

ROYAL ACCOLADE

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Global Excellence at the House of Lords

A triumph of world excellence
sets history aglow.

ARICEMS 2026 Cambridge

In ancient halls of
timeless thought,
bright minds of
research meet,
To chart the frontier's
edge where human
breakthrough is
complete.

Cambridge Honorary Professorships

A crown of intellect
bestowed where
silver rivers wind,
Honoring the master
minds who elevate
mankind.

Honoris Causa Distinctions

For lifetime deeds
and visionary goals
that transform earth,
Distinction marks
the standard of true
dedicated worth.

Limpopo: Empowering the Next Generation

Where fertile soil
meets rising minds,
a vibrant future starts,
EMF & LISD Stand
together with
steadfast hearts

Go Green Globe

A promise sworn
in leafy gold to
shield our fragile
sphere,
Healing the Earth
with conscious
steps through
every passing year.

The Royal Club Membership

An inner realm
of prestige, where
noble visions blend,
Connecting legendary
souls whose impacts
never end

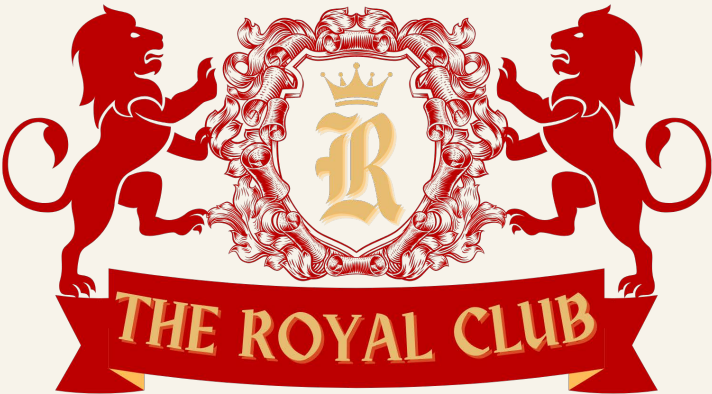


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Recognition With Responsibility

Editor's Note

Exploring New Horizons in Sustainable Leadership



ROYAL ACCOLADE | 2026 THE ROYAL CLUB U.K. •
The Royal Club U.K. is entering an inspiring new chapter—one that reaches beyond conventional recognition to embrace purposeful leadership, collective responsibility and measurable global impact.

While honouring exceptional individuals and institutions remains central to our mission, we are expanding our horizons through visionary initiatives such as the Global Leadership Roundtable on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals at Harvard University and The Leadership Circle. These platforms will bring together influential leaders, experts and changemakers to examine the world's most pressing challenges and develop practical, collaborative solutions.

The 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals identify 17 vital areas in which leadership, innovation and coordinated action are urgently required. From quality education, public health and environmental protection to equality, responsible economic growth and stronger communities, every goal presents an opportunity to transform commitment into meaningful progress.

The Royal Club believes that sustainability must not remain confined to environmental discussions or institutional policies. It must become the guiding principle within every aspect of life—business, education, technology, governance, healthcare, society and community development.

As we explore these new horizons, our purpose is clear: to move from recognition to responsibility, from dialogue to action, and from individual achievement to collective impact.

We invite our members, partners and global leaders to join us in shaping a future where sustainable leadership is not simply celebrated, but actively practised—and where every achievement contributes to a better world.

