



## **CYCN JUNE REPORT**

Date: August 7, 2021

### **SUMMARY:**

The CYCN has had a number of important engagements this month, from meetings held with the National Coordinators to the CYCN executives, the Commonwealth Secretariat provided guidance and support to the team. The CYCN executives were able to finalize selections of Vice Chairs for the various executive committees. The National Coordinators continue to do a phenomenal job with connecting with members and keeping them engaged, and some chapters even going a step further by engaging public and private sector partners.

### **MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

#### **CYCN Cameroon**

- Planting of 100 trees.
- Distributing of 1 letter of Collaboration.
- Community Service and plastic pick up in Bamenda.
- Participation in round table talks and Radio shows in commemoration of the World Environment Day
- Design of Flyer and posting on social media as regards call for membership.
- Participation in an informal meeting with the British High Commissioner.
- .Monthly Meetings are held with the CYCN network of members.

#### **CYCN Ghana**

- CYCN Ghana members have been formally welcomed and invited to a formal meeting to discuss future operations.

#### **CYCN St. Lucia**

- World Oceans Day Educational Activity for students via Zoom platform
- New members received on June 11th, 2021

- Membership meeting on June 26th, 2021

### **CYCN Fiji**

- World Environment Day
- World Ocean Day
- Nature Photography Day- Competition
- World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

### **CYCN Nigeria**

- Organized two general meetings aimed at engaging members and increasing their participation and engagement levels whilst using the avenue to integrate the new members into the network
- Published flyers for international events and members' birthday
- Published two newsletters on CYCN Nigeria Substack account.

### **HIGHLIGHT:**

#### **CYCN Cameroon**

In June working in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development, we were able to commemorate World Biodiversity Day and World Environment Day 2021. On both days we were able to plant 100trees. Further through community service, we picked up plastics within the town of Bamenda. It's worth nothing members effectively participated. Again we participated in a round table talk and radio talk with other climate activists and civil societies on how to effectively improve our National Determined Contributions. We have also sent out 1 letter of Collaboration to the Mbouda Council Cameroon. Lastly, on behalf of the CYCN Network Cameroon the national coordinator was invited by the British High Commissioner and 5 other key stakeholders to have pre-talks before the upcoming COP26 in Glasgow UK.

#### **UPCOMING FOR JULY**

- Carry out more Collaboration
- Launching a project on Climate-story telling and environmental education amongst kids.
- Climate Youth Advocacy roundtable

- Membership mobilization.
- Holding environmental workshops.

### **CYCN Ghana**

Members of CYCN Ghana have been formally welcomed and a formal meeting is yet to take place as members are yet to respond to meeting invitation.

The proposal to MaFiSSA of the Oceanography department at the University of Ghana, Legon is also yet to be answered. CYCN Ghana is working ardently to draw in this potential 300-membership initiative to promote our conservation goals.

#### **UPCOMING FOR JULY**

- CYCN Ghana is looking forward to discussions with members.

### **CYCN St. Lucia**

During this month, we were able to reach out to our new members and held an activity to commemorate World Oceans Day.

#### **UPCOMING FOR JULY**

- Work on constitution and organisation structure of CYCN St. Lucia
- Reach out to organisations from list to inform them about CYCN (still pending)
- World Nature Conservation Day Mural Painting

### **CYCN Fiji**

With the outbreak of the virus in the country and the restrictions that are imposed by the government, all activities are submitted online for attendance. Participation level from the network members are seen to be decreasing. Thus, competitions for the activities are carried out amongst members of the network to ensure their participation level increases.

#### **UPCOMING FOR JULY**

- Pacific Resilience Partnership Meeting- Tuesday 6th to Thursday 8th of July.
- Mangrove Conservation Activity- International Day for the Conservation of Mangroves- Saturday 24th of July.

### **CYCN Nigeria**

The Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network (CYCN), Nigeria chapter, during the Month (June) embarked on the Implementation of the Action Plan established in the preceding months. The month of June's Major highlight was the awareness about international events featuring the World rainforest Day, International Day of the Tropics, World Desertification and Droughts Day and a host of other events. Other highlights included: the integration of new CYCN members into the network, bi-weekly newsletters, Bi-weekly general meeting and the celebration of some of our members' birthday.

