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- Document 1 : Karlo Mila, "Poem for the Commonwealth 2018", [addastories.org/poem-commonwealth](http://addastories.org/poem-commonwealth), 2018.
- Document 2 : National Army Museum, "What do 'Commonwealth' and 'British Empire' mean to you?", [ww1.nam.ac.uk](http://ww1.nam.ac.uk), 6 November 2015.
- Document 3 : Commonwealth Secretariat, "Map of Commonwealth countries", [thecommonwealth.org](http://thecommonwealth.org), September 2022.
- Document 4 : Kenneth Mohammed, "Sunak was brutally honest, so let me return the favour: the Commonwealth today is irrelevant", *The Guardian*, 2 May 2023.

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**Document 1** : Karlo Mila, "Poem for the Commonwealth 2018",  
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*"adda is the online literary magazine of the Commonwealth Foundation. It publishes creative work by writers and illustrators from across the Commonwealth."*, addastories.org/about

5 We gather here  
and feel the weight of the world  
on our shoulders.  
It does not feel like  
we've inherited  
commonwealth.  
But rather  
common problems.

10 If we are to heed the words of poets  
Ben Okri said yesterday,  
"We have entered the garden  
of nightmares and wonders  
the giants have woken  
and they are stirring  
15 we need to be roused  
from the beauty  
of our sleep."

20 Indeed, we've entered this  
strange garden  
in this city,  
epicentre of epitaph,  
epitome of empire.

25 The stones in the squares  
remind us  
that we all died for this.  
The war memorials murmur  
numbers not names.

30 We bring our dead with us  
and they are already here.  
Not just the ones marked by marble.  
But our ancestors,  
the original inhabitants  
of the lands 'discovered'.  
Who lie in the unmarked graves

35 and unmentioned massacres,  
in battles unspoken of  
in untaught wars

We carry them like stones  
in our bodies.

40 They too contribute  
towards this commonwealth.

They gave more  
than they should have.

Commonwealth.

45 We come with twinned sides  
of the same story.  
Either trauma or gain.

Both of it pain.  
Two sides

50 of the same coin,  
heads or tails,  
the head is the same  
on most of our money.

The commonwealth.

55 Some days  
it does not feel like riches,  
Although we gather  
to speak  
of fairer futures.

60 Truth be told,  
It is the fear of future  
that we most have in common.

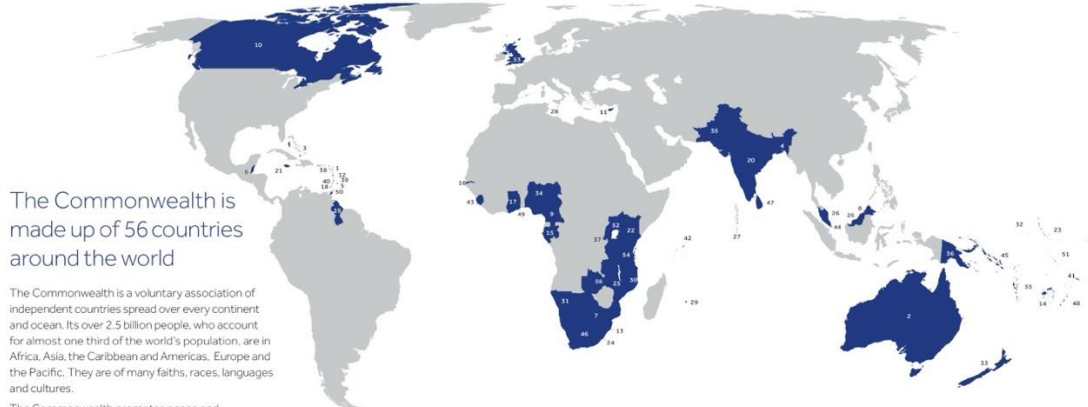
I did not come to sing a siren song  
on the sinking ship of empire,

65 I come to sing of sinking islands  
in the South Pacific,  
on the blue continent  
where I come from. [...]

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Document vidéo (2'30") à consulter sur la tablette multimédia fournie.

**Document 3 : Commonwealth Secretariat, “Map of Commonwealth countries”, thecommonwealth.org, September 2022.**



The Commonwealth is made up of 56 countries around the world

The Commonwealth is a voluntary association of independent countries spread over every continent and ocean. Its over 2.5 billion people, who account for almost one third of the world's population, are in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Americas, Europe and the Pacific. They are of many faiths, races, languages and cultures.

The Commonwealth promotes peace and international co-operation, democracy and good governance, respect for human rights and the rule of law, and the improvement of lives through economic and social development.

