

CHEVENING IMPACT REPORT



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FOREWORD FROM THE RT HON MARK FIELD MP

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
AT THE FOREIGN & COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

The UK has welcomed Chevening Scholars to our shores since 1983. We have brought together some of the brightest minds from across the world to study, develop their ideas, passions and plans for the future, and experience all the UK has to offer. Nelson Mandela famously said that education is the most powerful weapon with which to change the world. Through education and through the brilliant opportunity offered by Chevening, these scholars have gone on to do just that, taking up some of the highest positions across the globe.

This network of alumni around the world are, through Chevening, connected and working together to make the world a better place. It has been a privilege of my role to get out and meet many Chevening Alumni and hear first-hand the impact that studying here in the UK has had on their lives and what they have been able to achieve because of our investment in them.

We are taking this opportunity to reflect on Chevening's impact and celebrate success. This report brings to life the scale of this impact; it makes a humbling read. We also need to look to the future. Now more than ever, programmes like Chevening are vital if we are to promote stability, security, and prosperity around the world.

Our universities enjoy a world-class reputation and I believe that we should be proud that future leaders with passion, ideas, and potential choose to study in the UK. In a Global Britain, this network of friends and allies helps the UK as we seek to strengthen our relationships with countries around the world and enhance our diplomacy. Chevening is an exceptional programme, and I look forward with interest to seeing it continue for years to come.



FOREWORD FROM BENJAMIN COATES

HEAD OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS UNIT AT THE FOREIGN & COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

I recently attended a Chevening event where I saw a group of bright, enthusiastic scholars from all over the world debating topics as diverse as fake news, girls' education, and climate change. For me, this epitomises Chevening. Our scholars study a wide range of subjects at some of the best universities in the world, but they also immerse themselves in the UK, in our culture, our values, and our traditions.

For 35 years, the Foreign & Commonwealth Office has, in partnership with organisations such as the British Council and the Association of Commonwealth Universities, offered Chevening Scholarships to aspiring leaders with ideas and potential. Many have gone on to achieve amazing things, from Carlos Alvarado Quesada, elected

President of Costa Rica just nine years after completing his scholarship, to Amina Mohammed, Kenya's inspirational Cabinet Secretary for Education, spearheading the UK's campaign promoting girls' education around the world.

This report showcases the impact Chevening has had on the lives of thousands of people, and the impact they in turn have had on their communities, their countries, and the world.

I can't wait to see what the future of Chevening brings.

AIM

Chevening is the UK Government's international awards programme aimed at developing global leaders. Funded by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and partner organisations, Chevening offers two types of award – Chevening Scholarships and Chevening Fellowships – the recipients of which are selected by British embassies and high commissions throughout the world.

Since 1983, Chevening has brought the most exceptional individuals from around the world to study in the UK.

With UK universities taking their place among the world's oldest, the influence and impact of UK education is recognised and felt worldwide. World University Rankings 2018 list three UK institutions in the world's top ten and one in six world leaders attended a UK university.

Our educational institutions have a lasting influence on those who attend. Almost two million international students have graduated from a UK university in the past ten years. These alumni of the UK are part of a lifelong network.

Each year, Chevening Scholarships enable hundreds of international scholars and fellows access to study in the UK.

This is an opportunity that transforms their careers, their perspective, and their relationship with the UK.

Chevening offers an opportunity that, for many, would otherwise be out of reach. For all, Chevening is life-changing.



Obtaining a quality education is the foundation to improving people's lives and sustainable development.

