

CLA Corporate and Commercial Committee

Terms of Reference

Mission Statement

The corporate and commercial committee's mission is to lead efforts at promoting the corporate and commercial practice and policy within member states of the CLA and across the membership of the CLA. The committee especially aims at facilitating dialogue on issues affecting the growth of corporations, political economy of investments, Social Enterprise Revolution in Corporate Law and general commercial practice and economic enterprises within CLA member countries. The committee will do this through the development and publication of policy statements, conferences and exchange of knowledge, and undertaking relevant special projects. The committee proceeds on the assumption that globalization has internationalized corporate and commercial activity and necessitated the need to mainstream issues that affect corporate and commercial law and policy across the commonwealth.

Other guiding principles/aims.

The Corporate and Commercial Committee work will:

- Implement the CLA's Diversity & Inclusion policy
- Champion CLA for membership growth by enhancing the CLA's value offering

Activities

<i>Exchange views and knowledge</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webinars, trainings, in person events and conference papers to generate discussions on corporate and commercial law and policy • Partnering with external networks (including Commonwealth Secretariat) to foster connections and share information • Make speaker recommendations to the CLA Papers Committee • Newsletter and journal articles
<i>Developing policy positions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop corporate and commercial policy for endorsement and propagation by CLA Council

<i>Undertaking special projects</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing in person events, conferences and seminars on emerging trends and developments in corporate and commercial law and policy • Ensuring common bond of Commonwealth is preserved and fostered by rendering assistance to countries undergoing corporate and commercial legal and policy reforms • Providing training and capacity building where possible and feasible • Organizing consultative meetings with identifiable groups/bodies/ • Supporting the CLA core mission of promoting administration of justice, protection of human rights and the rule of law which are primary determinants/catalyst for economic growth and financial development.
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Membership

- Initial membership from Council, ExCo and YCLA
- Then look to co-opt other members based on the need for partnerships and specialist expertise
- Members are required to be in good standing with CLA unless they represent a partner organisation (ie. NGO and Commonwealth accredited organisation partners, non-lawyers)

Possible Partnerships

- Commonwealth Secretariat
- Other Commonwealth bodies
- Legal professional bodies
- Universities

Administration

- A group secretary to be appointed who will be responsible for reporting and minute taking procedures and be point person to liaise with the Secretariat for diary planning, record keeping and circulation of documents.
- Meetings will be held every 2 months
- Reporting lines
 - To ExCo – brief verbal report with any substantial agenda time requested and documents for circulation to be with the Secretariat the week before the ExCo meeting.

- To Council – a brief written summary of activity and any relevant reports for circulation to be with the Secretariat 2 weeks before the meeting. Requests for substantial agenda time also need 2 weeks' notice.
 - General Meeting – a written report of activity for the CLA membership. To be received no later than one month before the CCC
- For webinars and in-person events: the Committee members will need to identify their target audience, speakers and a point person to work with the Secretariat who will assist with scheduling (with regard to the activities of other CLA Hubs and Committees) hosting on Zoom and marketing. Please allow at least four weeks from submission of all data (dates, times, speakers bios etc) to the event to give time for successful marketing strategies.

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