



A vibrant new quarter for the modern Commonwealth of Nations in the Royal Borough of Greenwich



Collective and connected capability

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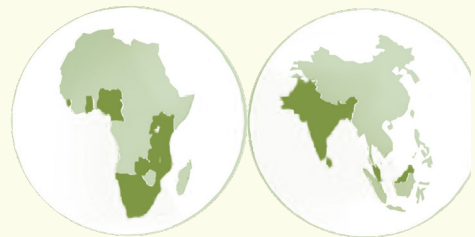
Properly connected, the family of 56 Commonwealth Nations and its global diaspora have amazing potential for global good ...



20 % of the World's nations



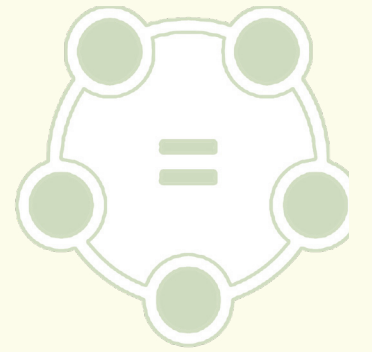
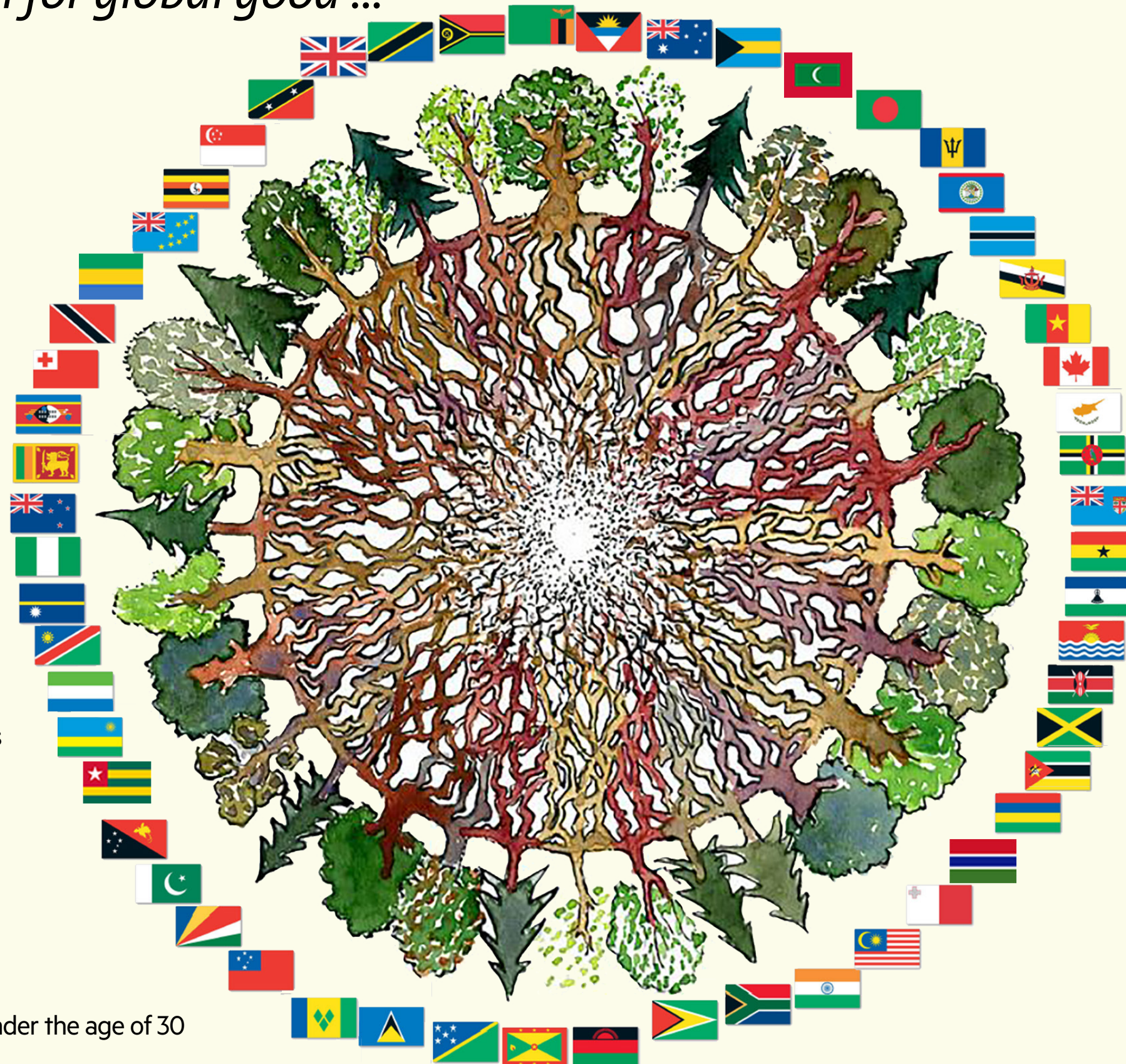
> 30 % of the global population