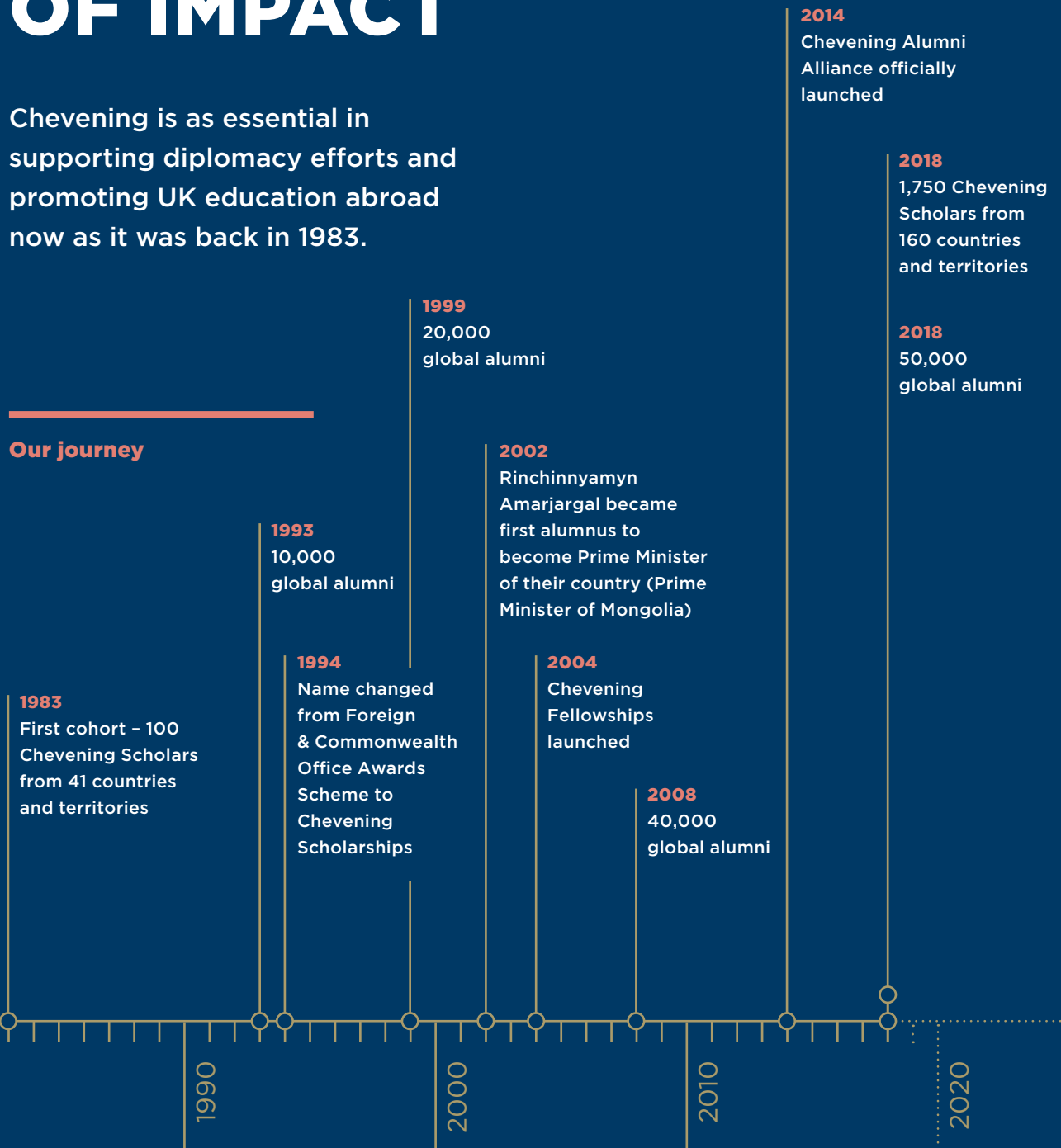
**Sustainable Development
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35 YEARS OF IMPACT

Chevening is as essential in supporting diplomacy efforts and promoting UK education abroad now as it was back in 1983.

Our journey



SCHOLAR EXPERIENCE

Chevening selects scholars from around the world with the most potential to be future global leaders.

When these future leaders are studying in the UK, our aim is to deliver an unparalleled scholar experience. We want scholars to experience the UK's cultural strengths, feel supported throughout their journey and feel part of the Chevening network from day one.

Scholars are encouraged to get involved with a diverse engagement programme developed around subjects inherent to UK values; such as democracy, human rights, and freedom of speech.

