



This same spirit and approach is evident at more specialized Commonwealth meetings. Economic matters are discussed annually at the Commonwealth Finance Ministers Meetings, held the week before the World Bank and International Monetary Fund meetings; they are discussed also in Commonwealth consultations at the GATT multilateral trade negotiations and at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. World economics is a concern to all Commonwealth members and a Commonwealth group of experts proposed practical measures directed at closing the gap between the rich and the poor countries; the group's report, "Towards a New International Economic Order," has been favorably received not only by member states but by broader international bodies such as the United Nations.

The range and frequency of Commonwealth meetings is considerable. For example, in the fields of science and research, there are biennial meetings of the Commonwealth Science Council, the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, the Commonwealth Advisory