

# Background Document to the Commonwealth Youth Forum 2018

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The biennial Commonwealth Youth Forum (CYF) has been taking place prior to Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings (CHOGM) since 1998.

The CYF not a one-off event or standalone biennial youth meeting, it is a culmination of all the youth meetings in the two years following the previous CYF and a validation of all the youth priorities. Each of the youth meetings in the run up to CYF contribute, inform and shape the Forum, and the Forum equally contributes, informs and shapes the succeeding youth meetings. The CYF is part of a productive, diverse calendar of youth dialogue across the Commonwealth.

The CYF is convened by the host government, Commonwealth Secretariat, and the Commonwealth Youth Council (CYC). Planning for the CYF commences 12-18 months before the event, and is undertaken by a youth-led international task forces consisting of no more than 8 international youth leaders (selected by the Commonwealth Secretariat and the CYC [*see Annex 2 for more on CYC*]), and 8 national youth representatives (selected by the Host Government and the Host National Youth Council). The taskforce is co-chaired by a member of the CYC Executive, and the Chairperson of the Host National Youth Council [*see Annex 1 for Overview of the CYF*].

400-500 young delegates will be present at the CYF in London. CYF participants include 2 official youth delegates from each member country as well as other specially selected young people and key youth sector stakeholders.

## The Commonwealth Youth Forum

The programme features four plenaries, Action-Planning Sessions, Capacity-Building Sessions, Panel Discussions across three days.

The CYF programme incorporates the Commonwealth Youth Council Election Candidates' Election Hustings, CYC Election Voting and the CYC General Assembly, the most important youth meeting of the Commonwealth [*see Annex 2.3 for more on the General Assembly*].

Priorities, recommendations and agreements on youth-led action on development are finalised. These will be presented to Heads at CHOGM, and relevant action is implemented by the CYC over their two-year term, through and in collaboration with its member national youth councils and bodies, Governments, Commonwealth partner agencies and other regional or international bodies.

The CYF 2018 is unique because:

- Youth delegates at the CYF undertake outreach in the host country, contributing through a half day of volunteering
- There will be a special edition of the Commonwealth Youth Awards with Regional Winners and Commonwealth Young Person of the Year recognised during the forum

- The CYC election hustings, voting and installation of the new CYC Executive for 2018-2020
- The CYC General Assembly [*Annex 2.3*]
- All CYF delegates are invited to a Global citizen concert on April 17 in Brixton, London [*Annex 4*]