Much of this engagement programme is run in collaboration with our university partners who are delivering world-class research and teaching in these subjects.

These events also included notable speakers, such as:



Mr Matthew Lodge

Minister and Ambassador/Permanent Delegate to UNESCO, Foreign & Commonwealth Office



Dr Erik Lithander

Pro-Vice Chancellor for International, University of Bristol



Cassandra Stavrou

Founder, Propercorn



Lord Hastings of Scarisbrick CBE

Global Head of Citizenship, KPMG International



Joanna Roper

Special Envoy for Gender Equality, Foreign & Commonwealth Office



97% agree

Chevening had a positive impact on my opinion of the UK



99% agree

I would recommend the UK as a good place for studying




100% agree

Chevening's a world-class scholarship/fellowship programme



97% agree

I am very proud to be associated with Chevening



As future leaders, our scholars are not afraid to take centre stage themselves. Many of our events, such as the debates and conferences, give scholars the platform to make their voices heard.



The Chevening debate is a great platform for discussing some of the most important topics facing communities across the globe. I think the biggest value of a debate is that it can influence changes in society and make a real impact. When the dialogue moves away from the stage and into daily conversations, it inspires people to take action.

Janice Sue Wong
Hong Kong | MSc Development Studies, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)



OUR SCHOLARS: THEIR IMPACT



Over the past three years, Chevening Scholars have clocked up more than 10,000 hours of volunteering



In the last year alone, scholars volunteered with 300 organisations across the UK

During their time in the UK, Chevening Scholars are encouraged to volunteer in their local community.

Chevening creates opportunities for scholars to help transform UK communities by volunteering with organisations such as the Prince's Trust, Oxfam, and the Conservation Trust.

Opportunities with these charities are proven to improve perceptions of the UK and enable scholars to become immersed in real communities, encouraging them to gain insight into diverse values and experiences.



All of the causes that have I worked with offered me a different experience and the chance to connect with different groups of people. Oxfam is a large international development charity, so I enjoyed feeling as though my shifts were helping to contribute to a global cause. While a lot of hard work, the immense gratification of volunteering and the ability to engage in unique conversations throughout my time volunteering truly deepened my experience in the UK.

**Leah Schmidt, Canada,
MA Multi-Disciplinary Gender
Studies, University of Cambridge**
Volunteered with Oxfam



This was a way to put my two greatest passions together: art and community. The organisation I volunteered with is engaging youth in Croydon through theatre to give them a greater platform to communicate and contribute to their community. Volunteering for this cause was my quickest way of connecting to the heart and soul of London. It brought me beyond the surface and into a London where communities are being built through art and courage. It connected me to pieces of myself and pieces of home that I unexpectedly discovered in different spaces.

**Rayon Mclean, Jamaica,
MA Applied Theatre, Goldsmiths,
University of London**
Volunteered with youth theatres



BEATRIZ LOPES BUARQUE USING SOCIAL MEDIA FOR PEACE

Beatriz is the founder of Words Heal the World: a project that believes the fight against extremism begins online and begins with empowering younger generations to challenge hate on the internet.

Beatriz trains students to deconstruct extremist messages on social media. In the UK she has also started organising workshops to raise awareness on how to use the internet to promote peace and the local and global impact this can have.

'I set up Words Heal the World to promote projects that use words as a tool for tackling extremism. I realised many of the projects were invisible as organisations did not have the resources to widely publicise them on social media.

The UK gave me the chance to expand Words Heal the World in a way that I never thought would be possible. My idea that started off just as a website, soon had twenty-two partners and became the first large-scale project in the world to put students at the forefront of developing online messaging to tackle extremism.

One of the greatest benefits of being a Chevening Scholar is the opportunity to network and collaborate with a wide range of people and countries. I believe that, through Chevening, I can connect with authorities from countries that have faced problems with extremism, and use Words Heal the World as a tool to tackle extremism and radicalisation around the world.