Many Commonwealth countries are particularly vulnerable to climate change



70 % of Commonwealth citizens under the age of 30



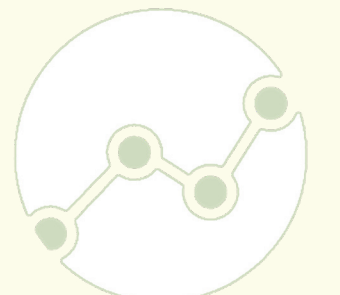
Shared values



Diaspora of Commonwealth citizens



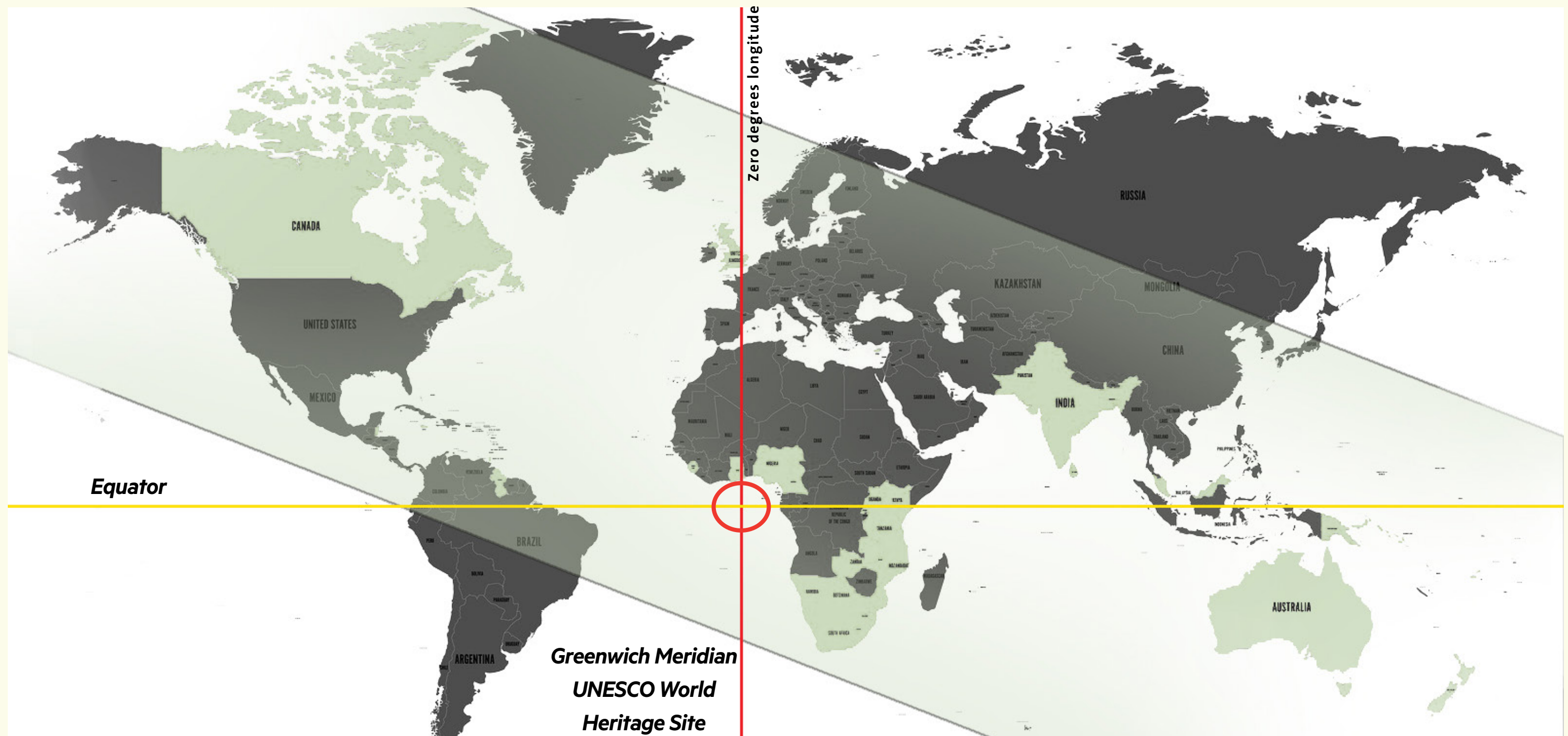
Significant share of global biodiversity



20 % of global trade

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There is a vital role for the Commonwealth as a leader in confronting current existential challenges

