

## 2018 Commonwealth Day celebrations held in London

Commonwealth Day was celebrated this year on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March. A number of events took place in London to mark the special occasion, starting with a ceremony held at Memorial Gates to honour the five million men and women from Commonwealth nations who served in the armed forces during World War I and II.



Commonwealth Day Service at Westminster Abbey

A Commonwealth Day Service then took place at Westminster Abbey during the afternoon. This service was attended by Heads of State, senior politicians, diplomatic representatives, faith leaders, performers, school children, and members of the British Royal Family. The theme of the service was 'Towards a Common Future' and the event featured a range of performances to reflect the diversity of the Commonwealth. To view the full service, click [here](#). Her Majesty The Queen's message is available [here](#).



Secretary General welcoming Prince Charles to Marlborough House

The celebrations were rounded off by a reception held by the Secretary General at Marlborough House. Guests included Prince Charles, the Duchess of Cornwall, Prince William, Prime Minister of Malta Joseph Muscat and young Commonwealth representatives. High Commissioners, parliamentarians, government officials, staff from the accredited organisations - including CATA Executive Director Duncan Onduru - and Commonwealth partners also attended.