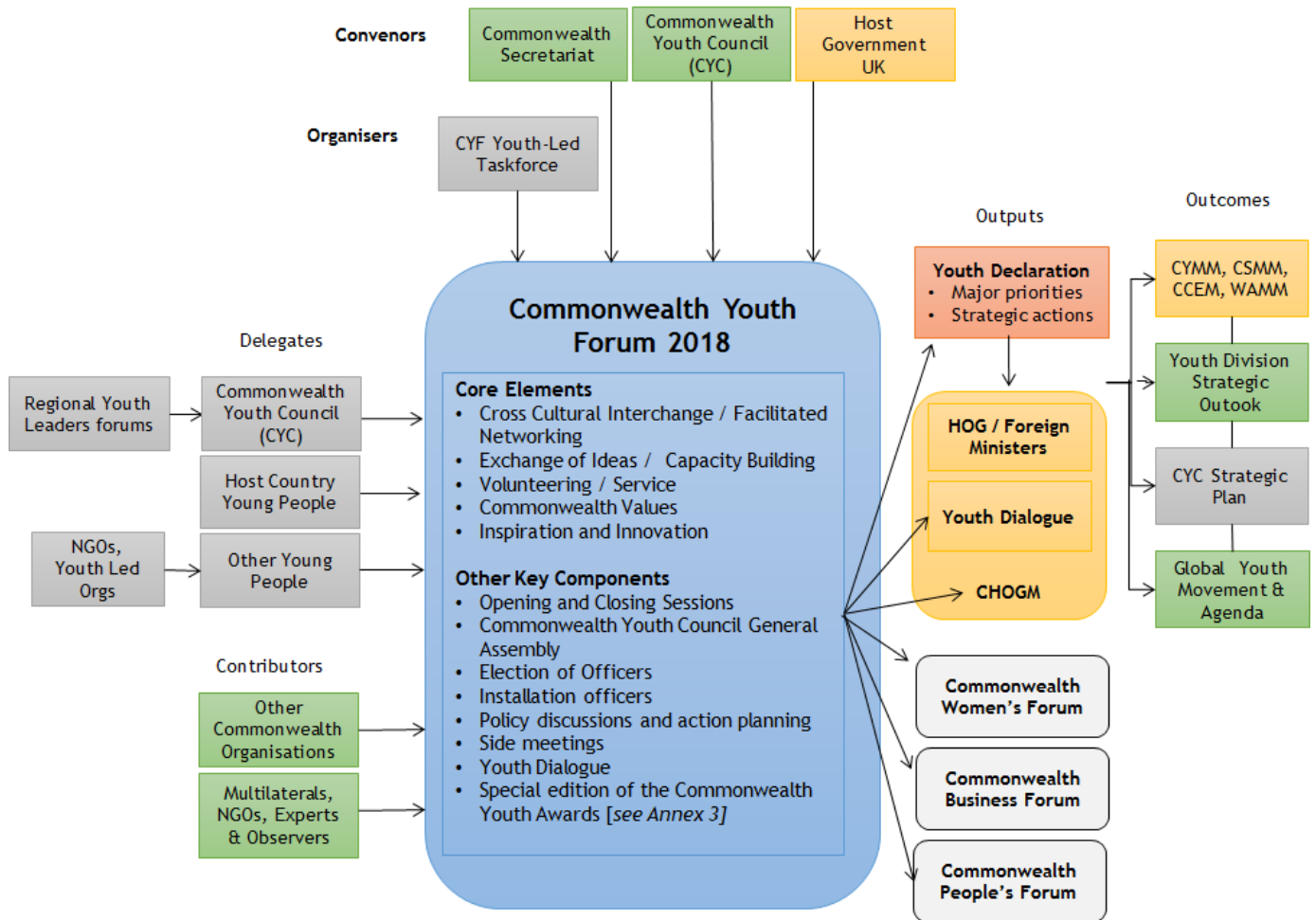
Following the CYF, there is a renewed recognition by Heads of the importance and value of young people's perspectives and contributions to the pursuit of a more secure, fair, prosperous and sustainable Commonwealth.

There will be new and renewed commitments will be to invest in youth development, their participation in key decision making processes and youth-led action, and a recommitment of young people as stakeholders and partners in their own countries and the Commonwealth.

### Expected Outcomes

- Policy recommendations from young people for a more sustainable, fair, secure and prosperous Commonwealth as we work together *Towards a Common Future*
- Two youth-led action plans for the next two years, for the Commonwealth and for their 53 home nations
- New youth leadership in place in the Commonwealth Youth Council Executive
- Commitment to invest in youth development, their participation in key decision making processes and youth-led action
- Recommitment of young people as stakeholders and partners in their own countries and the Commonwealth
- Young people inspired, connected and mobilised to contribute more to development via youth-led actions on Commonwealth priorities including the achievement of the SDGs

# Annex 1: Overview of the CYF



## Annex 2: About the CYC

The Commonwealth Youth Council advocates on behalf of over two billion young people in the Commonwealth. It was established in 2013 with the support of the Commonwealth Secretariat's Commonwealth Youth Programme and endorsed by Commonwealth Heads of Government at the 2013 summit in Sri Lanka as an "autonomous, youth-led organisation".

**Led by a nine-member executive serving a two-year term**, the CYC acts as a coalition of national youth councils and other youth-led civil society and private sector bodies from across the 53 member countries of the Commonwealth.

