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Media Invitation

12th Commonwealth Women's Affairs Ministers Meeting in Kenya from 19 to 20 September

Commonwealth Secretary-General Patricia Scotland will convene the 12th Commonwealth Women's Affairs Ministers Meeting (WAMM) on 19 to 20 September 2019 in Nairobi, hosted by the Government of Kenya.

The meeting will bring together ministers for gender and women's affairs to review and appraise the progress towards achieving the Commonwealth's four priorities on gender equality, sustainable development goal five, and other related national and regional commitments. It will be an opportunity to transform global commitments, words and aspirations expressed by leaders into concrete action towards accelerating gender equality for sustainable development.

WAMM is returning to Nairobi where the first meeting was held in 1985. The meeting will focus on the Commonwealth's four priorities for gender equality and women's empowerment: women in leadership; women's economic empowerment; ending violence against women and girls; and gender and climate change.

For the media:

The following two sessions are open for media to cover at Mövenpick Hotel in Nairobi:

- opening ceremony, from 1100 to 1400, Thursday 19 September 2019
- press conference, from 1700 onwards, Friday 20 September 2019

Media correspondents interested in covering the meeting are requested to send a copy of their proof of identity (national identity card or passport) and press card to:

- reporters based in Kenya should write to Winnie Mburu at winnie@psyg.go.ke
- international reporters should write to Snober Abbasi at s.abbasi@commonwealth.int

Note: Limited seats are available and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Interviews with Secretary-General Scotland will be considered on a case-by-case basis and are dependent on her availability. Please enquire in writing to s.abbasi@commonwealth.int

Notes to Editors:

- The Commonwealth is a voluntary association of 53 independent and equal sovereign countries. It is home to 2.4 billion citizens, of which over 60 per cent are under the age of 30.
- WAMM provides the opportunity for ministers, senior officials, civil society, private sector and partner agencies to discuss critical issues in advancing gender equality and women's empowerment.