Kind Regards,
Dr. *Mariya HN.*

Empowering the Next Generation

Workplace Readiness & Entrepreneurship • Polkwane • 26 June 2026



ROYAL ACCOLADE | 2026 THE ROYAL CLUB U.K. • LEADERSHIP • EXCELLENCE • IMPACT Empowering Limpopo's Next Generation London Institute of Skills Development and the Enock Mathebula Foundation Deliver a Transformative Youth Development Workshop in South Africa Polokwane, Limpopo | 26 June 2026 In a significant commitment to youth empowerment, employability and inclusive economic participation, the London Institute of Skills Development (LISD), United Kingdom, and the Enock Mathebula Foundation (EMF) successfully delivered the first cohort of the Young Professionals Development Workshop in Polokwane, Limpopo, South Africa, on 26 June 2026, titled Workplace Readiness & Entrepreneurship. Organised under the Limpopo Youth Skills Development Programme (LYSDP), an initiative of ENOCK MATHEBULA FOUNDATION (EMF) SOUTH AFRICA, the workshop brought a practical and future-focused learning experience directly to young people from across Limpopo Province. It was designed particularly for unemployed young adults aged 18–35, with priority given to participants from rural and semi-urban communities where access to professional development opportunities can often be limited. The timing of the workshop during South Africa's Youth Month was both intentional and deeply meaningful. Youth Month provides an important national platform for recognising the aspirations, challenges and potential of young South Africans. Expert-Led and Interactive Learning The training was delivered in person through interactive sessions led by experienced LISD facilitators, supported by a guest-speaker contribution by Dr. (H.C) Enock Mathebula.

The format encouraged active participation, reflection and the practical application of knowledge. Dr Cheryl Reilander, an accomplished academic and professional with a Doctor of Philosophy in Management, contributed expertise across workplace safety management, curriculum development, higher education and leadership development. Her multidisciplinary experience supported the programme's emphasis on professionalism, responsible workplace behaviour and personal development. Dr Elriza Esterhuyzen, who holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Business Management, brought extensive knowledge of entrepreneurship, small-business management, research supervision, and occupational safety and health. Her contribution helped participants understand how entrepreneurial thinking, informed decision-making and professional discipline can work together to support sustainable career development. The facilitators created an encouraging learning environment in which participants could engage openly, ask questions and connect the workshop content with the realities of their own lives and communities.



Applied Research International Conference 2026

Brings Global Research and Innovation to Cambridge

International delegates gathered in Cambridge for interdisciplinary knowledge exchange.

Education • Technology • Multidisciplinary Studies • Information Sciences



ROYAL ACCOLADE | 2026 THE ROYAL CLUB U.K. • LEADERSHIP • EXCELLENCE • IMPACT scholarly feedback, question-and-answer sessions, interdisciplinary discussions and opportunities to establish connections between academia and industry. Hosted within Cambridge's world-renowned academic environment, ARICEMS 2026 successfully advanced international knowledge exchange, strengthened the relationship between research and professional practice, and encouraged collaborative solutions to emerging educational, technological and societal challenges. Conference information: *ARICEMS 2026 Cambridge* Seasoned Executives Champion Sustainable Development at Cambridge A distinguished group of seasoned executives and professionals delivered insightful lectures at the University of Cambridge,



Recognition Beyond the Borders -

Honorary Doctorate based over Recognised Prior Learning (RPL)



A practical investment in human potential, employability and inclusive participation.

A significant part of the occasion was dedicated to the conferment and celebration of Honoris Causa distinctions.

In this programme, H.C. signifies Honoris Causa or Honorary Doctorate. These distinctions were conferred by the London Institute of Skills Development, United Kingdom, and endorsed by The Royal Club U.K., following the applicable profile assessment and recognition procedures.

Dr (H.C.) Jeremia Josias Venter received an Honorary Doctorate in Science in Primatology, recognising his longstanding contribution to wildlife management, primatology, biodiversity, professional training and responsible environmental practice.

His career reflects an enduring commitment to the protection and scientific understanding of primates, as well as to the education and development of individuals working within wildlife and environmental disciplines.

Dr (H.C.) Toh Sek Cheong was conferred an Honoris Causa in Bio-Identical Hormone Medicine. A recognised pioneer of bio-identical hormone practice in Malaysia and Southeast Asia, Dr Toh has contributed decades of professional experience to clinical interpretation, medical education and physician development.

