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## **Commonwealth Secretary-General to address Grenada Student Success conference at St George's University, Grenada.**

**London, UK (February 19 2019)** -- The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, has agreed to deliver a keynote address at the annual conference of the Council for Education in the Commonwealth (CEC) in Grenada in May (21 to 23). The conference will be hosted, on campus, by St George's University, which is based in the Caribbean island.

The CEC annual conference now takes place biennially in a Commonwealth member country and the United Kingdom. This is the first time that it has been held in the Caribbean.

The title of the conference will be "Our Common Wealth: A Focus on Student Success." Speakers who have also accepted the invitation include Dr Joanna Newman MBE, Secretary-General of the Association of Commonwealth Universities, Professor Nigel Harris, Vice Chancellor Emeritus at the University of the West Indies, Dr Jacky Lumarque, President of Quisqueya University, Haiti, and Professor Kenneth Matengu, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Namibia, which hosted the CEC's annual conference in 2017.

"There are a range of options and challenges facing the student community today, which previous generations did not have to face", comments the Chairman of CEC, Sonny Leong CBE.

“The conference will explore the main challenges facing education provision in the 21<sup>st</sup> century in the Caribbean – and beyond, in the countries of our Commonwealth.”

“We are delighted to be hosting this conference”, says G Richard Olds, President of St George’s University. “Over 20 percent of our students are from Commonwealth countries and we greatly value this association and the diversity it brings to our campus. We welcome representatives from government, education institutes and teachers to work with us in developing answers and responses to the existing issues affecting education today and which impact on student success.”

Patricia Scotland is the second Secretary-General of the Commonwealth from the Caribbean and the first woman to hold the post.

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**Notes to editors:**

**St George’s University** is a centre of international education, drawing students and faculty from over 140 countries to the island of Grenada, West Indies. St. George’s is affiliated with educational institutions worldwide, including in the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and Ireland.

The University has contributed over 18,000 physicians, veterinarians, scientists, and public health and business professionals who are practicing across the world. The University programs are accredited and approved by many governing authorities.

**The Council for Education in the Commonwealth**, a parliament based NGO, was founded sixty years ago, at the time of the first Commonwealth Education Ministers' Conference.

Its purpose is to create an informed public opinion on the salient issues concerning education and training in the Commonwealth and to identify appropriate ways in which Britain and the European Union can best contribute to their development.