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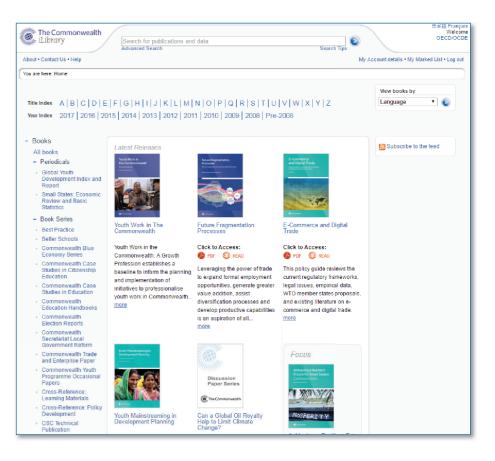
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The Commonwealth's policies are shaped by its member countries, who have an equal say on decisions affecting them. The Commonwealth organisations put these decisions and plans into

The Commonwealth organisations are involved in diverse activities, from helping countries with trade negotiations to encouraging women's leadership, building the small business sector, supporting youth participation at all levels of society and providing experts to write laws.

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# **Building the Resilience of Small States: A Revised**

The Commonwealth resilience framework has been developed to identify both the national policies required to build resilience and the areas in which regional and international development partners can provide support.

This study refines and expands the framework to cover areas such as governance, environmental management and social development. It proposes policy measures for building resilience and ways in which the resilience framework for small states can be embedded in national planning to help stakeholders to agree priority areas for policy intervention.



#### **Anticipatory Social Protection**

This publication introduces the Commonwealth Secretariat's anticipatory and transformative social protection approach. which outlines the principles and strategies for advancing a gender-responsive, human rights-based approach to social

It presents analysis and discussion of a framework for social protection, models of good practice from across The Commonwealth, and innovative ways of providing social protection that are not based on men and women being in fulltime paid work in the formal economy.



#### **Integrating Sustainable Development into International Investment Agreements**

This guide is designed to assist developing countries to negotiate International Investment Agreement (IIAs) that are more effective in promoting their sustainable development.

It identifies and consolidates emerging best practices from existing treaty models, evaluating the costs and benefits of different approaches; suggesting new and innovative provisions to encourage foreign investment flows; and outlining how states can achieve coherence among their IIAs.



#### Assessing Aid for Trade: Effectiveness, Current Issues and Future Directions

Part I of this volume uses quantitative and qualitative analysis to examine the effectiveness of different components of Aid for Trade (AfT) and underlying factors affecting the outcomes. Part II provides analyses of current issues, including regional AfT, global value chains, infrastructure for development for agriculture. AfT adjustment and lessons from emerging economies in aiding exports. Part III looks to the future, proposing a range of possible directions including an alternative way to improve trade outcomes for developing countries from Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz.



#### **Strengthening Sport for Development and Peace: National Policies and Strategies**

Commonwealth leaders have consistently endorsed the role that Sports for Development and Peace (SDP) can play in development and peace work, in particular in the domain of youth engagement and empowerment

This collection of papers, commissioned by the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Commonwealth Advisory Body on Sport (CABOS), showcases innovative approaches and examples of effective SDP policies and strategies