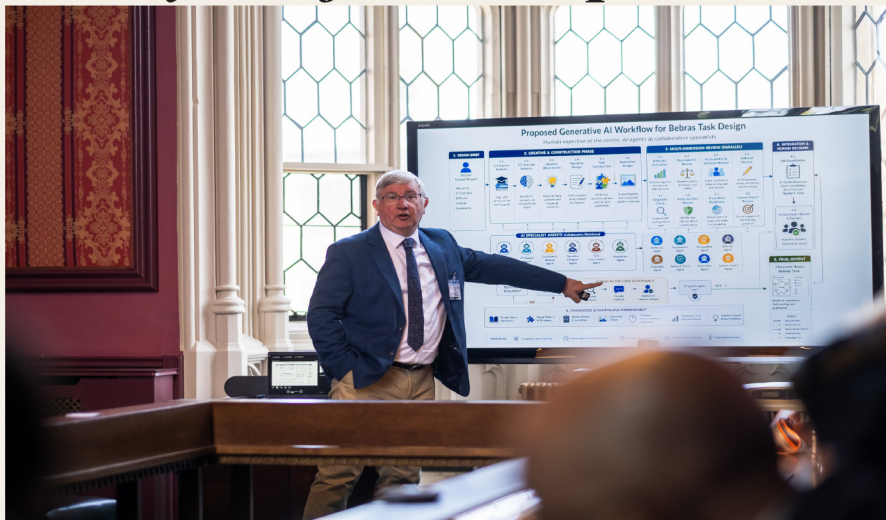
Dr (H.C.) Flavia Popescu received an Honorary Doctorate in Science—Engineering Sciences. A highly accomplished engineering and programme-delivery professional, Dr Popescu has built a distinguished career encompassing programme controls, digital transformation, artificial intelligence, engineering leadership and Net Zero development.

Dr (H.C.) Nurzarimah Jamil received an Honorary Doctorate in Humanities in English Language. Her career in higher education has included English-language teaching, student affairs, academic development and institutional leadership, reflecting a sustained commitment to education and student advancement.

Dr (H.C.) Sareh Nikfar was conferred an Honoris Causa in Social Work, recognising her work across social care, refugee assistance, interpretation, community support and humanitarian service. Her professional journey represents resilience, compassion and a continuing commitment to supporting vulnerable individuals and communities.



Seasoned Executives Champion Sustainable Development - *Honorary Professorships*



On 20th July, distinguished professionals, delivered lectures at the University of Cambridge and were subsequently awarded **Honorary Professorships** in recognition of their professional expertise, academic contribution and leadership within their respective fields. Prof (H) Andrew Paul Csizmadia, Prof. Dr (H.C) Lady Astrid Arens, Prof. Dr (H.C) Erik Moskwa, Prof. Dr (H.C) Billy Tang and Prof. Dr (H.C) Irene Khajalia were among the seasoned professionals.



An Evening of Distinction

ROYAL ACCOLADE | 2026 THE ROYAL CLUB U.K. LEADERSHIP • EXCELLENCE • IMPACT Global Excellence= Celebrated at the House of Lords The King's Awards for Excellence 2026 Unite Distinguished Leaders, Academics, Innovators and Humanitarians at House of Lords, British Parliament, London | 22 July 2026 King's Awards for Excellence 2026 awardees, distinguished guests and members of the international delegation. The historic Palace of Westminster provided a distinguished setting for the King's Awards for Excellence 2026, successfully convened by The Royal Club U.K. on Wednesday, 22 July 2026.

The evening commenced with an elegant reception in the Reid Room, where international delegates, members of The Royal Club, U.K.

