



Youth Leaders Forum, 9th Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting
Kampala - Uganda,
31 July - 01 August 2017

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Resourcing and Financing Youth Development: Empowering Young People

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9th COMMONWEALTH YOUTH MINISTERS' MEETING

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Annotated Agenda

Sunday 30 July

0900-2100	Welcome and Orientation
0900 - 1230	Arrival and Accreditation
1600-1730	<p>Joint Commonwealth Secretariat and Commonwealth Youth Networks Informal Orientation for Youth Delegates (Open to all Youth Leaders Forum delegates)</p> <p>Welcome Video of the Commonwealth</p> <p>Welcome Remarks - Katherine Ellis, Director, Youth Division, Commonwealth Secretariat</p> <p>Welcome and Introduction by Youth Leaders Forum Joint Task Force Co-Chairs - Sharonice Busch - Africa and Europe Rep.- CYC and Edison Rugumayo; Secretary - International Relations - National Youth Council (NYC) - Uganda</p> <p>The Journey of Youth Development in the Commonwealth: From Papua New Guinea to Uganda: Lawrence Muli - Assistant Programme Officer (Africa), Youth Division, Commonwealth Secretariat</p> <p>Overview of the Youth Leaders Forum - Aims, Objectives and Outcomes - Sushil Ram, Programme Manager, Youth Division, Commonwealth Secretariat</p> <p>Overview of the 9th CYMM - Agenda and Sub - Themes - Layne Robinson - Head of Youth Programmes, Youth Division, Commonwealth Secretariat</p>
1730-1800	<p>Launch of the Interactive Market Place and Commonwealth Youth-Led Thematic Network Coordinators "Elevator Pitch"</p> <p>Market-place Interactive Session - CYC Exec Rep. and CW Youth Network Coordinators briefly pitching about why the youth leaders should visit their booths in the market-place</p>
1800-2100	<p>Networking Reception and Dinner - Hosted by NYC Uganda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegates Networking and Visiting the Market-place Booths • Informal sharing on tables on expectations from the Youth Leaders Forum • Entertainment (Arts, Poems, Music) (NYC Uganda)
1830-1930	Youth Leaders Forum Speakers, Moderators and Rapporteurs Meeting and Briefing with the Commonwealth Secretariat

0900-0945 Opening Session

Moderator: Tijani Christian, Chairperson, Caribbean Regional Youth Council (CRYC)

Poetry Slam & Acoustic Spoken Word - #MakeitHappen #CYMM

Welcome and Introduction - Ms. Lillian Aber, Chair - National Youth Council - Uganda

Opening Remarks - Mr. Kishva Ambigapathy, Chair - Commonwealth Youth Council

International Guest Speaker - Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Envoy on Youth

Remarks: Ms. Francine Muyumba - President - Pan African Youth Union (PYU)

Welcome and Opening Remarks by The Rt. Hon Patricia Scotland, QC, Commonwealth Secretary General

Welcome Remarks and Official Opening of the Youth Leaders Forum; - Hon. Florence Nakiwala Kiyingi: Minister of State for Youth and Children's Affairs, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Uganda

Spotlight Video - Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake (Sri Lanka), UN Envoy on Youth

0945 - 1000 Group Photo and Tea/Coffee Break

1000-1130 Session 1: *Resourcing and Financing for Sustainability: Overview, Trends, Challenges & Opportunities*

This session will focus on the broader vision of sustainable development, its aspirational goals and targets and identify emerging trends and good practice within the resourcing and financing framework to achieve the SDG's. What are the policy options and proven practices available to decision makers to facilitate increased investments into youth development? What does research and evidence say about youth demographics and progress of key domains on youth development? What are the targets, indicators and outcomes that youth sector financing should be directed towards? What are the resourcing and financing challenges and opportunities that governments should expect in the future? It will discuss existing innovative financing models, the role of non-state actors and opportunities the private sector has in complementing public sector financing for inclusive, sustainable and equitable growth and development for young people. How can youth and civil society meaningfully engage in youth centric budgeting and enhance participation in monitoring and accountability of public finance? How can youth led-representative structures and parliaments mainstream a youth perspective in national planning and development processes?