### **UPCOMING FOR JULY**

- Increase membership participation and engagement level by 50% by delegating responsibilities.
- Launch the Campus Ambassador's programme
- Publish our first Research report (on the state of Climate change in Nigeria)
- Deliver two training sessions to the CYCN Nigeria members

### **CYCN Kenya**

CYCN Kenya is a leading network among many youth led organizations in Kenya. We have received a lot of interested partners and individuals who are really in need for joining and supporting CYCN Kenya action plan and objectives of CYCN globally.

### **UPCOMING FOR JULY**

- CYCN nature Clubs
- Partners on CYCN Nature Clubs
- Celebrating World Nature Conservation day on 28 th July 2021
- 31st July 2021 – bi –monthly meeting to check the progress of CYCN Kenya and welcome new members in cases we have new updated membership data base.

### **BREAKDOWN:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY/PROJECT</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE(S)</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
June 3 – 20, 2021	Design and share of Call for membership flyer.	Fontoh Desmond Ndofo Rodrique (CYCN Cameroon)	Call for Membership
June 2, 2021	Newsletter 1	Editorial Team (CYCN Nigeria)	
June 3, 2021	Round Table Talk and Radio Show	Fontoh Desmond (CYCN Cameroon)	Environmental Education.

June 5, 2021	Clean up, Plastic pick up, and Planting of Trees in Bamenda	Fontoh Desmond, Ndofor Rodrigue and Bismarck (CYCN Cameroon)	Plastic Clean up and Reforestation
June 5, 2021	World Environment Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faaizah Ali</li> <li>• Lorraine Kumar</li> <li>• Karalo Drekenavere</li> </ul> (CYCN Fiji)	The CYCN members of Fiji had commemorated World Environment Day by creating a minute video which revolved around World Environment Day theme for 2021.
June 5, 2021	Flyers for International Day for the Tropics, World Rainforest Day	The Digital Committee (CYCN Nigeria)	Members of the Digital Committee were assigned specific tasks/projects to embark upon within a given timeframe.
June 7, 2021	CYCN Kenya project Proposal Submission	CYCN Kenya	CYCN Kenya sent a project proposal titled as Youth Engagement in Environmental conservation in Kenya. The document was sent to Pan-commonwealth Coordinator Miss Leneka.
June 8, 2021	World Oceans Day Educational Activity	Jevanic Henry (Presenter) Kimea Chastanet Beana Joseph  (CYCN St. Lucia)	CYCN Saint Lucia in collaboration with the Babonneau Secondary School held an educational activity via the Zoom platform for students of the Form 1 level. This presentation was to sensitize students and teachers of the importance of our oceans and how they have an impact on how our oceans are affected.

June 8, 2021	World Ocean Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faaizah Ali</li> <li>• Lorraine Kumar</li> <li>• Seforosa Omi</li> </ul> <p>(CYCN Fiji)</p>	The CYCN members of Fiji had commemorated World Ocean Day by creating posters, writing poems and submitting personal collection of pictures in relation to the theme of 2021 World Ocean Day.
June 8, 2021	Meeting with We Naturalists	CYCN Kenya National Executive Committee were present in the meeting at 1600 hrs. - 1645hrs	<p><b>A brief profile for We Naturalists</b></p> <p><a href="https://wenaturalists.com/">https://wenaturalists.com/</a></p> <p>It empowers naturalists with tailor-made tools and nature-related content for a larger impact. It will help the community to learn, up skill, get a global perspective, find better livelihood opportunities, enable better research, catalyze effective education, and create awareness through their work within and outside the community.</p> <p>Similarly, for organizations working in nature it is a space to connect with relevant people here to meet their project objectives of reaching global audiences, meeting hiring and volunteering needs, exploring funding possibilities, monitoring project progress, tracking and measuring impact. And much more.</p>

