

2. A prosperous Commonwealth: Making globalisation deliver for people

“Today’s globalised world poses both opportunities and challenges. Expanding trade and investment flows, driven by new technologies and the spread of market forces, have emerged as engines of growth. At the same time, not all countries have benefited equally from the globalisation, of the world economy, and a significant number are threatened with marginalisation. Globalisation therefore needs to be carefully managed to meet the risks inherent in the process”

*Promoting Shared Prosperity:
Edinburgh Commonwealth Economic Declaration, 1997.*

The pavement outside the South African High Commission in Trafalgar Square has been a great focal point for Commonwealth values in Britain. Many South Africans in exile – networked with democrats and human rights activists at home, across the Commonwealth and beyond – organised the anti-apartheid demonstrations and vigils which did so much to dramatise and give life to the human values which the Commonwealth stands for. Now, everything seems to have changed. The democrats run the ministries in Pretoria as well as the building