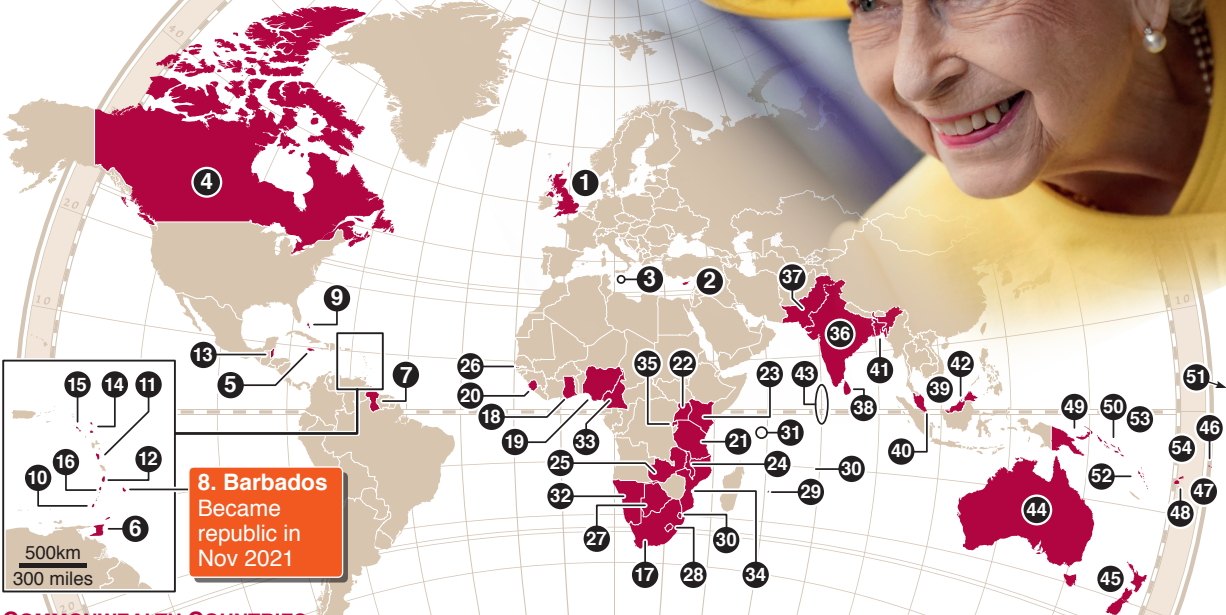


The Commonwealth

The Commonwealth is a voluntary association of 54 independent countries, almost all formerly under British rule. As its Head, Queen Elizabeth had a purely symbolic role, with no political or executive power over member nations



COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES

Date joined (as full member)

Monarch is head of state

EUROPE		
1	United Kingdom	1931
2	Cyprus	1961
3	Malta	1964
CARIBBEAN & AMERICAS		
4	Canada	1931
5	Jamaica	1962
6	Trinidad & Tobago	1962
7	Guyana	1966
8	Barbados	1966
9	Bahamas	1973
10	Grenada	1974
11	Dominica	1978
12	Saint Lucia	1979
13	Belize	1981
14	Antigua & Barbuda	1981
15	St Kitts & Nevis	1983
16	St Vincent & The Grenadines	1985

AFRICA		
17	S. Africa	1931-61, rejoined 1994
18	Ghana	1957
19	Nigeria	1960
20	Sierra Leone	1961
21	Tanzania	1961
22	Uganda	1962
23	Kenya	1963
24	Malawi	1964
25	Zambia	1964
26	Gambia	1965-2013, rejoined 2018
27	Botswana	1966
28	Lesotho	1966
29	Mauritius	1968
30	Eswatini	1968
31	Seychelles	1976
32	Namibia	1990
33	Cameroon	1995
34	Mozambique*	1995
35	Rwanda*	2009

*No former colonial or constitutional links with UK

ASIA		
36	India	1947
37	Pakistan	1947-72, rejoined 1989
38	Sri Lanka	1948
39	Malaysia	1957
40	Singapore	1965
41	Bangladesh	1972
42	Brunei	1984
43	Maldives	1985-2016, rejoined 2020
PACIFIC		
44	Australia	1931
45	New Zealand	1931
46	Samoa	1970
47	Tonga	1970
48	Fiji	1971-87, rejoined 1997
49	Papua New Guinea	1975
50	Solomon Islands	1978
51	Kiribati	1979
52	Vanuatu	1980
53	Nauru	1999
54	Tuvalu	2000