			<p><b>WeNaturalists aims to provide a unified voice for nature, strengthen our fight for all environmental causes, and create a larger impact.</b></p> <p><b>Partnership and way forward between CYCN Kenya and We Naturalists</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. They will help CYCN in Donor search facilitation for our activities</li> <li>2. Global Visibility of our projects/activities</li> <li>3. Establish a Webinar on environmental journalism as part of building capacity to members in order to get communication skills</li> </ol>
June 11, 2021			A total of 16 new members were received, bringing our total membership to 20. The members were contacted via email and invited to join our Saint Lucia WhatsApp Group Chat.
June 15, 2021	Nature Photography Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faaizah Ali</li> <li>• Ashna Chand</li> <li>• Shama Khan</li> </ul>	This activity required members to post up personal collection of nature pictures as a

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karalo Drekenavere</li> <li>• Lorraine Kumar</li> </ul> (CYCN Fiji)	competition. The best submission receives a prize and all the participants receives a certificate. Faaizah Ali was announced as the winner of the competition amongst the members.
June 16, 2021	CYCN Executive Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Leneka Rhoden (Pan-Commonwealth Coordinator)</li> <li>2. Ibrahim Moshood (Chair, Communications and PR)</li> <li>3. Gloria Maruchu (Chair, Projects, Events and Competitions)</li> <li>4. Abeng Lucky (Grassroot Engagement and Participation)</li> </ol>	This meeting was held to discuss the progress of the newly elected chairs and for members of the executives to get to know each other. Coming out of the meeting, it was discussed how we would be able to support each other.
June 17, 2021	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vani Takala</li> </ul> (CYCN Fiji)	In this activity, Vani Takala took up to upload a video to highlight the importance of our land to commemorate World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought.
June 18, 2021	Newsletter 2	Editorial Team  (CYCN Nigeria)	
June 19, 2021	Induction session meeting for New CYCN Kenya Members	All members of CYCN Kenya	New members were inducted and taken through the action plan and asked questions and were correctly answered.
June 20, 2021	Monthly Meetings	Fontoh Desmond, Ndofor Rodrique, Solange Sirri, Humprey and Bismarck	Capacity Building



		(CYCN Cameroon)	
June 20, 2021	General Meeting 1	All Network Members (CYCN Nigeria)	
June 21, 2021	Commonwealth Secretariat & CYCN Executive Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Aurelia Bruce, Assist. Programme Officer, YPP</li> <li>2. Leneka Rhoden (Pan-Commonwealth Coordinator)</li> <li>3. Ibrahim Moshood (Chair, Communications and PR)</li> <li>4. Oluwatosin Ogunsola (Vice-Chair, Partnerships and Engagement)</li> <li>5. Abeng Lucky (Grassroot Engagement and Participation)</li> <li>6. Azeez Abubakar (Chair, Policy and Advocacy)</li> </ol>	<i>Kindly see minutes in Appendix</i>
June 24, 2021	Commonwealth Secretariat & CYCN National Coordinators Qtly Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CYCN National Coordinators</li> <li>2. Ram Sushil, Programme Manager CYP</li> <li>3. Aurelia Bruce, Assist. Programme Officer, YPP</li> <li>4. Commonwealth Blue Charter</li> </ol>	A very important presentation was done by the Commonwealth Blue Charter to introduce the National Coordinators to their operations and different working groups. National Coordinators were then given an opportunity to share their country updates/reports with the Secretariat.
June 25, 2021	Distribution of Collaboration letter	Fontoh Desmond Ndofor Rodrique (CYCN Cameroon)	Collaboration

June 26, 2021	Membership Meeting	<p>Beana Joseph Kimea Chastanet Genelle St. Croix Marla James Lievorn Fontenelle Margaran Joseph Cannita Melius</p> <p>(CYCN St. Lucia)</p>	<p>This was the first meeting with the addition of 16 members, totalling to 20 members.</p> <p>The members were informed of the Blue Charter Group and the basics of CYCN and it's role in Saint Lucia.</p> <p>A committee was created to draft the constitution after which, the structure of the organisation including executive will follow.</p> <p>Members shared ideas and projects we can work on and look forward to. They were also encouraged to keep inviting persons to join the CYCN.</p> <p>World Nature Conservation Day – July 28th – Mural in a community in collaboration with a Youth and Sport Council</p>
June 26, 2021	Plastic and Plastic pollution Awareness Webinar	Maurice Munga, CYCN National Coordinator	Our National Coordinator, represented CYCN Kenya in the Awareness Webinar and he talked about responsibilities the young people have on plastic pollution control in Africa and beyond
June 28, 2021	Informal Breakfast with the British High	Fontoh Desmond	Stakeholder Meeting.