**The highest decision making body for the CYC is the General Assembly** and it is made up of National Youth Delegates representing National Youth Councils from each member state and youth-led organisations. The CYC represents young people in international decision making processes, including CHOGM, at the UN and with national governments. There are nine executive positions in the CYC

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairpersons: Advocacy & Policy, Partnerships & Resources, Inclusion & Engagement
- Regional Representations: Africa & Europe, Caribbean & Americas, Asia, Pacific, Special Interest Groups

### **Current CYC Executive:**

Chair - Kishva Ambigapathy, Malaysia

Vice Chairperson (Policy & Advocacy) - Nikoli Jean-Paul Edwards, Trinidad and Tobago

Vice Chairperson (Partnerships & Resources) - Faith Manthi, Kenya

Vice Chairperson (Inclusion & Engagement) - Angelique Pouponneau, Seychelles

Regional Representative (Africa & Europe) - Sharonice Divinnia Busch, Namibia

Regional Representative (Asia) - Pravin Nikam, India

Regional Representative (Caribbean and the Americas) - Sujae Boswell, Jamaica

Regional Representative (Pacific) - Christina Giwe, Papua New Guinea

Representative (Special Interest Groups) - David Aoneaka Rupa, Papua New Guinea

## **Annex 2.1: The CYC Election 2018**

A new chair and leadership team for the CYC will be elected in London on 18 April 2018 at the CYF. Campaigning will end on 17 April, 24 hours before polls open for national delegates.

The final selection of 24 candidates for 9 Executive positions was made by the Returning Officer of the CYC and an Electoral Board representing each region of the Commonwealth after the candidates were assessed on the qualifying criteria. The shortlist of 24 candidates was announced by the CYC and its partner, the Commonwealth Secretariat on their election website (<http://www.mi-event.info/event/cyc-elections2018>) alongside each candidate's manifesto.

Applicants were required to submit a manifesto, personal profile and other documentation, and they needed to be endorsed by a National Youth Council or Regional Youth Council, a national or regional youth-led organisation, or a registered and recognised international youth-led organisation.

The CYC voting process is by the Alternative Voting system where the voter has the opportunity to rank the candidates in order of preference. The voter shall put '1' by their first choice, a '2' by their second choice and so on until he or she no longer wishes to express any further preferences or has run out of candidates.

Candidates shall be elected outright if they gain more than half of the first preference votes. If not, the candidate who lost (the one with the least first preferences) shall be eliminated and their votes shall be redistributed according to the second (or next available) preference marked on the ballot.