BIODIVERSITY EXTINCTION

UNSUSTAINABLE USE OF NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES

RISING SEA LEVELS

CLIMATE CRISIS

ENVIRONMENT ON THE BRINK

WATER WARS

AUTHORITARIANISM

POPULISM

HUMAN SECURITY CRISIS

FOOD SECURITY CHALLENGE

RISING SOCIETAL TENSIONS
GEOPOLITICAL INSTABILITY



The people's
Commonwealth helping
deliver the UN's Sustainable
Development Goals

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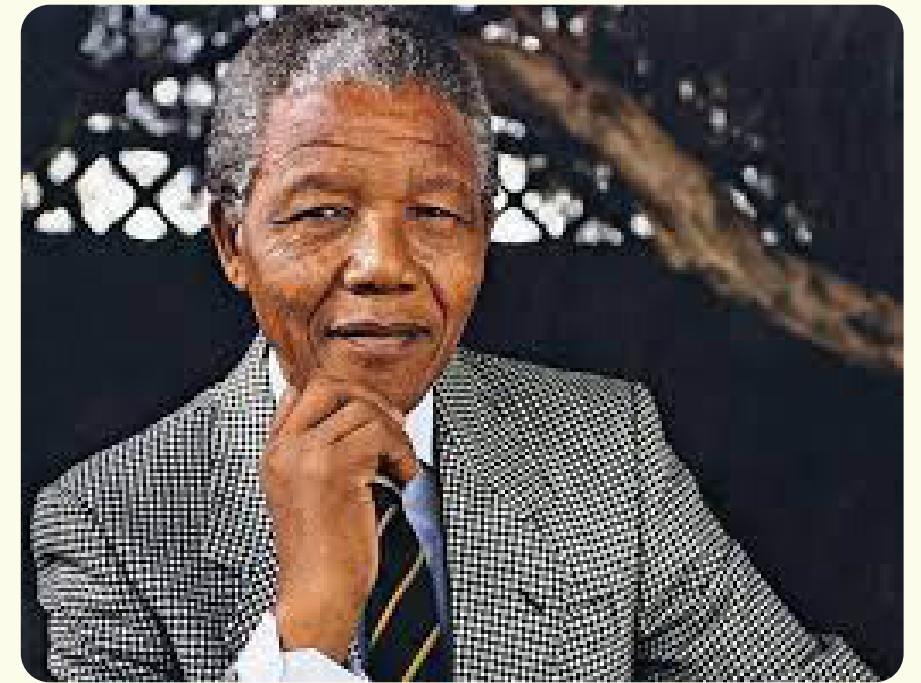
Whatever our goals - the key challenge facing all nations is for the World's diverse peoples and cultures to better understand one another and achieve global cooperation to tackle current existential threats

A firm foundation to build upon

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*The Commonwealth makes the world a safer place
for diversity to flourish*

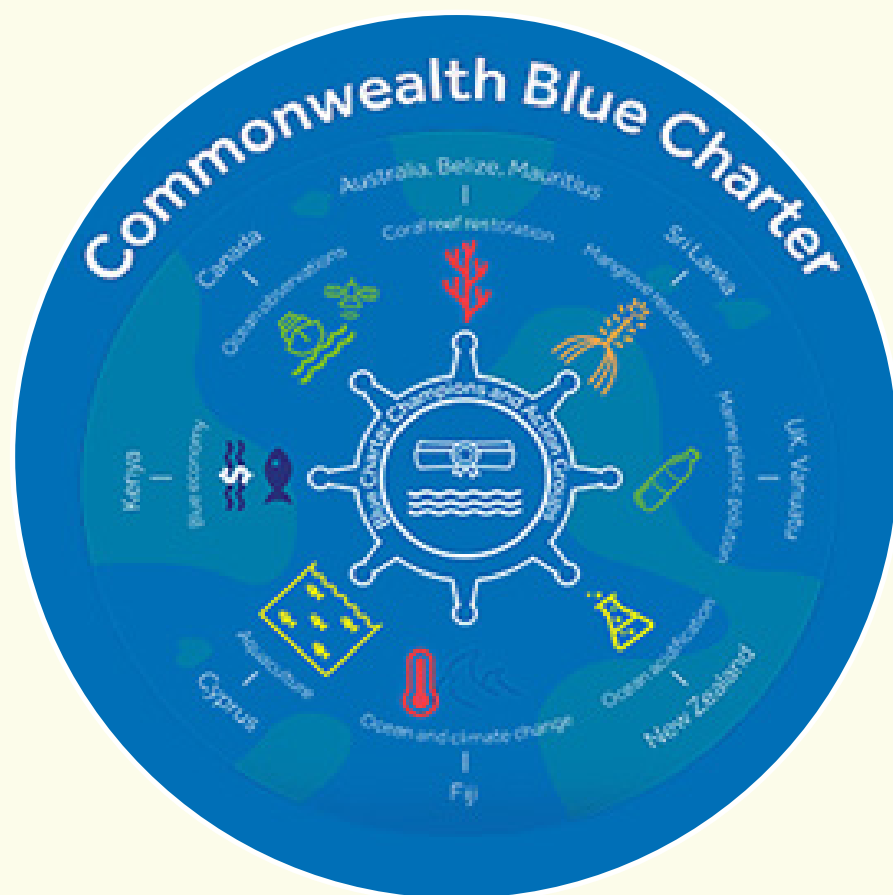
Nelson Mandela (1990)



The Commonwealth ended apartheid.

