



Press Release

International Association of Women Police Joins Commonwealth Women's Network

The International Association of Women Police (IAWP) is pleased to announce its membership in the Commonwealth Women's Network (CWN). We join a global network that brings together women and gender-focused civil society organizations from around the 52 countries of the Commonwealth. CWN urges governments to make a national commitment to ensure that women and girls reach their full potential while improving and developing their leadership skills to create gender balance in political decision-making.

IAWP President, Margaret Shorter - "I am delighted that our request to become members of the Commonwealth Women's Network has been approved. We have many members from Commonwealth countries so it is fitting that we join with the CWN. This connection strengthens our message that women have a valuable role to play in providing safety and security to our communities. We know that networks encourage shared experiences and skill development, help form friendships and show members that they are not alone and that there are others they can call upon in friendship and in crisis. There is power in a lot of people working together for a common cause. Where one person working alone may achieve very little, networks can affect change. I look forward to IAWP becoming involved in future projects as part of the Commonwealth Women's Network".

CWN Chair, Nelcia Robinson – "The International Association of Women Police is a formidable resource to the Commonwealth Women's Network, and we look forward to working together in the interests of women's development".

The International Association of Women Police is a richly diverse and growing organization with global reach. We have Members, Affiliates, Friends and Strategic Partners in countries around the World. We envisage a world where police reflect the diversity of communities they serve and human rights are protected. Our mission is to strengthen and raise the capacity of women in policing internationally.

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The Commonwealth is a voluntary association of [52 independent and equal sovereign states](#).

The Commonwealth is home to 2.4 billion people and includes both advanced economies and developing countries. Thirty members are small states, many of which are island nations, their shared values and principles are inscribed in the [Commonwealth Charter](#).

For more information about the Commonwealth Women's Network visit <http://thecommonwealth.org/organisation/commonwealth-womens-network>

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