

ICS 62 Royal Institute of International Affairs. Commonwealth Conference in Nigeria. Lagos, January 1962. Correspondence, draft papers, draft reports of discussions

Papers relating to the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) (RIIA) Commonwealth Conference in Lagos, Nigeria, 1962, comprising correspondence between Prof Charles E Carrington, RIIA and Prof Kenneth Robinson, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, draft papers on African politics, aid and trade, draft reports on the cold war in Africa, Pan-Africanism, Britain's application to join the European Common Market, and the future of Commonwealth co-operation in Africa.

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1. Letter 15 March, 1961, Professor Charles E. Carrington, Chatham House to Professor Kenneth Robinson, Institute of Commonwealth Studies re the consent of the Prime Minister of Nigeria to a conference in Lagos in Jan. 1962 and the possibility of Professor Robinson preparing the ground on his forthcoming trip to Nigeria.
2. Circular notice, 16 March, 1961, C. E. Carrington to members of the British Commonwealth Relations Committee re a meeting of the Committee on 6 April, 1961 to discuss 1) the Nigeria conference 2) the consequences of South Africa leaving the Commonwealth.
3. a) Letter 17 March, 1961, C. E. Carrington to Professor K. Robinson re contacts in Nigeria.
b) Enclosure: Copy of a letter from Mr. O. O. Omololu, Deputy High Commissioner for Nigeria to Professor C. E. Carrington, 15 March 1961 together with Note of a conversation between the Deputy High Commissioner for Nigeria and Professor C. E. Carrington, Royal Institute of International Affairs; and possible list of members. 2 leaves.
4. British Commonwealth Relations Committee 68th meeting, 6 April, 1961 Agenda 28 March 1961. 1 leaf; and Appendix A Project for an Unofficial Commonwealth Conference. 1 leaf.
5. Nigerian Conference: preliminary draft plan for discussion by the British Commonwealth Relations Committee. Dated 28 March, 1961.
6. Notice dated 28 March 1961 re postponement of discussion on South Africa's withdrawal from the Commonwealth at the meeting of the Committee.
7. Manuscript note [from Prof. K. Robinson] re points to raise with C. E. Carrington before the meeting.
8. Letter 7 April 1961, C. E. Carrington to Prof. K. Robinson re events at the Manuscript. [meeting.]
9. a) Letter 10 April 1961, Prof. K. Robinson to C. E. Carrington.
b) Enclosure: Note "What is the object of the Commonwealth meeting in Nigeria" for next meeting of Committee.
10. Draft agenda for Nigerian conference. Dated 18 April 1961.
11. a) British Commonwealth Relations Committee notice to members, by C. E. Carrington, 17 May 1961.
b) Enclosure: British Commonwealth Relations Committee. Minutes of the 69th meeting, 18 April 1961. Dated 17 May 1961.
c) Enclosure: Nigerian Conference 1962: Draft agenda.
12. Letter 18 May 1961, Professor K. Robinson to C. E. Carrington re the Nigerian conference draft agenda (item 11(c)) and suggestions for redrafting. 2 leaves.
13. a) Letter 21 April 1961, C. E. Carrington to Professor K. Robinson.
b) Enclosure: African States in the Commonwealth [Draft notice on the conference]. Dated 20 April 1961.
14. a) Letter 24 April 1961, C. E. Carrington re Agenda for the meeting.
b) Enclosure: Agenda for the 1st meeting of the Managing Committee to consider the project for a Commonwealth Study Conference in Nigeria, Jan. 1962; to be held on 2 May 1961. 2 leaves.
c) Appendix A to 14(b). List of Commonwealth Institutes with names of Secretaries. 1 leaf. Appendix B. Proposed composition of the conference

showing number of delegates from each country and estimated cost of travelling. 1 leaf. Appendix C. Organisation, programme and timetable. 1 leaf. Appendix D. African states in the Commonwealth [draft notice on the Conference (same as 13(b)) and draft agenda. 3 leaves.