It stands for freedom and justice across the world.

It has created visionary charters and environmental initiatives...



But now we need a collective and concerted drive for further action ..

Closure of important Commonwealth institutions in London

...far from advancing, we have been closing facilities down, thereby reducing the influence of the Commonwealth...



Commonwealth Institute,
High Street Kensington, London...
Now 'The Design Museum'

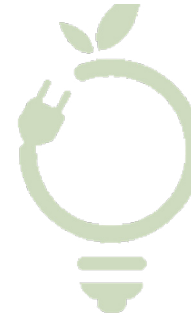


Commonwealth Club
Northumberland Avenue...
Now closed

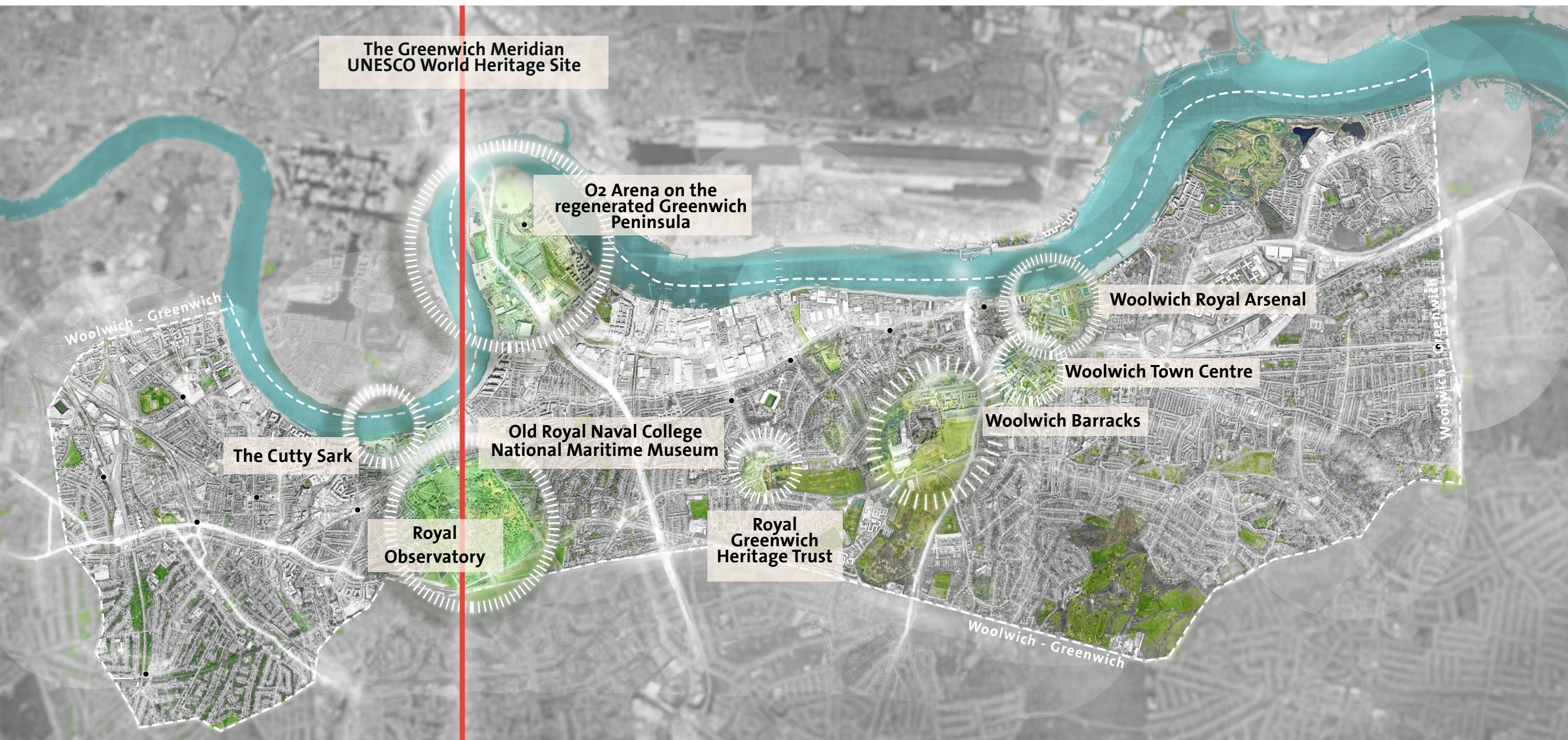
Why the Royal Borough of Greenwich?