## The candidates for CYC Executive for the period 2018-2020:

### Chairperson

Sophia Bryan,  
Jamaica



Tijani Christian,  
Jamaica



### Vice Chairperson: Policy & Advocacy

Melissa Cara Marie Fairey,  
Canada



Zwelithini Evaristus Matsoso,  
Lesotho



Nafula Faith Wafula,  
Kenya



**Vice Chairperson: Partnership and Resources**

Abena Dugan,  
Ghana



Fahmida Faiza,  
Bangladesh



Ravi Theja Muthu,  
India



Everton Joseph Rattray, Jamaica



Ife Ade Tokan, Nigeria



**Vice Chairperson: Inclusion and Engagement**

Juddy Gitahi,  
Kenya



Darrion Narine,  
Trinidad and Tobago



Chiranthi Thavisha Senanayake,  
Sri Lanka





## Pacific Regional Representative

Elizabeth Kite,  
Tonga



Tamara Richardson,  
Australia



Hilda Vukikomoala,  
Fiji



## Caribbean & Americas Regional Representative

Franz Ernest Mario George,  
St Vincent and the Grenadines



Kendall Vincent,  
Trinidad and Tobago



## Asia Regional Representative

Tauseef Rasheq Ahad,  
Bangladesh



Qasim Farasat,  
Pakistan



Sachinda Dulanjana,  
Sri Lanka



Muammad Zafrullah,  
Pakistan



## Africa Regional Representative

Kiiza Saddam Hussein, Uganda



Eunice Eleanor Dziedzorm Klinogo, Ghana



Evah Namakula, Uganda



## Representative for Special Interest Groups

Uwase Hirwa Honorine, Rwanda



Wathukarage Viraji Thilakarathna, Sri Lanka



Michelle Alexis Thomas, Jamaica



## Annex 2.2: National Youth Delegates with Voting Rights for the Commonwealth Youth Council Executive Elections 2018

Country	Name
Anguilla	Rohan Petty
Antigua & Barbuda	Vere Junior Aaron, Russhell Ellis
Australia	Jerome De Vera, Tamara Richardson
The Commonwealth of the Bahamas	Rashard Ritchie, Robbyn Thompson
The People's Republic of Bangladesh	Fatema Akter, Rezwanur Rahman
Barbados	Ade O'Neal, Roshanna Trim
Belize	Kris Miller, Dominique Noralez
The Republic of Botswana	Christopher Seagateng, Gobe Tafila
Brunei Darussalam	Awangku Muhammad Aqil Pengiran Jaya, Riyani Safwanah Sidek
The Republic of Cameroon	Samuel Bache Bochum, Happy Kelly Blandine Mambou
Canada	Gunjan Mhapankar, Abigail Theano-Pudwill
The Republic of Cyprus	Panayiotis Krashias, Theognosia Petrou
The Commonwealth of Dominica	Akinia Alleyne, Annel Lewis
The Republic of Fiji	Herleen Emily Kumar, Tomasi Vakausausa
The Republic of Gambia	Mengeh Jaiteh, Teslima Jallow
The Republic of Ghana	Abena Nuamah Dugan, Elisha Oheneba Esumang
Gibraltar	Jared Peralta, Tammy Louise Randall
Grenada	Anika Blackette Yusuf Stafford
The Republic of Guyana	Kobe Juan Smith, Samantha Sheoprashad
The Republic of India	Names to be confirmed
Jamaica	Sophia Bryan, Nicholas Kee

<b>The Republic of Kenya</b>	Dennis Kirwa Koskei, Raymond Ochieng Ouma
<b>The Republic of Kiribati</b>	Tatereti Baraiti, Tabua Rokeatau (tbc)
<b>The Kingdom of Lesotho</b>	Zwelithini Matsoso, Nyeone Ntene
<b>The Republic of Malawi</b>	James Chimbiya, Chrissy Chiposyo Jafali
<b>Malaysia</b>	Mohd Izzat Afifi Hj Abdul Hamid, Nurshafiqah Zairina S Zamzaini
<b>The Republic of Malta</b>	Eman Borg, Sara Ezabe Malliue
<b>The Republic of Mauritius</b>	Deepak Jeetah, Raksha Ramloll
<b>The Republic of Mozambique</b>	Dario Abdula Camal
<b>The Republic of Namibia</b>	Ester Helina Shekupe Simon, Kapanda K Marenga
<b>The Republic of Nauru</b>	Tatanita Kam, Ojay Stepheen
<b>The Federal Republic of Nigeria</b>	John Paul Choji, Chioma Ifemenam
<b>The Islamic Republic of Pakistan</b>	Uzair Siddiq
<b>Papua New Guinea</b>	Naomi Woyiengu
<b>The Republic of Rwanda</b>	Shema Kenneth, Aline Benigne Mpinganzima
<b>Saint Kitts &amp; Nevis</b>	Sheldon Henry, Marecia Pemberton
<b>Saint Lucia</b>	Jeshurun Andrew, Shauna Charles
<b>Saint Vincent And the Grenadines</b>	Kesley Cambridge, Shernell S. Hadaway
<b>Samoa</b>	Mary Agnes Talafiaotai, Lueteitifaimoana Ilimaleota
<b>The Republic of Seychelles</b>	Shamira Basset, Marcus Hoareau
<b>The Republic of Sierra Leone</b>	Jeneba Zainab Kamara, Ibrahim Prince Tholley
<b>The Republic of Singapore</b>	Eileen Goh, Rusydi Khairul
<b>Solomon Islands</b>	Names to be confirmed
<b>The Republic of South Africa</b>	Sifiso Mtsweni, Yershen Pillay
<b>The Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka</b>	Shaquile Anthony, Shamilka Karunanayake
<b>The Kingdom of Swaziland</b>	Bonakele Ngwenya, Njabulo Mhlanga
<b>The United Republic of Tanzania</b>	Mary Daniel, Rajabu Juma