When I think about Chevening, I think about the leaders of tomorrow. I think about empowerment. I think about inspiration. Those are the reasons why Chevening is so special.

It really is a life-changing programme.

It changes the life of the Chevening Scholar and also changes the lives of thousands of people who are in touch with him/her. It effectively prepares people to turn our world into a better place to live.'

CLASS OF: 2017

FROM: BRAZIL

STUDIED: MA
INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS &
SECURITY AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF
WESTMINSTER





CARLOS ALVARADO QUESADA GLOBAL LEADER

In May 2018, Carlos Alvarado Quesada became the 48th President of Costa Rica, an achievement made even greater by the fact he is one of few global leaders elected before their fortieth birthday.

Committed to his county, Alvarado's election follows two successful years as the Minister of Labour and Social Security for the Citizen's Action Party. This drive for inclusion and social security prevailed through his presidency campaign.

The impact of his MSc in Development Studies from the University of Sussex is evident throughout Alvarado's achievements. During his career, Alvarado developed the Multidimensional Poverty Index and Costa Rica's national strategy to reduce poverty.

Like so many of our influential alumni, Alvarado is leaving his mark on Costa Rican society and empowering others around him to do the same.

On his election as president, Alvarado paid tribute to the impact of Chevening and studying in the UK:

'My thanks to Chevening for the opportunity that it gave me, and for all that I was able to grow because of it. As a country, we must pursue the path of education and more opportunities to study for everyone.'

Achieving our aim, Chevening has a long tradition of producing global leaders, including former leaders of Poland, Antigua and Barbuda, and South Korea.

Alvarado's election is both a testament to Chevening's commitment to developing future leaders and a source of inspiration for Cheveners everywhere.



It is gratifying, through the UK government's Chevening Scholarship programme, to be able to inspire generations of future leaders and global influencers, like President Carlos Alvarado, to leave their mark on society and to empower others around them to do the same.

**Ross Denny
British Ambassador
to Costa Rica & Nicaragua**



CLASS OF: 2008

FROM: COSTA RICA

STUDIED: MSC
IN DEVELOPMENT
STUDIES AT THE
UNIVERSITY
OF SUSSEX

GLOBAL NETWORK

By supporting the brightest, most influential and promising scholars from across the globe, and working closely with partners, embassies, and high commissions, we've built an impressive global network of 50,000 Chevening Alumni.

Our engaged network of alumni act as global ambassadors for the UK. We have created lasting relationships with leaders, influencers, and decision-makers.

This global network grows in strength, influence, and impact year on year.

Worldwide, fourteen current or former heads of states or heads of government are Chevening Alumni

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

Baldwin Spencer
Prime Minister
2004-2014

COSTA RICA

Carlos Alvarado Quesada
President
2018-

COLOMBIA

Álvaro Uribe Vélez
President
2002-2010

BOLIVIA

Eduardo Rodríguez Veltzé
President
2005-2006



ICELAND
Gudni Thorlacius Jóhannesson
President
2016-

ICELAND
Sigmundur David Gunnlaugsson
Prime Minister
2013-2016

POLAND
Marek Belka
Prime Minister
2004-2005

MONGOLIA
Rinchinnyamyn Amarjargal
Prime Minister
1999-2000

GEORGIA
Grigol (Gega) Mgaloblishvili
Prime Minister
2008-2009

REPUBLIC OF KOREA
Un-Chan Chung
Prime Minister
2009-2010

KIRIBATI
Anote Tong
President
2003-2016

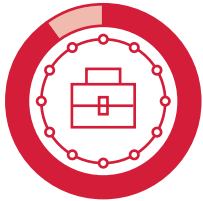
BULGARIA
Sergei Stanishev
Prime Minister
2005-2009

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
Mladen Ivanić
Co-President
2016-2017

TUVALU
Enele Sopoaga
Prime Minister
2013-



GLOBAL BUSINESS LEADERS



90% of our alumni are in full-time employment

Over the past 35 years, Chevening has promoted economic development and better business environments worldwide by funding scholars who have gone on to build companies, become directors, and hold senior positions in global organisations.