1. The Greenwich meridian is the symbolic “home of time” and a global geomarker
2. Greenwich has a long history of global connections through trade
3. The 6 million British citizens of Commonwealth descent in the UK and the cultural diversity of this diaspora are well-represented in Greenwich



4. Greenwich embraces progressive ecological urbanism and Smart City technologies, that need to spread globally
5. The Local Authority and Greenwich University both strongly support the Royal Commonwealth Quarter concept





Could Woolwich Riverside
provide a home for a new
Commonwealth Quarter
in the UK?

A phased approach along a new 'Commonwealth Corridor' in Woolwich

Potential:

Phase 1

a new Commonwealth Quarter founded at Woolwich Riverside

Phase 2

integration with the redevelopment plans for Woolwich Town Centre

Phase 3

inspiring the repurposing of Woolwich Barracks



Sustainable access

1. Thames arrival by low-energy vessels and tall ships
2. The Elizabeth Line at Woolwich Station and Uber Clipper Pier provide excellent connectivity



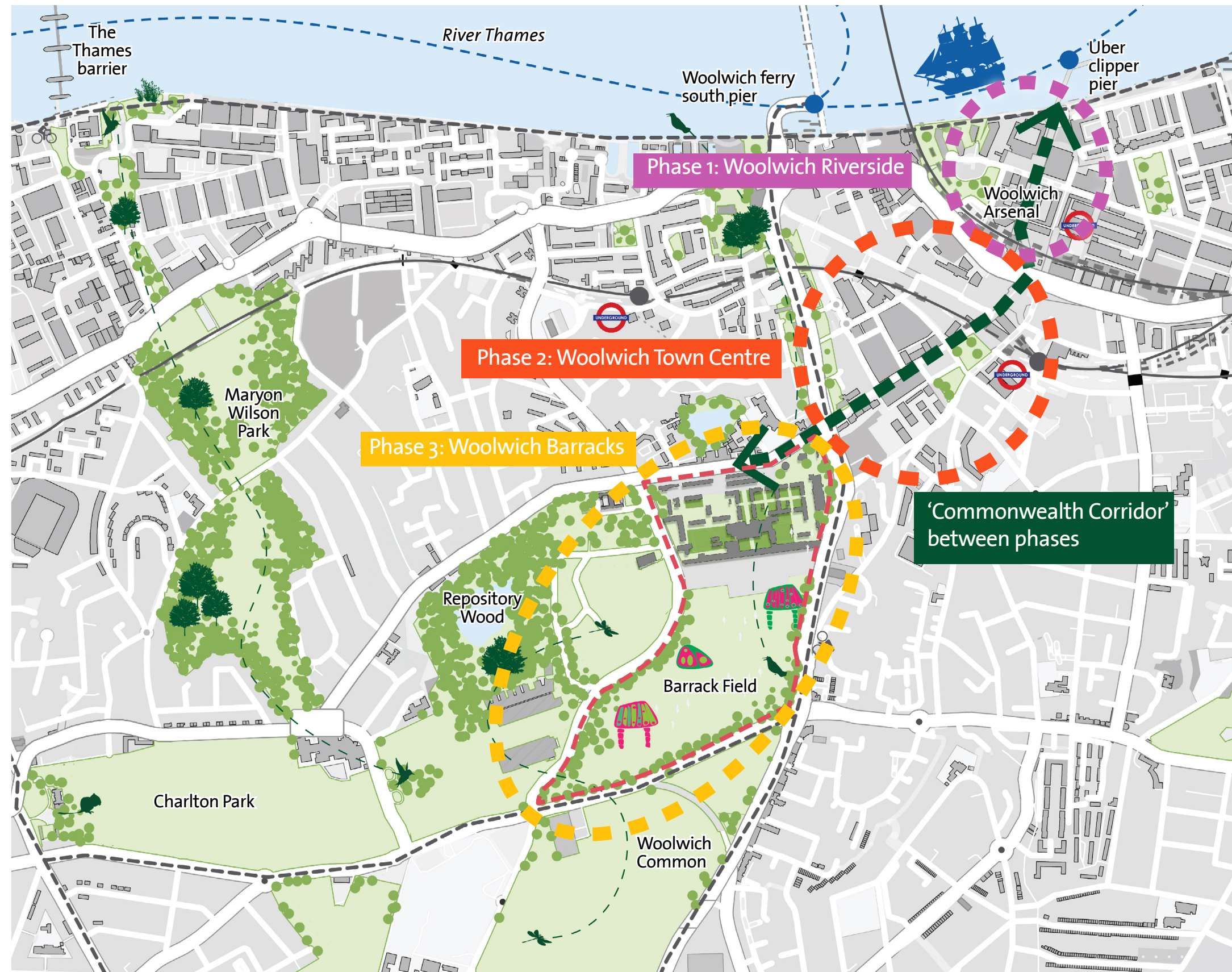
Great facilities

4. Heritage buildings could help replace lost Commonwealth infrastructure
5. Large, flexible green space for temporary installations (Barrack Field)