	Commissioner(PreCOP talks)	(CYCN Cameroon)	
June 29, 2021	Introduced the Bi-monthly meetings for CYCN Kenya	CYCN Kenya	CYCN Kenya has introduced bi-monthly meetings to be taking place on the first Saturday and last Saturday of every month.

SOCIAL MEDIA PROGRESS REPORT	
Facebook	3,842 Followers   3,725 Likes
Instagram	451 Followers
Twitter	156 Followers

## APPENDIX

(CYCN Cameroon)

NATURE'S CALL TO SERVICE!



# JOIN THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH CLIMATE CHANGE NETWORK IN CAMEROON TODAY

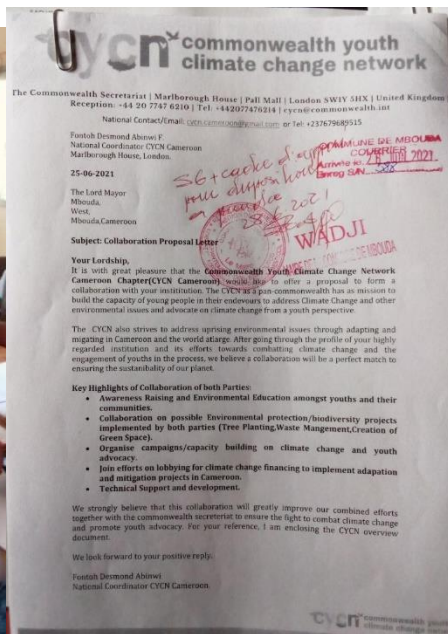
Together, we can save our planet!

**Membership Requirements:**  
AGE 15 - 29 YEARS  
TRACK RECORD ON ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION  
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(CYCN St. Lucia)

*See attached World Oceans Day Activity Flyer*


A vibrant, circular graphic for World Oceans Day. The central circle is dark blue and contains various marine life: a pink stingray, a yellow fish, a large blue whale, a pink jellyfish, a school of yellow fish, and a diver in a blue suit. The circle is surrounded by a light blue border. The text "World Oceans Day" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font across the bottom of the circle. Below the circle, the text "JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIVE DISCUSSION" is written in a light blue, sans-serif font. Below that, "HOSTED BY CYCN SAINT LUCIA AND BABONNEAU SECONDARY" is written in a light blue, sans-serif font. Below that, "TUESDAY JUNE 8TH, 2021 AT 9AM EASTERN TIME" is written in a light blue, sans-serif font. To the right of the text, a light blue circle contains the text "MEETING ID: 971 5771 8907" and "PASSCODE: 684294" in a light blue, sans-serif font. At the bottom left is the Babonneau Secondary School logo, which is a circular seal with a hand holding a torch. At the bottom center is the CYCN logo, which consists of the letters "cycn" in a stylized font followed by the text "commonwealth youth climate change network". At the bottom right is the flag of Saint Lucia, which is a blue rectangle with a yellow triangle and a black triangle.



(CYCN Fiji)


## Poster by Lorraine Kumar for World Ocean Day

*The Theme For This Year's World Ocean Day is:*  
*Life and Livelihoods.*



**World Oceans Day**  
Oceans cover 3/4 of the Earth's surface  
Over three billion people depend on marine and coastal biodiversity for their livelihoods  
Oceans absorb about 30% of CO<sub>2</sub> produced by human, buffering the impact of global warming  
What does the ocean mean to you?