Honorees and distinguished guests exchanged introductions and explored opportunities for professional collaboration. Following the reception and red-carpet conversations, guests proceeded to the Attlee Room for the formal ceremony and fine-dining programme. Surrounded by the heritage and parliamentary history of the Palace of Westminster, participants shared an evening defined by ceremonial distinction, international fellowship and purposeful dialogue. The King's Awards programme was conducted by Megan Kinder, who served as Master of Ceremonies and guided the proceedings with confidence, warmth and professionalism. Professor Dr (H.C.) Natalya Burkle served as Moderator, contributing her experience and distinguished presence to the delivery of the programme. Representing the leadership of The Royal Club U.K., Dr Mariya Nad, TRC Director of Business Development, and Prof. Lord Paul Martin, TRC Director of Strategy and Networking, welcomed the distinguished gathering and reaffirmed the organisation's commitment to responsible leadership, international collaboration and sustainable development. A notable presence at the ceremony was Prof. Dr. Benno Werlen who attended as Guest of Honor. UNESCO Chair on Global Understanding for Sustainability and as a leading figure behind the Jena Declaration.





Associate Professor Dr Tzameret Rubin received the King's Award for Excellence 2026 in Research in Digital Transformation and Technologies. Prof. Rubin is the Director of the Oxford Regions, Innovation and Enterprise Lab of Oxford Brookes Business School and a research leader in artificial intelligence and data analysis. Her recognition celebrated the importance of research that connects digital technologies with organisational transformation, enterprise development and responsible innovation.

Professor Sergio Gonzalez Sanchez acquired the King's Award for Excellence 2026 in Material Engineering and Sustainability. A distinguished academic and researcher, Professor Gonzalez Sanchez has contributed to the advancement of material engineering and its relationship with sustainable technological development. His work demonstrates how scientific research can support innovation while responding to contemporary environmental and industrial challenges.

Ms. Myriam Watson obtained the King's Award for Excellence 2026 in Women's Inclusion in Society and Business. Her diplomatic and professional work has advanced diversity, inclusion and wider participation across social and organisational settings. The award recognised her commitment to creating environments in which women and underrepresented individuals can contribute, lead and succeed.

Datuk Desmond secured the King's Award for Excellence in Business and Entrepreneurship. His leadership across agriculture, financial services, enterprise development and technology-enabled initiatives reflects a strong record of entrepreneurial thinking and commercial innovation. The award recognised his ability to establish connections between business opportunity, strategic development and wider economic participation.

One of the most inspiring moments of the evening was the recognition of David Walton, recipient of the King's Young Leadership Award 2026.

At only 12 years of age, David had already demonstrated remarkable creativity, social awareness and leadership potential. As the author of *Blended Culture Identity* and founder of David Walton Leadership, he secured £3,000 in funding from the Tudwick Foundation to support a leadership initiative involving 22 young participants. David's recognition reflected the vision of the King's Young Leadership Awards: to identify, encourage and celebrate young people who combine talent with responsibility, creativity and the courage to make a positive difference.

Dr Richard Kubo, an Elite Member of The Royal Club U.K., attended as a Special Guest. Dr Kubo, CEO of African Kenyan Cargo Services Airline, Chairman and Managing Partner of Twinstar Aviation, presented a special Guest of Honour shield to Professor Werlen on behalf of The Royal Club U.K.

MEMBERSHIP WITHOUT BORDERS



THE ROYAL CLUB U.K.
Gold

A distinguished international community where achievement is recognised, relationships are cultivated and leadership is translated into meaningful global impact.

THE ROYAL CLUB U.K. OPENS MEMBERSHIP TO GLOBAL LEADERS

The Royal Club U.K. invites accomplished professionals, executives and changemakers to join its distinguished international community through Premier (Gold) and Director's Circle (Elite) membership. Built for people whose influence extends beyond titles, the Club connects recognised leaders across sectors, cultures and countries.

The photographs featured on this page reflect the spirit of past Royal Club gatherings: leadership from the platform, recognition among peers, and relationships developed where excellence and purpose meet. Members join an established community committed to sustainable leadership, professional distinction and meaningful contribution.