Their UK experience is transforming organisations around the world. 230 global companies are being led with a Chevening Alumnus serving in the highest ranking position.



100% agreed they have applied skills and knowledge gained from the UK to advance their career

A FELLOWSHIP: BUSINESS LEADERS IN ACTION

The Chevening Research, Science and Innovation Programme (CRISP) has been running in collaboration with the University of Oxford since 2011. Since the programme began, we have welcomed over 60 mid-career professionals in the fields of science, innovation, business, engineering and technology, and academia, from India and Sri Lanka.

The main strands of CRISP include business, leadership and management, as well as wider issues including global challenges, politics, and international relations. The ten-week programme is currently delivered by St. Cross College at the University of Oxford.



99% of surveyed alumni positively value UK business and trade



CRISP attracts outstanding fellows from all sectors (science, established and start-up businesses, government and NGOs) with a wide range of professional experience and expertise. This diversity is a huge strength, stimulating conversations, ideas and insights throughout the programme and in subsequent India-UK connections and initiatives. All CRISP fellows find the programme eye-opening and of great value in terms of their professional and personal development; and for many it is simply transformative.

Richard Briant
Associate Fellow, Saïd Business School, University of Oxford



KAGISO MADIBANA

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR, ACADEMIC AND AUTHOR

A leader in social entrepreneurship, Kagiso is fulfilling her drive to inspire change in her current role as Gender and Communications Analyst for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The UNDP helps countries to develop policies, leadership skills, institutional capabilities, and build resilience in order to sustain development results.

This role builds on Kagiso's many, many achievements.

Kagiso founded Nayang Association in 2014. This organisation aims to reform the lives of under-privileged youth in remote areas of Botswana. Its goal is to donate towards, support and implement sustainable development projects. Kagiso remains chairperson of this organisation and has an active role as a mentor for their 'Now for them' programme, providing a source of professional inspiration and guidance to secondary school children.

Kagiso's determination to inspire change has been recognised. In 2015, she was first runner up in a national literary award; in 2016 she was selected as a Top 30 under 30 inspirational youth in Botswana; and in 2017 she was selected as Botswana's representative at the African Union's Youth & Gender summit.

Kagiso believes that Chevening instils inspiration amongst young, ambitious Botswanans and that her scholarship and time in the UK will continue to drive and impact her career.



The MA that Chevening funded opened doors for my professional growth and personal development. Chevening exposed me to what the world has to offer in terms of different life experiences and networking opportunities with people from different races, countries, and backgrounds. The networking sessions arranged by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office helped build my confidence and I made connections with young professionals in my field of interest from different countries.



CLASS OF: 2011

FROM: BOTSWANA

STUDIED: MA JOURNALISM, MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS AT CARDIFF UNIVERSITY

DRIVERS FOR CHANGE

Chevening Awardees are selected on their promise and potential to instigate positive change. As alumni they do not fail to deliver this.

Their time in the UK introduces them to an extensive network of others seeking to make positive changes and their degrees give them the skills to do this.

Our alumni stories evidence exactly how this aim for change is being realised. Their stories tell how they are transforming enterprises, education, and development policies around the world.

2005 KENYA FATUMA ABDULKADIR ADAN Founder and Head of Horn of Africa Development Initiative (HODI) Mission: To promote peacebuilding and counter extremism among young people through sport.	2008 CHILE JUAN PABLO LARENAS Co-Founder and Executive Director of Sistema B Mission: To promote forms of economic organisation that can be measured based on the well-being of people, societies, and the planet.	2009 NEPAL SUBINDRA BOGATI Founder and Chief Executive of the Nepal Peacebuilding Initiative Mission: To enhance local input on security and development interventions and strengthen the capacity of societies to build durable peace.	2013 UKRAINE ROMAN FISHCHUK CEO and Founder of the Training and Practice Hearing Centre, Ivano-Frankivsk National Medical University and Head of clinical trials department, Ivano-Frankivsk central city clinical hospital Mission: To provide high quality medical care to children and adults, free of charge.	2015 MONGOLIA KHONGORZUL (ZOLA) AMARSANAA Founder and Head of Beautiful Hearts Against Sexual Violence Mission: To advocate, prevent, and protect women and children from all forms of violence through advocacy, psychological services, capacity-building, and raising awareness.
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Freshta Karim (2016)

Founder and director of a mobile library called Charmaghz in Afghanistan. Freshta and her team are helping bring the joy of reading and spirit of critical thinking to hundreds of children around Kabul city.