Green Infrastructure & Sustainability

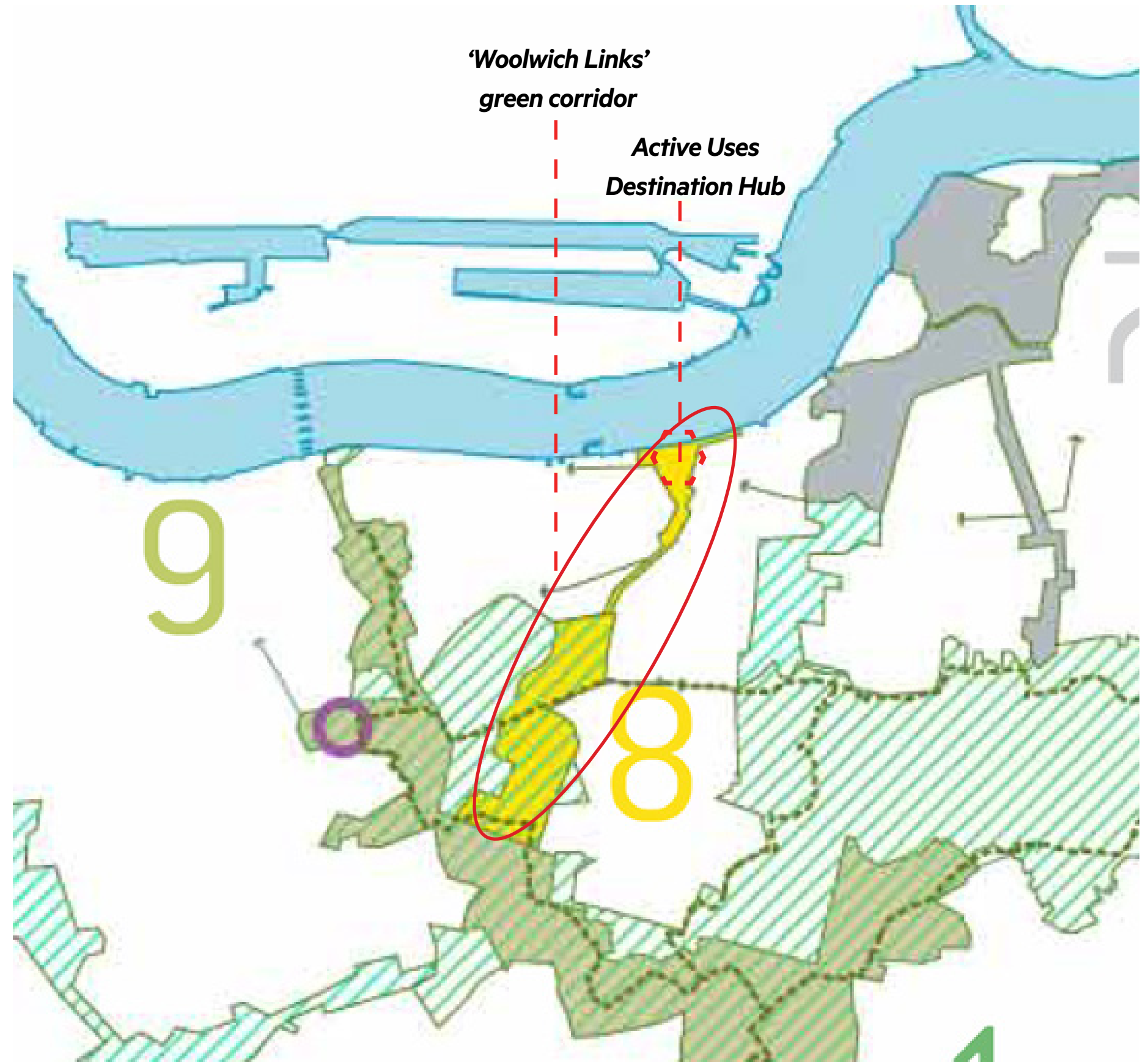
6. Opportunity to provide a unique new vibrant and important character to Woolwich Town Centre, linking between the Arsenal and the Barracks



Opportunities to facilitate implementation of the Green Grid vision

Towards a masterplan for a 'Commonwealth Quarter landscape' that helps to further visually define the quarter

