



**THEIR FUTURE  
OUR ACTION**

Newnham College  
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**At the Centre for Resilience and Sustainable Development (CRSD), we co-create actionable evidence for ethical leaders to improve decision making in the context of complexity, uncertainty and inequalities.**

Take Cambridge Policy Boot Camp (CPBC) for example: we can discover 'untapped assets' in a given context.

CPBC combines advanced systems dynamics thinking with political economic theories to accelerate decision making for policy leaders. We have worked with 150 countries and companies, linking good governance, sustainable investment and responsible innovation as pillars of resilience and sustainability.

CPBC was developed by Dr Nazia Habib at CRSD using transdisciplinary techniques to accelerate the identification of transformative policy solutions.

On December 14th 2022, around 30 experts gathered at Newnham College and virtually to find practical solutions to the question of how Small Island Developing States (SIDS) can attract sustainable finance for resilience. The wealth of ideas and knowledge gathered in the sessions will now be used to inform future research.

The day had three parts. The first part had a strategic aim to co-create the third phase of the research which is about stress testing the new approach of attracting funds for SIDS.

The second part aimed to discover multipliers using the CERT (Cambridge Expert Round Table), followed by a formal hall dinner where Sir David Khalili presented a gift to the centre as a recognition of the groundbreaking research in full action.

## Question of the day

*How can we transform the capacity of governments, in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) of the Commonwealth to attract sustainable finance for youth (age 15-35) initiatives and to contribute to resilient economies?*





Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC, Secretary General  
of Commonwealth of Nations

*"More than \$1bn looking for impact  
investment"*



Dr Nazia M Habib, Head, CRSD

*"We don't need to reinvent the wheel of  
sustainable investment"*

Keynote speakers introducing the session





Welcome and background to the workshop







## Experts invited to speak on the issue



*"SIDS must be transformed to be a market"*



*"The nature of investments lend themselves to a regional approach and to reduce risk"*



*"We have looked at various types of blended finance"*



Networking



Groups present their ideas to the plenary session





Dr Habib, Baroness Scotland, Sir David Khalili, Professor Howarth, Professor Franceschi

Networking,  
then Dinner in  
College Hall









*"When one makes a donation, it is like a weight is lifted from your shoulders."*

Speeches of thanks and motivation



*"The Commonwealth is a real global change agent. Our small island developing states are on the frontline of climate change, and we are working hard to design and implement innovative financing solutions to help them to improve their resilience and development prospects."*



*"I can see how we will be part of a productive journey, improving global decision-making with humility and courage."*

Pro-VC Professor Kamal Munir

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