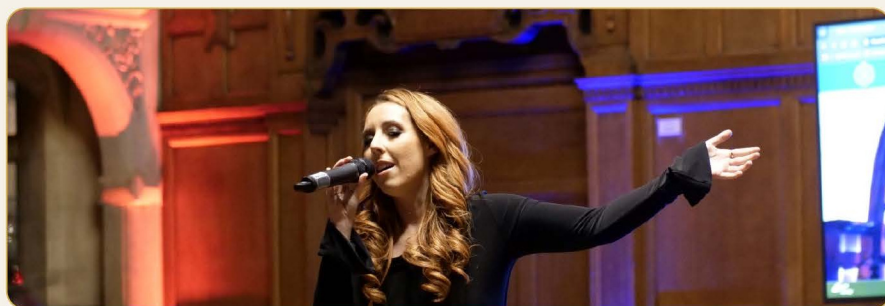
TWO DISTINGUISHED PATHWAYS

PREMIER (GOLD)

Recognition, global visibility,
prestigious events and connection with
an accomplished international network.

DIRECTOR'S CIRCLE (ELITE)

Strategic engagement for established
leaders seeking deeper participation
and influence within the Club's global
community.



CONNECT. CONTRIBUTE. BE RECOGNISED.

Membership for accomplished leaders committed to excellence and meaningful impact.

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GO GREEN GLOBE

THINK GLOBAL. ACT LOCAL. MEASURE IMPACT.



A membership-driven global movement for measurable local action

PARTNER EDITION | 2026-27

The Royal Club U.K. is launching Go Green Globe (GGG) – a membership-driven global movement inviting organisations, universities, companies, cities, professionals and individuals to turn sustainability commitments into measurable local action.

THREE PRINCIPLES. ONE PURPOSE.

Positioned as a global action and recognition platform, Go Green Globe is built around three principles:

COMMIT - Sign the Go Green Pledge.

ACT - Implement practical sustainability initiatives.

RECOGNISE - Report measurable achievements and become eligible for recognition and global visibility.

THE GO GREEN CHALLENGE

Participants can join the Go Green Challenge by selecting three, five or ten actions according to their capacity. These may include reducing paper or electricity consumption by 10%, planting and maintaining trees, eliminating single-use plastics, introducing recycling, conducting an energy audit, reducing food waste, promoting sustainable transport or supporting a community environmental project.

Corporations, SMEs, educational institutions, local governments, NGOs, hospitals, hotels, professional associations and environmental organisations are invited to become Go Green Globe Partners. Each participating organisation may nominate a Go Green Ambassador to mobilise colleagues, coordinate activities and report measurable results.

Approved partners will also be able to display the Go Green Globe Digital Badge across websites, email signatures, office premises, event materials and social-media profiles:

PROUD GO GREEN GLOBE PARTNER
2026-27

Committed to measurable sustainable development.

ALIGNED WITH THE GLOBAL GOALS

Campaign activities will be aligned with relevant United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, including clean water, renewable energy, sustainable cities, responsible consumption, climate action and biodiversity.

A major annual highlight will be Go Green Globe Day, bringing partners together through coordinated tree planting, community clean-ups, sustainability seminars, plastic-free initiatives, university competitions and corporate environmental commitments.

The movement's collective ambition is:

100 CITIES | 1,000

ORGANISATIONS

10,000 INDIVIDUALS

MILLIONS OF GREEN ACTIONS

REPORT. RECOGNISE. INSPIRE.

The Royal Club U.K. will publish an annual Go Green Globe Global Impact Report, documenting reported activities and measurable results from participating countries.

Exceptional contributions may also be considered for the Go Green Globe Awards and the annual Go Green Globe 100, recognising outstanding organisations and individuals advancing sustainable development.

Importantly, recognition will be based on credible evidence and measurable action - not simply membership, payment or sponsorship.

Through Go Green Globe, The Royal Club U.K. aims to unite institutions, leaders and communities behind one compelling purpose: transforming global sustainability goals into visible, accountable and meaningful local impact.



GLOBAL GOALS. LOCAL HANDS. MEASURABLE CHANGE.

Communities turning commitment into visible environmental action.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Commit. Act. Report. Inspire.



GO GREEN GLOBE

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