1. The proposed Commonwealth Quarter area lies along the 'Woolwich Links' component of *South East London Green Chain Plus* area of the *All London Green Grid*, linking Woolwich Riverside to the key *Green Chain* sites of Woolwich Barracks and Common
2. Development of the Commonwealth Quarter could help to fund green grid implementation and enhancements
3. A bespoke landscape design could help bring an overall coherence and identity to the Commonwealth Quarter
4. Integrated nature-based solutions would also help to future-proof the Commonwealth Quarter against climate change
5. The Commonwealth Quarter would help to promote important active uses at the 'destination point' where the Royal Arsenal meets the Thames, in line with planning policy



The vision is both *physical* and *virtual*

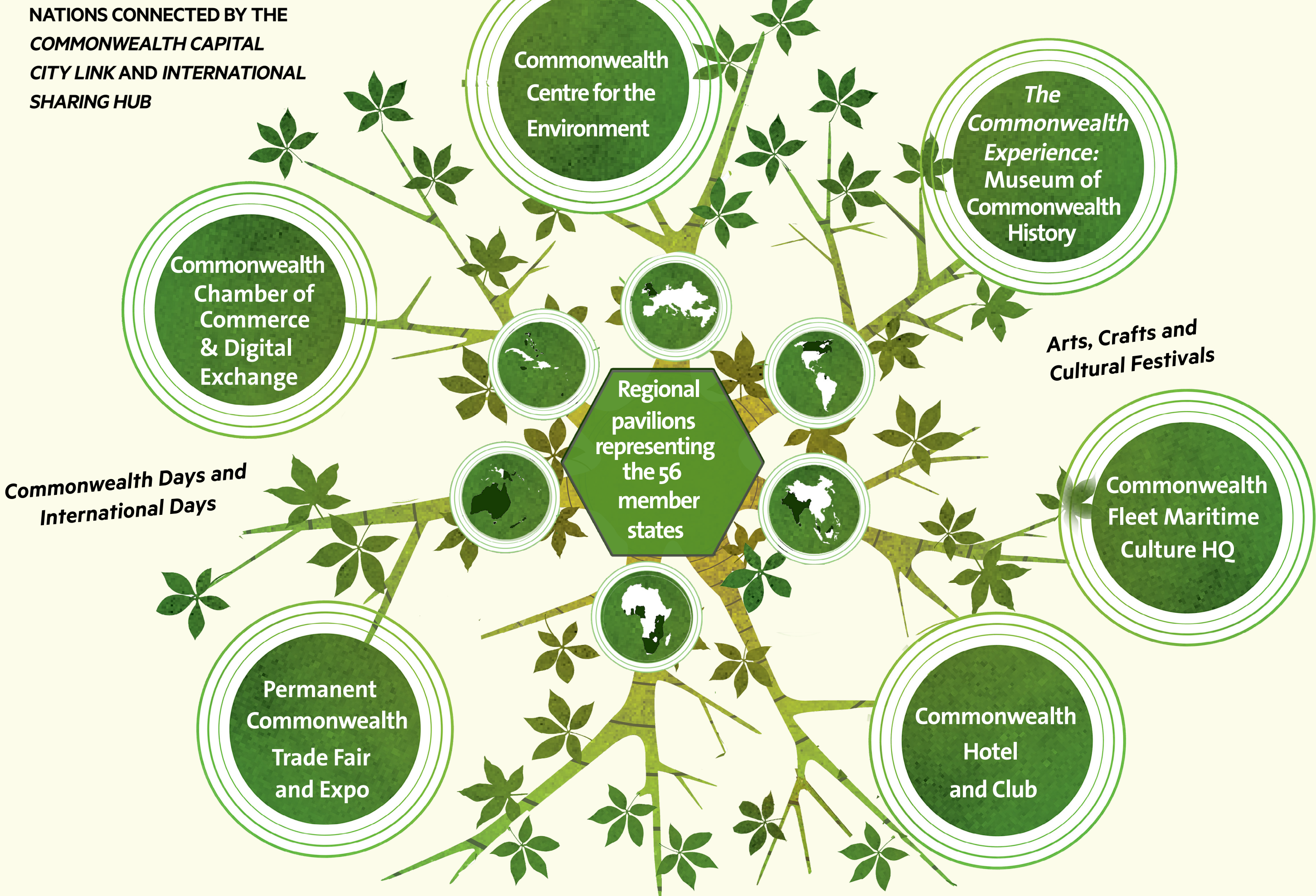
PHYSICAL

To replace lost Commonwealth infrastructure with new and exciting facilities in the UK as a catalytic hub to be replicated across all Commonwealth regions

VIRTUAL

A new digital exchange and trading platform to enhance the Commonwealth mercantile network and develop the Commonwealth's creative economy through cross-cultural interaction