<b>The Kingdom of Tonga</b>	Lineti Makaafi, Penisimani Tonga
<b>The Republic of Trinidad &amp; Tobago</b>	Abeni Taylor, Worrell Toussaint
<b>Tuvalu</b>	Melei Melei, Sagaga Safega
<b>The Republic of Uganda</b>	Lillian Aber, Emmanuel Ekima
<b>The United Kingdom of Great Britain &amp; Northern Ireland</b>	Namir Chowdhury, Thrinayani Ramakrishnan
<b>The Republic of Vanuatu</b>	Names to be confirmed
<b>The Republic of Zambia</b>	Brian Chipasha, Ruth Musakabantu

## Annex 2.3: The Commonwealth Youth Council General Assembly

The General Assembly is the highest decision making body of the Youth Council. It meets every 2 years. The General Assembly consists of:

- 2 country representatives from each country elected by respective National Youth Council (NYC)
- Sub-committee Chairpersons
- Representatives from Affiliated Members
- Advisory Board members
- Optional attendance by the Presidents of NYC
- External auditors
- Observers (by invitation)

The General Assembly of the CYC shall have the power to take, execute and ratify all decision made on behalf of the CYC. The final agenda of the meeting with any proposed submissions have to be circulated at least one month prior to the General Assembly. The decision of the

General Assembly shall be binding on all members (including absent or dissenting members). The General Assembly shall:

- Adopt its own rules of procedure
- Elect or dismiss the Chairperson
- Approve new members of the CYC recommended by the Executive Committee
- Approve CYC work plan and evaluate work of the CYC
- Ratify membership
- Take appropriate disciplinary measures against members in breach of the Constitution
- Decide on appeal from any member that disciplinary measures have been taken against as provided by this constitution

A quorum is formed by two-third majority of the delegates present, and the decision shall be by simple majority of those present and voting on a resolution.

## Annex 3: The Commonwealth Youth Awards

The Commonwealth Youth Awards are held annually and recognise outstanding young people aged 15 to 29 whose innovative projects and programmes have had a significant impact on their communities. The initiative is coordinated by the Commonwealth Youth Programme.

The 20 finalists are shortlisted from all applicants by the Pan-Commonwealth adjudication panel. This is convened by the Commonwealth Secretariat, and for the 2018 selection, included the High Commissioners for Saint Kitts and Nevis, representatives from the High Commissions of Fiji, Malaysia and Kenya, a trustee of the British Youth Council and the Commonwealth Local government Forum.

From the finalists, a regional winner is selected, resulting in 4 regional winners. From these 4 regional winners there is one young person selected as the Commonwealth Young Person of the Year.

The finalists all receive GBP £1000 to continue their development work, in addition to a trophy and certificate. The regional winners win a total of GBP £3000, and the Commonwealth Young Person of the Year wins a total of GBP £5000.

Applicants to the Commonwealth Youth Awards must not be older than 29 on December 31 of the year preceding the Award announcement, and young people can both nominate themselves or be nominated by someone who can accurately describe their development work. Their development work must be taking place in a Commonwealth member country.

## **Annex 3.1: Commonwealth Youth Awards 2018 Finalists**

The 2018 shortlisted finalists are:

### **ASIA**

#### **Mrinalini Dayal, India**

*Focus: Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality*

Mrinalini is the campaign leader for 'Health Over Stigma', an organisation which aims to challenge the stigma of accessing sexual health services and create a safe haven for women to reproductive health facilities. The organisation also supports women to gain the skills to run advocacy campaigns and positively impact the lives of other women. To date, 'Health Over Stigma' has trained more than 450 young activists.

#### **Zain Ashraf, Pakistan**

*Focus: Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities*

Zain is the founder of 'Seed Out', a not-for-profit crowdfunding platform which works to end poverty by establishing micro-entrepreneurs through interest-free micro-financing. Since 2014 the organisation has raised 350 entrepreneurs, selecting and pairing micro entrepreneurs with a business based on need.

