

**CALC Strategic Planning Survey  
  
Introduction**

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This survey is to help guide how CALC should develop as an organisation in the future to better serve its members.  
  
It is to get information, from CALC members and external stakeholders, on CALC’s role and opportunities for future development.  
  
All questions are optional. Age and gender information is sought to help CALC support diversity.  
  
Information supplied will be used only for CALC’s strategic planning purposes. It will not be shared outside CALC in a way that would identify you or your organisation.  
  
Personal identifying data supplied will help us in planning. It will be destroyed after the plan is finalised.  
  
**Please submit your response by 27 September 2021.**

1. Who am I?

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Name

Email

Organisation I work for

Position in organisation

Gender

2. Age range

Under 25 years

25 to 45 years

46 to 65 years

66 years old or older

3. Do I belong to CALC?

Yes

No

4. Do I belong to any other law-related organisations, eg Commonwealth Secretariat (CommSec), Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA), International Association of Legislation (IAL), Australian Society for Computers & Law (AUSCL)?

Yes

No

If Yes, which organisations?

**About my CALC membership/stakeholder organisation**

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5. Type of CALC member (select all that apply - for CALC members only):

Full

Associate

Drafter of legislation

Editor or translator of draft legislation

Trainer of people as drafters of legislation

6. As a CALC member, my CALC region is (select one - for CALC members only):

Africa

Americas

Asia

Australasia and the Pacific

Europe

7. Do I consider there are any particular issues or challenges facing my region that CALC should address (for CALC members only)?

Yes

No

If so, they are:

8. Stakeholder organisation: Although not a CALC member, I interact with CALC through:



9. **Are CALC’s objects appropriate?**  
  
CALC’s current objects, as [set out in its constitution](https://www.calc.ngo/sites/default/files/documents/CALC_Constitution%20%282%20April%202019%29_0.pdf), are below. Its most important current objects are (select all that apply):

co-operation on matters of common interest among legislative drafters:

co-operation on matters of common interest among legislative editors or translators:

co-operation on matters of common interest among trainers of legislative drafters:

public awareness of, or information on, legislative drafting and legislative drafters’ role:

use of effective legislative drafting practices and techniques.

10. **Are CALC’s general activities appropriate?**  
CALC’s most important current activity(ies) is or are (select all that apply):

sharing of information and assistance on preparing, enacting, and publishing legislation

sharing of information on recruitment, training, and retention, of legislative drafters

encouraging sharing of comparative legal materials and precedents

co-operating with appropriate organisations on matters of common interest.

CALC should also consider doing the following other activities:

11. **What current challenges matter most for CALC?**  
  
The most important current challenge(s) for CALC is or are (select all that apply):

responses to pandemics

responses to climate change:

technology (eg, drafting and publication tools, automated decision making, Rules as Code)

as lawyers, maintaining the Rule of Law, and addressing other Rule of Law issues

working with others to produce high-quality legislation (including editing and translation).

Other important current challenges CALC should also consider are the following:

**Are CALC’s conferences and webinars appropriate?**

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12. How useful are CALC webinars (eg, of main or regional events, with recordings available later)?

| 1 = not useful | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 = very useful |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 = not useful | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 = very useful |

Any comments on why useful or not?

13. How useful is CALC information on non-CALC webinars of interest to CALC members?

| 1 = not useful | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 = very useful |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 = not useful | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 = very useful |

Any comments on why useful or not?

14. If an in-person main CALC Conference is held in the Bahamas in 2022, I would value

|  | 1 = not much | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 = very highly |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| attending in person (instead of by live webinar, or by recordings available later) | attending in person (instead of by live webinar, or by recordings available later) 1 = not much | attending in person (instead of by live webinar, or by recordings available later) 2 | attending in person (instead of by live webinar, or by recordings available later) 3 | attending in person (instead of by live webinar, or by recordings available later) 4 | attending in person (instead of by live webinar, or by recordings available later) 5 = very highly |
| attending remotely via live webinar | attending remotely via live webinar 1 = not much | attending remotely via live webinar 2 | attending remotely via live webinar 3 | attending remotely via live webinar 4 | attending remotely via live webinar 5 = very highly |
| viewing recordings made available afterwards | viewing recordings made available afterwards 1 = not much | viewing recordings made available afterwards 2 | viewing recordings made available afterwards 3 | viewing recordings made available afterwards 4 | viewing recordings made available afterwards 5 = very highly |
| linking with the CLA’s Commonwealth Law Conference (for in-person attendance at both) | linking with the CLA’s Commonwealth Law Conference (for in-person attendance at both) 1 = not much | linking with the CLA’s Commonwealth Law Conference (for in-person attendance at both) 2 | linking with the CLA’s Commonwealth Law Conference (for in-person attendance at both) 3 | linking with the CLA’s Commonwealth Law Conference (for in-person attendance at both) 4 | linking with the CLA’s Commonwealth Law Conference (for in-person attendance at both) 5 = very highly |