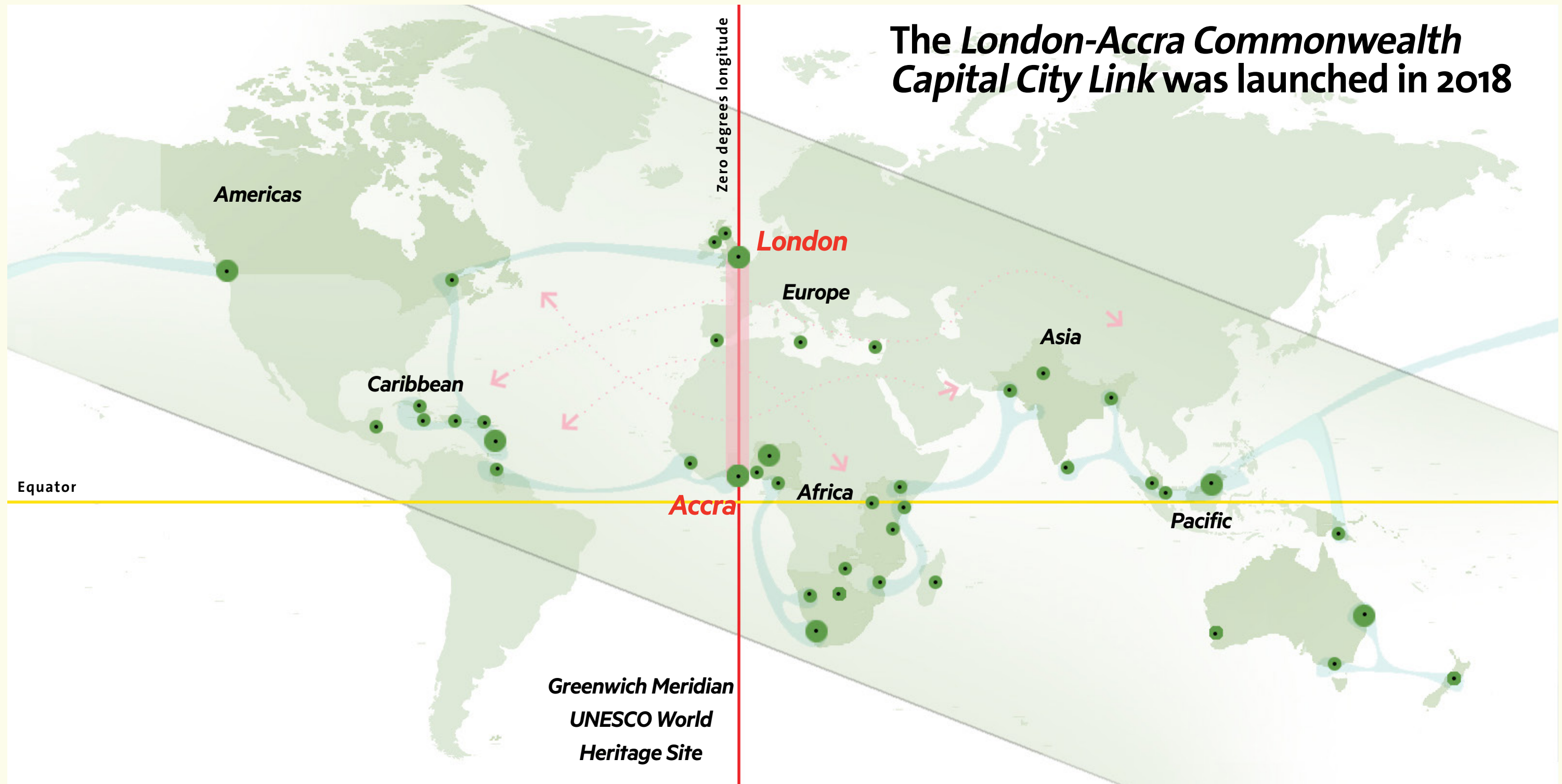
A Vision for the new Commonwealth Quarter and global network



An reinvigorated network of Commonwealth nations

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... catalyzed from the meridian, the capital city links between Commonwealth nations would be strengthened and, in time, mirror hubs created in different Commonwealth regions



75th anniversary of the Modern Commonwealth:
Celebrations in Hong Kong in May 2023



Commonwealth initiative against
marine plastics



Commonwealth Games
- Birmingham 2022



**Building on a history of success and
positivity to super-charge the global
Commonwealth network**



Drumming for peace opens the
Commonwealth business festival 2024



Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC - Commonwealth Secretary General - launches the 2024
Commonwealth Faith Festival with its Founder, Sir David Khalili



Delegates attending the inaugural
Commonwealth Ocean Ministers Meeting in
the Republic of Cyprus - April 2024

A vision from:

Lady Dentaa Amoetang
MBE

CEO of Grow Unite Build Africa



Hari Om Dayaha

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Andrew Grant RDI

World-renowned urban and
landscape designer



Mike Wells RDI

Environmental Advisor to the Hong
Kong Commonwealth Chamber of
Commerce





Thank you for reviewing our vision:

*the resurgent family of Commonwealth nations working
together for freedom, democracy and the delivery of the
Sustainable Development Goals by 2030*