#### **Vanessa Paranjothy, Singapore**

*Focus: Sustainable Development Goal 3: Good Health and Well-Being*

Vanessa is the founder of 'Freedom Cups', an organisation which distributes reusable, sustainable menstrual products in developing regions of Asia and provides education to women and girls about their bodies and the environmental impact of periods. It is run on a buy-one, give-one model where every cup purchased results in one being donated. There are 15 projects in 7 countries which have provided support to more than 3000 women and girls.

#### **Yogesh Kumar, India**

*Focus: Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality*



Yogesh is the founder of 'Even Cargo', a social enterprise which promotes gender equality through the employment of women couriers, which is a traditionally male profession in India. The organisation works to overcome the barriers of unemployment through skill development of women, training female drivers in motorcycle driving, self-defence and logistics.

### **Khairul Azmi Salleh, Brunei**

*Focus: Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities*

Khairul is the vice chair of the 'Society of Community Outreach and Training', which encourages low income earners to gain income through recycling, and supports them to be more innovative. Since 2011, the organisation has collected more than 60,000kg of recyclables. The significance being that, for every \$1 of recyclable materials contributed, a resident receives 1.5kg of rice.

## **AFRICA AND EUROPE**

### **Elia Timotheo, Tanzania**

*Focus: Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities*

Elia is the founder of 'East Africa Fruits', a company that aims to increase the shelf-life of produce through cold-chain technology. In addition, it works to increase the income and standard of living of smallholder farmers, creating employment opportunities for young people. It also focuses on sustainable production methods, with the aim of reducing the amount of carbon dioxide omitted to the atmosphere.

### **Sherifah Tumusiime, Uganda**

*Focus: Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality*

Sherifah is the founder of Zimba Group, a start-up business that provides technology and software solutions for SMEs. It also provides tools, technologies, platforms and networks to improve the livelihood of women in underserved communities in Sub-Saharan Africa.

### **Okettayot Lawrence, Uganda**

*Focus: Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities*

Okettayot is the creator of 'Sparky Dryer', a low-tech dehydrator which dries fruits and vegetables to extend their shelf life from two days to two years. The aim of the creation is that it increases food security and income for local communities.

### **Omowumi Ogunrotim, Nigeria**

*Focus: Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality*

Onowumi is the founder of 'Gender Mobile', which aims to increase the reportage of, and reduce the incidence of, gender-based violence through coordination of linked services. It also works to provide survivors with information, referrals, assistance and longer-term help to close the gap in service delivery through creative use of technology.

### **Gerald Matolo, Kenya**

*Focus Sustainable Development Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth*

Gerald is the founder of 'Angaza Africa Technologies', a clean energy company that manufactures electric and manual briquette machines and carbonisation kilns, in addition to processing eco-friendly charcoal pellets for cooking. The company also focusses on empowering women and youth groups by distributing the machines in an affordable way.

## **PACIFIC**

### **Kate Crowhurst, Australia**

*Focus: Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education*

Kate has a background in education as a teacher, an author of textbooks for the Australian Curriculum and Federal education policy-maker. She currently works as part of the national financial literacy strategy, providing Australian teachers with professional development and resources. Her organisation, 'Advocate', connects young voters in Canberra with their local politicians, directly engaging young people in democracy.

### **Usman Iftikhar, Australia**

*Focus: Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities*

Usman is the founder of ‘Catalysr’ a start-up incubator that enables migrants and refugees in Australia to start their own businesses and create a sustainable future for themselves and their communities. The company’s four-month incubator programme offers office space, mentoring sessions, networking opportunities and access to capital.

### **Josevata Rotidara, Fiji**

*Focus: Sustainable Development Goal 3: Good Health and Well-Being*

Josevata is an advocate for ‘Campaign for Mental Health’, an organisation that promotes education to enhance the capabilities of young people, gender equality and sustainable development. It also focuses on mental health and well-being in order to overcome the stigma that surrounds it.

### **Elvis Kumar, Fiji**

*Focus: Sustainable Development Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions*

Elvis is a mindfulness trainer at ‘World Peace Initiative’, an organisation that conducts self-development workshops for young Pacific Islanders and teaches stress management, conflict resolution, non-violent communication and youth empowerment.