OUR PARTNERS

It is not just those who have studied in the UK who form the Chevening network. We also collaborate with an extensive and diverse range of partner organisations who support our mission.

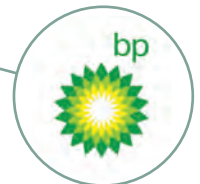
For 35 years, Chevening and all of our partners have helped to build bridges with more than 160 different countries and territories, supporting the education and development of future leaders, influencers, and decision-makers across the world.

Our partners range from universities to global corporations, charities, foundations, and local businesses.

All of our partners understand the power of education and the value of investing in future global leaders who will develop a lifelong connection to the UK.

Our partners add value to the Chevening programme by engaging with the scholars on their award and enriching their experience of the UK by offering insight into their industry and business.

We are grateful to all our partners for their support. Their commitment to Chevening enables us to offer scholarships to more future leaders, to extend our impact, and to work together to be a dynamic and life-changing global awards programme.



Over the past two years, Chevening has been supported by a total of 241 partners offering an additional 1,229 awards

LUAN NGUYEN SUSTAINING PARTNER'S INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION

I was honoured to not only receive a Chevening Scholarship, but to also be sponsored by Prudential. Prudential is one of Chevening's oldest standing partners and through their community investment initiative, Prudence Foundation, they co-fund Chevening Scholars across Asia.

The Prudence Foundation focuses on improving education as a means to provide people with the skills and knowledge needed for success, so they in turn contribute to the development of their communities. Being sponsored by Prudential increased my awareness of the impressive education outreach work they do across Asia and inspired me to give back to my local community, something I can proudly say I do every day in my current role working at an innovative education start-up.

Studying in the UK has given me a chance to better myself and it has enabled me to reach my career goal of working in education. The education start-up, Everest Education, where I am a learning advisor aims to transform education in Vietnam by personalising learning and challenging students to dream big and pursue their goals.

I am so grateful to Chevening and Prudential for granting me the opportunity to study in the UK, it has helped me secure a job I'm passionate about, opened up a huge network of global support, provided me with fond memories of British culture and has ultimately inspired me to inspire others.

CLASS OF: 2016

FROM: VIETNAM

STUDIED: MSC
EDUCATIONAL
STUDIES AT THE
UNIVERSITY
OF GLASGOW



Education is one of the key areas of focus of Prudence Foundation as we recognise the vital role it plays in making communities more resilient and empowering people. Our support for the Chevening Scholarships helps put this commitment to action.

**Marc Fancy, Executive Director
of Prudence Foundation**



TRANSFORMING THE FUTURE

We live in an increasingly globalised and connected world. Networks, friendships, and collaborations are vital to achieving global stability, prosperity, and developments. Chevening will support this by continuing to bring the world's most exceptional individuals together through education and building these international bridges.

The future will bring new global challenges to overcome, problems to solve, and opportunities to seize. These new challenges and opportunities will require new thinking from tomorrow's leaders and Chevening will continue to provide the platform for these leaders to develop and connect.

Our international network will continue to work across borders and with the UK, through our embassies and high commissions, to develop new solutions, build diplomatic links, and drive development in their own communities and around the world.

Our aim is for the Chevening network to continue to grow, and that our 50,000 strong alumni network will double in size and influence.

Our ambition is that our partners and supporters remain invested in Chevening and help us to ensure our impressive network spans multiple generations around the globe.

We want to keep investing in the leaders of tomorrow: leaders who will transform the future.

