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## Editorial

Welcome to our first quarterly newsletter for 2015. This issue contains news of our activities in infrastructure development across the Commonwealth in 2014 and early 2015, and our planned events and activities for the coming months.

We have launched our 2015 series of workshops, covering a range of infrastructure sectors and selected topics on public-private partnerships (see page 2).

To assist in the development and delivery of social infrastructure projects, we have set up a charity devoted to supporting these projects across the Commonwealth.

CIID membership is available for individuals and organisations involved in any aspect of social, economic or government infrastructure.

Please contact us for further details on any of our programmes and our membership scheme [contact@comiid.org](mailto:contact@comiid.org)

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## Introduction

CIID has expertise across a broad spectrum of infrastructure sectors and professional specialisms, with extensive experience throughout the Commonwealth.

We are focused on helping to improve the development and delivery of economic, social and government infrastructure. Our expertise includes:

- Public-private partnerships
- Renewable energy
- Power
- Telecommunications
- Water and wastewater
- Solid waste management
- Transport, including roads, ports and airports
- Leadership and management
- Governance

Our four main activities are:



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## Symposium on Renewable Energy

In 2015, CIID and the University of the West Indies (UWI), Kingston, Jamaica will jointly host a two-day symposium on renewable energy.



The event will include speakers from CIID and UWI, and other experts in renewable energy.

The focus of the event will be on exploring mechanisms to increase the deployment of renewable energy in Jamaica and across the Caribbean, and on contributing to the energy self-sufficiency programmes of the governments of Caribbean nations.

This event is for officials from relevant ministries, companies in the renewable energy sector, professionals and students.

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Organised by  
The University of the West Indies  
and the  
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## News and Events: Highlights from the last quarter

2015 Course Training Programme launched. [Click to view.](#)

CIID signed MoU with the University of West Indies Mona Campus in Jamaica.  
Caribbean symposium on renewable energy, first half of 2015, Kingston, Jamaica.

Commonwealth Social Infrastructure Foundation charity established  
David Wright, CEO of CIID, has run several PPP workshops and helped the Government of Jamaica identify new PPP projects and complete existing ones.

## Upcoming Training

13th April 2015  
Introduction to PPP in  
Jamaica  
Kingston, Jamaica

14th-15th April 2015  
Governance and Leading  
Responsibly  
Kingston, Jamaica

16th April 2015  
How to Identify Good PPP  
Projects  
Kingston, Jamaica

11th-12th May 2015  
Good Governance and  
Leadership  
London, UK

26th May 2015  
Writing PPP Business  
Cases  
Kingston, Jamaica



David Wright delivering training at one-week event in Swaziland organised by the Ministry of Finance and the Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority

## Guyana

David Wright has been asked by the Government of Guyana to help develop their PPP policy. This work is to be funded by the Multilateral Investment Fund of the Inter-American Development Bank and builds on David's successful work in Jamaica.

David will be undertaking some initial training in the Spring. He will then work with CIID's partners Strategic Relationship Solutions [www.srscan.com](http://www.srscan.com) to carry out a thorough stakeholder management exercise. This will ensure that the draft PPP policy meets local expectations and concerns.

The work will help increase investment in Guyana's under-developed infrastructure.

## Jamaica

David Wright has been working since July 2013 for the Government of Jamaica on the operationalisation of their PPP policy. This work is funded by the Multilateral Investment Fund of the Inter-American Development Bank.

David has helped the Government to revise their policy and has delivered many awareness-raising and training sessions over the last 16 months.

One result has been an increase in the number of good quality projects coming from Ministries or Agencies. David is expected to complete this part of his work at the end of March 2015.

## Training Programme

We have published our 2015 training programme [Click to view](#). It focuses on a number of themes: PPP; Governance and Leading with Integrity; Developing and Implementing Solar Technology Projects; Leadership and Management in Tourism and Hospitality; Water and Waste Water Management; and Solid Waste Management.

We will run one- or two-day workshops on each of these themes and we will repeat each of them at intervals throughout 2015.

## Follow CIID

Please follow our activities on



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## Recently Attended Meetings and Networking Events

Dr Geoffrey Clements and David Wright, CIID Chairman and CEO, attended the UK Overseas Territories Joint Ministerial Council Reception and had discussions with government representatives from these countries and UK Government Ministers

Dr Geoffrey Clements had discussions on capacity building, skills training and PPP projects with senior Indian Government officials at the Overseas Indian conference in London, hosted by the Indian Government, the Confederation of Indian Industry and the Indian High Commission

Dr Geoffrey Clements discussed capacity building and PPP projects with India's Roads Minister and his team during his visit to London

## Solar energy

David Wright and Geoffrey Clements have been helping the Government of Jamaica to structure a PPP project which will involve the installation of solar PV panels on a number of selected schools.

CIID has been asked to draft a business case justifying the project. This builds on previous work on a pre-feasibility study.

This exciting project will significantly reduce energy consumption at 30 schools and will ensure continuous supply of power.

## Municipal PPP



David Wright with the Secretary / General Manager of Manchester Parish Council, Jamaica – see article opposite

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Dr Geoffrey Clements meets CEO of India's Tourism and Hospitality Skill Council

At an Indian Government London conference for Overseas Indians, Dr Clements discussed skills and management training with Pradeep Roy, CEO of India's newly-formed Tourism and Hospitality Skill Council, which sets and monitors National Occupational Standards for training in this sector.

Mr Roy has asked CIID to assist in setting standards for curriculum and training methods for the industry.

## Solar energy projects

Dr Clements discussed solar energy projects with Upendra Tripathy, Secretary of India's Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. PM Narendra Modi is pushing the expansion of India's renewable energy projects, including the creation of large grid-connected solar farms and smaller units for smaller communities.

They discussed CIID's contribution to the challenges faced by the Ministry, including PPP project structures and funding mechanisms, and the urgent need to train 50,000 technicians and engineers.



Dr Geoffrey Clements, CIID Chairman, speaking at the 24<sup>th</sup> National Convention of the All India Management Association

## Municipal PPP Projects

CIID expertise in developing and delivering municipal PPP projects is being called on by the Manchester Parish Council in Jamaica.

David Wright and Kesha Brown have been asked to help the Council win approval from the Government of Jamaica for the re-development of the centre of Mandeville.

The project will provide an energy-efficient central transport hub, a new market and new commercial office space.

This is the first municipal PPP project to be developed in Jamaica and will provide a model for a range of other municipal projects in Jamaica and the wider Caribbean Region.

## Indian Roads

India's Roads Minister, Shri Nitin Gadkari, visited London in November. Dr Clements spoke to the Minister and his team about capacity building programmes for India's National Highways Authority (NHAI) and the funding of the expansion of India's highways programme, using PPP project structures.

David Wright and Dr Clements conducted workshops on these topics for senior NHAI managers and engineers in 2010. The Minister's team invited Dr Clements to propose further capacity building programmes and consultation on PPP projects.

## Recently Attended Meetings and Networking Events

- Port Authority of Jamaica to discuss risk mitigation strategies.
- Manchester Parish Council, Jamaica to discuss infrastructure development with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and senior officials.