### **Lazarus Towa, Papua New Guinea**

*Focus: Sustainable Development Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth*

Lazarus is a youth worker at ‘Unemployment Initiates’, which links youth with employment opportunities. The organisation also engages youth through social media and targets jobseekers who do not have easy access to job vacancy sites, in addition to providing additional support through advice such as CV writing.

## **CARIBBEAN AND THE AMERICAS**

### **Rayon Mclean, Jamaica**

*Focus: Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities*

Rayon is the founder of Quilt, a performing arts company which engages with children with disabilities, minority groups and at-risk young people.

### **Sophia Bryan, Jamaica**

*Focus: Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality*

Sophia is the founder of 'Women of Unlimited Worth', which provides holistic support to young women who are exposed to, or at risk of, discrimination or gender violence. The organisation also provides coaching and mentoring mentorship services, specifically aimed at teaching women to provide for themselves.

### **Jonathan Barcant, Trinidad and Tobago**

*Focus: Sustainable Development Goal 13: Climate Action*

Jonathan is helping build resilience to extreme weather in rural communities through a unique plant solution called the Vetiver System (VS), while leading IAMovement, an NGO he cofounded which has been driving the civil society conversation on climate change in Trinidad & Tobago, a Caribbean Small Island State ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> highest producer of greenhouse gases per capita in the world.

### **Kehkashan Basu, Canada**

*Focus: Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education*

Kehkashan is the founder of 'Green Hope Foundation', which engages, empowers and educates more than 1000 young people in Canada, India and Malaysia to take action on climate change, the right to education, and gender equality. The foundation also runs environment academies which deliver customised workshops with the mantra of "By Youth, For Youth".

**Patricee Douglas, Guyana**

*Focus: Sustainable Development Goal 3: Good Health and Well-Being*

Patricee is the founder of SRHR Adventures, which promotes sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) with an emphasis on family planning and contraception in Guyana. The organisation also empowers women and girls to take control of their SRHR, in addition to promoting family planning, safe sex practices and the HPV vaccine.

### **Annex 3: The Commonwealth Youth Networks**

The Commonwealth Youth Networks are organised around thematic issues. All networks are supported by the Commonwealth Youth Programme of the Commonwealth Secretariat [except CYGEN which is supported by the Royal Commonwealth Society]. Other Commonwealth Secretariat Divisions also engage with and support specific youth networks.

#### **Commonwealth Youth Council**

*See Annex 2*

#### **Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassadors Network**

*The CYPAN was launched to connect, build capacity and provide support of youth activists from across the Commonwealth and to strengthen and optimise grassroots, national, regional and pan-Commonwealth youth participation in promoting sustainable peace and the fight against violent extremism.*

#### **Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network**

*The CYCN was established in 2009 during the Commonwealth Climate Summit in London. The CYCN aims to build the capacity of young people in their endeavours to address climate change and other environmental issues, and advocate on climate change from a youth perspective.*

#### **Commonwealth Youth Human Rights and Democracy Network**

*The CYHRDN was established in 2016 to actively engage young people in education and advocacy in the area of human rights and democracy and aims to create a collaborative space for young people to achieve collective human rights and democracy goals through capacity development, the dissemination of knowledge and by supporting young people to engage in human rights and democracy.*

#### **Commonwealth Youth Sport for Development and Peace Network**

*The CYSDP was established in 2013 which aims to be the leading voice for youth in the Commonwealth towards promoting best practices for sport, development and peace.*

#### **Commonwealth Students Association**

*The CSA, launched in 2012, unifies and represents the needs and aspirations of national student councils and other student organisations in the Commonwealth. It plays an instrumental role in the planning of the Commonwealth Students Congress.*

#### **Commonwealth Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs**

*CAYE works to strengthen and support the ambitions of young entrepreneurs in the Commonwealth regions. These regional networks work to ensure they have a combined voice*

*and representation at forums to influence policy development on youth entrepreneurship. These coalitions seek to champion the cause of young entrepreneurs at the local, national, regional and international level.*

