a difference on issues like climate change or providing opportunities for young people.

“My wife and I look forward to meeting Commonwealth leaders and, for the first time, being able to visit Rwanda,” Charles told CNN ahead of the visit.

“Over the years, I have learned a great deal from the ideas, concerns and aspirations which people across the Commonwealth have so generously shared.”

“Taking shared responsibility to solve problems like these means the Commonwealth has the potential to make a profound difference in the lives of its citizens – and, in so doing, to be an unparalleled force for good in our world.”

The future king to the British throne will be joined by the Duchess of Cornwall, is expected to carry out a full day of engagements on Wednesday. The Prince of Wales is also expected to meet President Paul Kagame.

Charles will visit a college and a wildlife sanctuary, and attend summits on sustainable business and tropical disease. Camilla will go to a library and later give a speech on violence against women and girls.

Together they will lay a wreath at the Genocide Memorial and meet both survivors and perpetrators of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsis during their visit in Rwanda.