15. These topics are of most interest or use (select all that apply)

role of legislative counsel

diversity and (in)equality (eg, age, gender, race, religious belief, sexual orientation, disability)

drafting techniques (eg, plain language) and theory (eg, skills-based training)

training of drafters

technology (eg, drafting and publication tools, automated decision making, Rules as Code)

publication of legislation

editing or translation of legislation

multi-lingual legislation

rewriting and updating, revision, or consolidation, of legislation

legislative case studies (eg, emergencies, large or complex Bills, model laws)

law drafting office administration and processes

statutory interpretation, including with judge-made law

constitutional law, especially law or practice related to human rights or legislative procedure

legislation about legislation (eg, drafting, publication, interpretation, general clauses)

organisation of statute book (legislation in force)

judicial or law reformers’ viewpoints on legislation and legislative drafting

legislation-related history, personalia, or literature (eg, textbooks, articles, book reviews)

Other important topics or presenters CALC should also consider are the following:

**Publications, resources, and other communications**

How much do I value these resources, and what if any suggestions do I have to improve them ?

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16. [CALC website](http://www.calc.ngo/) (eg, webinar recordings, COVID-19 page, drafting resources page, employment and contract drafters page, drafter training page, RSS feed updates)

| 1 = not much | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 = very highly |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 = not much | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 = very highly |
| What suggestions do I have to improve it? | | | | |

17. *The Loophole*

| 1 = not much | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 = very highly |
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| 1 = not much | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 = very highly |
| What suggestions do I have to improve it? | | | | |

18. *CALC Newsletter*

| 1 = not much | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 = very highly |
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| 1 = not much | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 = very highly |
| What suggestions do I have to improve it? | | | | |

19. Email updates from CALC’s President or Secretary

| 1 = not much | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 = very highly |
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| 1 = not much | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 = very highly |
| What suggestions do I have to improve it? | | | | |

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**Relationships with other organisations**

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20. How much do I value CALC’s co-operating with the following on matters of common interest?

|  | 1 = not much | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 = very highly |
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| **Commonwealth Secretariat** (CommSec) | **Commonwealth Secretariat** (CommSec) 1 = not much | **Commonwealth Secretariat** (CommSec) 2 | **Commonwealth Secretariat** (CommSec) 3 | **Commonwealth Secretariat** (CommSec) 4 | **Commonwealth Secretariat** (CommSec) 5 = very highly |
| What suggestions do I have to improve this cooperation? | | | | | |
| **Commonwealth Lawyers Association** (CLA) | **Commonwealth Lawyers Association** (CLA) 1 = not much | **Commonwealth Lawyers Association** (CLA) 2 | **Commonwealth Lawyers Association** (CLA) 3 | **Commonwealth Lawyers Association** (CLA) 4 | **Commonwealth Lawyers Association** (CLA) 5 = very highly |
| What suggestions do I have to improve this cooperation? | | | | | |
| **Commonwealth Association of Law Reform Agencies** (CALRAs) | **Commonwealth Association of Law Reform Agencies** (CALRAs) 1 = not much | **Commonwealth Association of Law Reform Agencies** (CALRAs) 2 | **Commonwealth Association of Law Reform Agencies** (CALRAs) 3 | **Commonwealth Association of Law Reform Agencies** (CALRAs) 4 | **Commonwealth Association of Law Reform Agencies** (CALRAs) 5 = very highly |
| What suggestions do I have to improve this cooperation? | | | | | |
| **International Association of Legislation** (IAL) | **International Association of Legislation** (IAL) 1 = not much | **International Association of Legislation** (IAL) 2 | **International Association of Legislation** (IAL) 3 | **International Association of Legislation** (IAL) 4 | **International Association of Legislation** (IAL) 5 = very highly |
| What suggestions do I have to improve this cooperation? | | | | | |
| **Australian Society for Computers & Law** (AUSCL) | **Australian Society for Computers & Law** (AUSCL) 1 = not much | **Australian Society for Computers & Law** (AUSCL) 2 | **Australian Society for Computers & Law** (AUSCL) 3 | **Australian Society for Computers & Law** (AUSCL) 4 | **Australian Society for Computers & Law** (AUSCL) 5 = very highly |
| What suggestions do I have to improve this cooperation? | | | | | |

21. Are there any other organisations that CALC should develop a closer relationship with?



**And finally**

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22. Have you any other comments on or ideas on how CALC should develop in the future?



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END OF SURVEY – Thank you for your responses – please save the completed document and email it to [Ross.Carter@pco.govt.nz](mailto:Ross.Carter@pco.govt.nz).