**Commonwealth Youth Health Network**

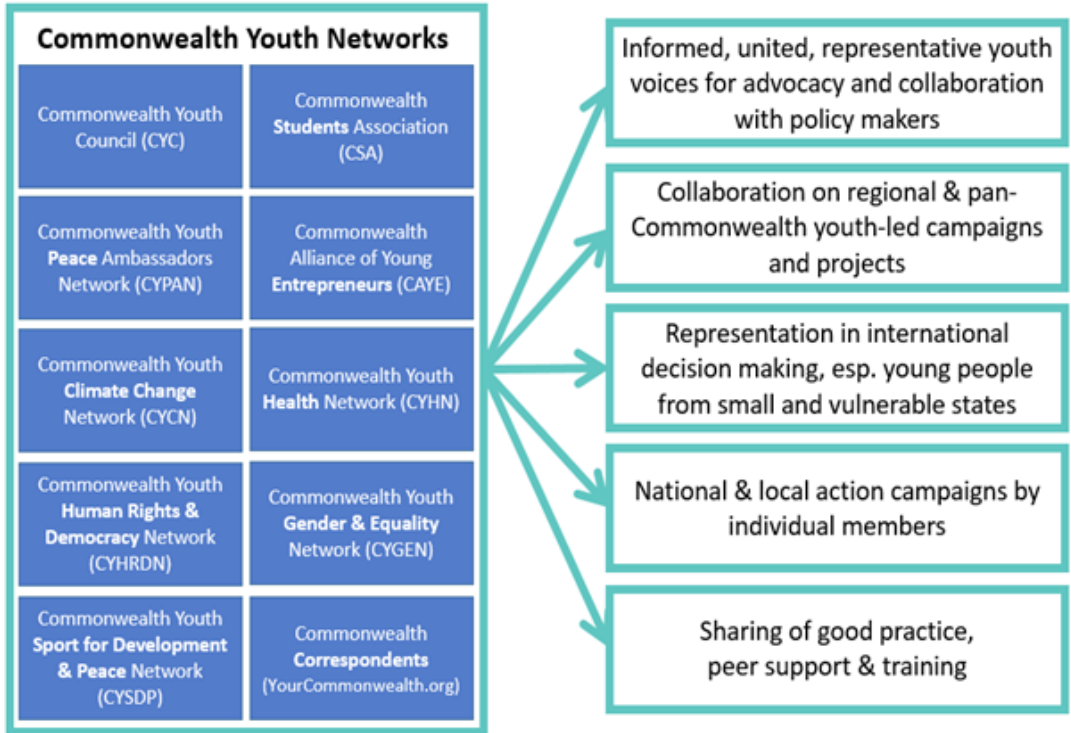
*The network was launched in June 2016 with the support of the Commonwealth Secretariat Youth Division and the Health and Education Unit of the Commonwealth Secretariat. The CYHN is a platform for young people to advocate and engage on global issues related to health, through individual and collective action, as well as through partnerships with other youth structures and key institutions at national and international levels.*

**Commonwealth Youth Gender and Equality Network**

*CYGEN is a youth led network which actively promoted and supports the meaningful inclusion of youth voice on gender equality issues in local, national, regional, Commonwealth and international agendas. CYGEN seeks to improve the position of young people, and advocate for increased youth engagement and participation in existing structures, processes and governance.*

**Commonwealth Correspondents**

*A network of young leaders, aspiring writers and social commentators who contribute articles, interviews and opinion pieces to YourCommonwealth.org. Correspondents come from every Commonwealth region.*





## **Annex 4: Global Citizen**

Global Citizen is an organization that encourages activism on development issues, especially action to end extreme poverty by 2030. Large concerts with musicians, high profile speakers and other artists are hosted by Global Citizen across the world each year and in order to have the chance to receive free tickets, commitments to activism must be demonstrated.

To celebrate the centenary of Nelson Mandela in 2018 and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in London, Global Citizen is hosting a concert at the O2 Academy Brixton in London on the second day of the Forum, Tuesday April 17.

All CYF delegates are invited to attend. To claim their free ticket they need to fill in a form to share how they have taken action in their communities and contributed to making the Commonwealth fairer, more sustainable, prosperous and secure.