

Although the agenda for the London meeting has not yet been made formal - this will be one of the first tasks after the opening session - it will undoubtedly again reflect the world-wide interest in economic matters and industrial development and cooperation. Heads of Government will most certainly wish to discuss world and Commonwealth trends and changing power relationships and there is no doubt that the difficulties in Southern Africa will be high on the list of interesting topics under consideration.

The Chairman elect for the London conference has followed the practice initiated by Prime Minister Trudeau in 1974 of embarking on a series of personal consultations with Commonwealth Heads of Government to ensure the meeting is well prepared and reflects accurately the wishes and expectations of all Commonwealth Heads of Government. In addition, Commonwealth Secretary-General Ramphal has engaged in extensive correspondence with all Commonwealth governments to formulate an agenda that is responsive to current wishes.

During the weekend of June 11-12, the venue of the meeting will shift from London to Gleneagles in Scotland where Heads of Government, in the absence of Ministers and advisers, will have an opportunity for private informal discussions.