These values and aspirations are described in the Charter of the Commonwealth. The Charter expresses the commitment of member countries to the development of free and democratic societies and the promotion of peace and prosperity to improve the lives of all Commonwealth people. It also acknowledges the role of civil society in supporting the goals and values of the Commonwealth.

MEMBER COUNTRY	CAPITAL	MEMBER COUNTRY	CAPITAL	MEMBER COUNTRY	CAPITAL
1 ANTIQUA AND BARBUDA	St. John's	21 JAMAICA	Kingston	40 ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	Kingstown
2 AUSTRALIA	Canberra	22 KENYA	Nairobi	41 SAMOA	Apia
3 THE BAHAMAS	Nassau	23 KIRIBATI	Tarawa	42 SEYCHELLES	Victoria
4 BANGLADESH	Dhaka	24 LESOTHO	Maseru	43 SIERRA LEONE	Freetown
5 BARBADOS	Bridgetown	25 MALAWI	Lilongwe	44 SINGAPORE	Singapore
6 BELIZE	Belize City	26 MALAYSIA	Kuala Lumpur	45 SOLOMON ISLANDS	Honara
7 BOTSWANA	Gaborone	27 MALDIVES	Malé	46 SOUTH AFRICA	Pretoria
8 BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	Bandar Seri Begawan	28 MALTA	Valletta	47 SWILANDA	Columbo
9 CAMEROON	Yaoundé	29 MAURITIUS	Port Louis	48 TONGA	Nuku'alofa
10 CANADA	Ottawa	30 MOZAMBIQUE	Maputo	49 TOGO	Lomé
11 CAYMAN ISLANDS	George Town	31 NAMIBIA	Windhoek	50 TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	Port of Spain
12 DOMINICA	Roseau	32 NAURU	Nauru	51 TUNISIA	Tunis
13 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Santiago	33 NEW ZEALAND	Wellington	52 UGANDA	Kampala
14 FIJI	Suva	34 NIGERIA	Abuja	53 UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND	London
15 GABON	Libreville	35 PAKISTAN	Islamabad	54 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Washington, D.C.
16 THE GAMBIA	Banjul	36 PARAGUAY	Asunción	55 VANUATU	Port Vila
17 GHANA	Accra	37 PERU	Lima	56 ZAMBIA	Lusaka
18 GRENADA	St. George's	38 PHILIPPINES	Manila		
19 GUAYANA FRANCESA	Georgetown	39 SAINT LUCIA	Castries		
20 INDIA	New Delhi				

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**Document 4** : Kenneth Mohammed, "Sunak was brutally honest, so let me return the favour: the Commonwealth today is irrelevant", *The Guardian*, 2 May 2023.

5 Rishi Sunak's shockingly dismissive words last week will no doubt return to haunt him, as such words have done for previous prime ministers and members of the royal family. He gave a resounding "no" to a request by the MP Bell Ribeiro-Addy for an apology and a commitment to reparatory justice for the UK's barbaric role in slavery. [...]

10 Caribbean and African leaders will no doubt sit upright in their comfort zones as members of this 56-nation farcical institution continue to be a support group for countries set back for centuries by slavery, indentureship and colonialism. By "set back", I refer to the ladder of generational wealth of these displaced people that was for ever broken. Inherited wealth matters. The footprints of slavery, and the profits it bequeathed to generations in the west, still shape our present world. [...]

15 In the face of all of the unresolved issues of Britain's colonial past – not just in the Caribbean but in African and Asian former colonies too – what really is the purpose of the Commonwealth if it will not engage with the past?

20 Its original purpose was one of economic benefit for members as well as having a collective voice, shared values and principles, and cultural and educational exchange. Some may also argue that it has been a favourable platform for soft power, a bridge between the global north and south, a tool for development and even a symbol of independence.

25 Critics, however, have countered that its legacy of colonialism and now neocolonialism has undermined its legitimacy and relevance, and that it is dominated by a few powerful members, such as the UK, India, and Canada, which has created unequal power dynamics and limited the representation and influence of smaller or less influential members.

More importantly, the Commonwealth's ability to address critical issues, such as poverty, inequality, corruption and the climate crisis, has been questionable, as it has failed to take concrete actions or deliver tangible results.

30 Membership of the Commonwealth can be costly for some countries, particularly poor ones, and the organisation's bureaucracy and administrative processes are slow and inefficient. It is simply a vessel of former colonies, with the former imperial master still at its helm. [...]

35 In 2014, several Caribbean countries attempted to sue the British government for reparations for four centuries of slavery, and Britain used jurisdiction issues arising from the Commonwealth to block the claim. [...]

40 It is hard to defend the existence of the Commonwealth in 2023, especially on economic grounds post-Brexit. Philip Murphy, former director of the Institute for Commonwealth Studies at London University, called it “an irrelevant institution wallowing in imperial amnesia”. [...]

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