**14 LIFE BELOW WATER**  
Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development



World Oceans Day is a worldwide initiative by the United Nations to spread knowledge and awareness about the vast expanse of oceans on Earth. It is based on the idea of preserving the infinite number of life forms and coral reefs that are a part of the ocean and being aware of how human actions can harm their natural habitat. The principal focus of this initiative is to bring the oceans at the forefront of global environmental discussions, and plan and execute a sustainable method to save our oceans and the planet at large.

97% of Earth's water is in the oceans, which is home to more than 200,000 known species and millions of unidentified organisms. The oceans purify the air we breathe by absorbing 30% of the carbon dioxide in the air, which also helps in reducing the effects of global warming and climate change. However, it's important that we save our oceans because of its many useful uses.

The composition, temperature, currents and life in the oceans drive every natural system that makes Earth habitable for humankind. Even the balance of oxygen that we breathe is primarily dependent on the ocean. The health of our oceans has become a matter of grave concern, due to the damage they have endured.

World Oceans Day serves as a reminder to everyone about the importance of the oceans in our life.

Happy World Ocean Day

Done by: Lorraine Kumar  
CYCN volunteer.

## Poster with poem by Seforosa Omi



## **Life & Livelihoods**

**Somedays I'm wild, other days I'm calm  
Be it foamy sprays or shimmering waves  
I've seen tears, I've heard cries  
Far and wide of foes and allies  
Mysteries and wonders  
I've harbored over the years  
Occasionally contradicting mankind's fears  
Beyond horizons from coast to coasts  
Vastly needing, I'm rather a host  
A home for creatures unique,  
Gods creation, a blessing a lesson to teach  
Arms that reach for that beautiful shore  
A homely retouch and journey never more  
The life you breathe in me, I bequeath  
Evenly so does the commotion beneath  
From shallow turquoise to effortlessly deep  
endless me, an Ocean to keep.**

**Photo by Faaizah Ali for World Ocean Day**





**Photo by Faaizah Ali for Nature Photography Day Competition- Winner**



**Cotton Candy skies near Nasese Seawall**

**Photo by Ashna Chand for Nature Photography Day- Competition**



**As a child, I did not know what career I wanted to have after I grew up but I somehow always found myself connecting to the trees and ocean. My love for it grew every time I glanced at it. The sight of it was always mesmerising to my heart. As years went by, I grew up to realising that nature had not only become my best friend, my comfort zone and my peace but most importantly my career.**

**Photo by Lorraine Kumar for Nature Photography Day- Competition**

**The true essence of beauty will only be found if you indulge yourself into loving nature.**





Photo by Shama Khan for Nature Photography Day- Competition

**“Leaving the sea and land at its natural state is the best gift one can give to the mother of all  
Nature is an exquisite art on its own and any tempering will diminish its beauty  
Be it the mountains or ponds, Flora or fauna, land or sea  
Each plays an important part in the greater circle of life  
Let’s show it the respect that it deserves by protecting the mother of all kind  
OUR NATURE”**



Photo by Karalo Drekenavere for Nature Photography Day- Competition



Look deep into nature, and then you will understand ed everything better

-Albert Einstein-



(CYCN Nigeria)

- CYCN NIGERIA NEWSLETTER POST 1:  
<https://cycnnigeria.substack.com/p/welcome-to-cycn-nigeria-newsletter>
- CYCN MEMBERSHIP CALL REGISTRATION LINK:
- CYCN NIGERIA NEWSLETTER POST 2: <https://cycnnigeria.substack.com/p/what-role-are-you-playing-to-combat>
- CYCN Nigeria Database form (Welfare Committee):  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScoJ4jQqf8JPVYtdJHIj77xXEK5CJk1yb-c9V7M4A\\_GXYyFA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScoJ4jQqf8JPVYtdJHIj77xXEK5CJk1yb-c9V7M4A_GXYyFA/viewform)

(CYCN Kenya)

Theme:

# SAVE THE DAY:

Extensive Discussion on

## "PLASTICS PLASTIC POLLUTION"

Awareness Webinar

Saturday  
26th June  
2021

10AM WAT/BST  
11AM CAT  
12PM EAT

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