

## Summary

The [Commonwealth Tribute to Life project](#) held its third international webinar on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 (repeated twice to account for different time zones). These were well attended (Session 1: 20 attendees and 9 nations represented session 1; Session 2: 16 attendees and 8 nations represented). There was a positive sense of achievement for a journey which started in late 2018 and despite the challenges of COVID the project has been able to gain representation onto the International Advisory Panel in 38 Commonwealth nations out of 54. This means the project has representation for 98.5% of the population within the Commonwealth which has a population of 2.3 billion people.

The 5 regional coordinators (Africa, Asia, Caribbean and Americas, Europe, and Oceania) shared their perspective on their role and the benefits the project could reach nations within their region. A key focus was on the need to support nations without an organ and tissue donation and transplantation programme. The attending [Transplantation Societies](#) championed the continuation of developing legal and ethical frameworks, designed to encourage all countries to eradicate unacceptable practices while introducing programmes that strive to achieve national or regional self-sufficiency in meeting the need for organ transplants.

Now that the content of Memorandum of Understanding document (MoU) has been agreed by the International Advisory Panel the next step will be to formally to launch and celebrate the signing of this document by each nation and each collaborating organisation. To mark this momentous occasion a 'hold that date' for Commonwealth Day 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022, has been agreed; more details will follow nearer the time.

A '60 second' promotional video was premiered. This showcased the aims of the MoU particularly demonstrating how we can mobilise our historical ties and established relationships of our Commonwealth citizens and governments. The video was very well received.

For more information about the work and future events of this project please visit the [website](#).