15. a) Letter 26 April 1961, Prof. K. Robinson to Prof. C. E. Carrington re comments on the draft agenda.
b) Enclosure: Prof. K. Robinson's comments on the draft agenda. 3 leaves.
16. Nigerian Conference 1962, draft agenda: summary of comments received from members of the Committee on the first Draft Agenda. 14 June 1961. 3 leaves.
17. a) Letter 26 July 1961, C. E. Carrington to Prof. K. Robinson re data papers based on the agenda.
b) Enclosure: Nigerian Conference 1962, Agenda (2nd draft).
18. a) Letter 8 Sept. 1961, C. E. Carrington to Prof. K. Robinson.
b) Enclosure: paper BCR/AC/13 Note on data papers for the Nigerian Conference; dated 8 Sept. 1961.
19. Nigerian Conference: suggested scheme for an invitation list. Dated 13 July 1961, item 565(b).
20. Commonwealth Conference in Nigeria, Jan. 1962: press release BCR/AC/12
21. a) Note on work to be done for the Conference, by C. E. Carrington.
b) Note on Agenda and data papers for the Nigerian Conference, Jan. 1962. Dated 14 Sept. 1961.
22. Letter, 21 Sept. 1961, C. E. Carrington to Prof. K. Robinson re Patrick Gordon Walker's agreement to participate in the conference.
23. a) Letter 22 Sept. 1961, C. E. Carrington to Prof. K. Robinson re conversations on Central and East African representation at the conference.
b) Enclosure: Note of the conversations, dated 22 Sept. 1961.
24. Letter 25 Sept. 1961, Prof. K. Robinson to Prof. C. E. Carrington re dates for meeting of the British party.
25. a) Letter 2 Oct. 1961, Prof. C. E. Carrington to Prof. K. Robinson re invitation to Christopher Chataway to join the British party for the conference; and state of progress on agenda and data papers.
b) Enclosure: Nigerian Conference: plan for preliminary data papers (BCR/AC/13(2)) by C. E. Carrington. 2 Oct. 1961.
26. Letter, 13 Oct. 1961, C. E. Carrington to K. Robinson re progress on selecting representatives from Chatham House to attend the conference.
27. Nigerian Conference: Jan. 1962, notes for informal Chatham House discussion, 17 Oct. 1962(1961?), from C. E. Carrington. Dated 17 Oct. 1961.
28. Progress report on membership (of Nigerian Conference) at 17 Oct. 1961.
29. a) Letter, 10 Nov. 1961, C. E. Carrington to K. Robinson re the redrafting of the agenda by the Management Committee.
b) Enclosure: Nigerian Conference 1962: Agenda (5th draft) BCR/AC/9(6), 1 Nov. 1961.
30. Circular letter, 29 Nov. 1961, C. E. Carrington to K. Robinson re Carrington's visit to Nigeria and latest arrangements made for the conference.
31. Press release? on Commonwealth Conference in Nigeria, BCR/AC19 dated 1 Dec. 1961.

Conference Documents

32. Lagos Commonwealth Conference: names and addresses of delegates. 16 Jan. 1962. 4p.
33. International aid and trade (Draft outline). From Mr. Budgett-Meakin, Unilever. 16 Oct. 1961. 3 leaves.
34. Africa emergent: economic developments since 1950, background to the African economy. BCR/AC/20(4). Dec. 1961. [26p].
35. Political problems of African states. [Draft] BCR/AC/20(7) by K. Robinson, Jan. 1962. 6p.
36. Political problems of African states, by K. Robinson. 5p. 8 copies.

Reports of discussions

37. Can the cold war be kept out of Africa? Draft report on topic 1., Jan. 1962.
38. Is Pan-Africanism the key to Africa's future? Draft report on topic 2, Jan. 1962.
39. Statement on Pan-Africanism, Jan. 1962. Document approved by the Conference.
40. How should African states view the Common Market and Britain's application to join it? Draft report on topic 3, Jan. 1962.
41. How quickly can economic independence be achieved? Draft report on topic 4, Jan. 1962.
42. What democratic institutions, if any, are best suited to the needs of African planning and development? Draft report on topic 5.
43. What is the future of Commonwealth cooperation in Africa? Draft report on topic 7.