

private citizens and parliamentarians as well as officials are active year-round in Commonwealth conferences and programs conducted by the large number of non-governmental organizations which exist throughout the Commonwealth. Last, but not least, Canada has shown its support by being the second largest financial contributor to Commonwealth budgets.

The Canadian Government has taken its turn as host to a number of Commonwealth conferences: the Senior Officials' Meeting and the Ministerial Telecommunications Conference in 1972, the Heads of Government Meeting in 1973 and the Finance Ministers' Meeting in 1974. In 1975, the Commonwealth Air Transport Council met in Canada as did the Tenth Commonwealth Mining and Metallurgical Conference. In June 1976, the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council and Commonwealth ad hoc group for Habitat met in Vancouver before the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements. The twenty-third Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference was held in Ottawa in September 1977, and the meeting of Commonwealth Law Ministers in Winnipeg in August the same year. In April 1978, the Fourth Commonwealth Youth Affairs Council Meeting took place in Ottawa, and in June, the Commonwealth Defence Science Organization in Toronto. In 1980, there was the Duke of Edinburgh's Fifth Commonwealth Study Conference on People in an Industrial Society. In September 1981, the fourth general assembly of the Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy was held in Ottawa. The Commonwealth Health Ministers' Meeting took place in Ottawa in October 1983.

In addition, a major Commonwealth event marking 1978 was the Commonwealth Games held in Edmonton.