Speaker: Rafiullah Kakar - Youth Division, Commonwealth Secretariat
Overview of the Commonwealth 9th CYMM Theme Paper: "Resourcing and Financing Youth Development: Empowering Young People"

Moderator: Lawrence Muli, Youth Division, Commonwealth Secretariat

Panellist: Merene Botsio - New Partnerships Manager; CARE International UK
The Financial Case for Greater Investment in Youth Development. Role of NGO's and Non-State actors

Panellist: Jude Addo - Director, International Corporates; Transaction Banking, Standard Chartered Bank, UK
The Role of the Private Sector in enhancing Public-Private Sector partnerships for innovative financing for sustainability

Panellist: Stella Agara; Director Strategic Partnerships, Emerging Leaders Foundation and Former Africa Youth Trust, Kenya
Harnessing Youth and Civil Society Voices and Structures for Fairer Tax systems and engagement in public sector finance processes

Panellist: Lloyd Russell-Moyle - Member of Parliament for Brighton Kemptown, UK
Parliamentarians engagement in effective national resource planning and distribution, youth-centric budgeting and monitoring of public finance for youth development outcomes

Panellist: Mandela Kapere - Chairperson - National Youth Council, Namibia
The role of National Youth Councils in enhancing youth-led advocacy and engagement in public sector planning

Q&A and interactive break out table discussions

Sessional Rapporteurs & Recording of Tentative Recommendations for CYMM
(Tricia Teekah - Commonwealth Youth Human Rights and Democracy Network (CYHRDN) Coordinator and Lucy Fagan - Commonwealth Youth Health Network (CYHN) Coordinator)

Spotlight Video: #IamABLE Campaign

1130-1300	Session 2: <i>Human Resource Development in the Youth Sector: Policy/Legal/Institutional Frameworks for Resourcing/Financing Youth Youth Empowerment and Youth-led action</i>
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The youth sector is in dire need of resourcing and financing. Youth work professionals have an essential but often under-recognised, under-resourced and under-developed role in engaging and supporting young people to be positive and productive citizens. How can we enhance an effective national strategy to enhance the professionalization of youth work, that includes strategic human resource management practices (education and training, supervision, accreditation, ongoing professional development)?

How do we create an enabling environment that empowers youth leaders and enshrines the rights of youth and youth representative structures in legislation to empower their meaningful engagement as equal stakeholders within national development and planning? What frameworks/institutions that exist that can be used to measure investment in Youth? How can we ensure the thematic youth led networks impact and achieve measurable outcomes changing the lives of marginalised youth at the grassroots level?

This session will help set the context of key priority areas that public sector institutions and other stakeholders can focus on in enhancing the human, legal and regulatory frameworks needed for resourcing the youth development sector and how young people can own and co-create this reality.

Moderator: Layne Robinson, Youth Division, Commonwealth Secretariat

Panellist: Dr Brian Belton, George Williams College
The 35-country Commonwealth Youth Work Baseline Youth Work in the Commonwealth: A Growth Profession

Panellist: Miriam Teuma, Aġenzija Żgħażaġh (Youth Agency), Malta
Legislating Youth Work: The Youth Work Act of Malta

Panellist: Dakshitha Wickremarathne (Sri Lanka) - Member - UN Secretary General's Independence Accountability Panel.
Youth-led accountability mechanisms and role of youth led networks in advocacy for a better resourced youth development sector

Panellist: Ms. Deborah Bubi, Chairperson, Youth Advisory Board, Kenya
The Role of Government and Innovative Public Sector finance models in resourcing the youth development sector

Panellist: James Cathcart, Founder, Youth Voices in Parliament, UK
Supporting Youth-Led Representative Structures such as National Councils/Youth Parliaments to Empower the ‘Mainstreaming’ of Youth Voice to Decision-Makers

Q&A and interactive table discussions

Facilitators and Sessional Rapporteurs (Nancy Amunga - Commonwealth Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs - East Africa and Stanley Njoroge - Former Commonwealth Students Association (CSA) Chairperson)

Spotlight Video: #VoteLikeABoss Campaign

1300-1400 Lunch Break

1400-1530	Session 3: Creative and Innovative Financing for Youth Development The role of the private sector and public-private sector partnerships
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Creative and innovative financing has a critical role in diversifying sources of funding to complement the public sector financing approach to the youth development sector. The emergence of philanthropy into mainstream development financing and businesses directing profits towards impact in the communities and sectors within which they operate, has brought new and major donors, and new and pioneering approaches, into the development space. How can we make these innovative financing models build an effective public and private partnership work for financing youth development? How can we enhance the private sectors’ role in expanding the opportunities within the labour market? What is the role of financial inclusion for sustained growth and development? How can we scale up training and capacity building through incubation hubs and accelerators to bridge the skill-set gap that formal and informal education may not have addressed? How can we mobilise resources and Official Development Assistance (ODA) for inclusive growth including supporting marginalised groups and people living with disabilities?

This session will analyse existing financing frameworks and the value addition of creative funding and innovative financing for youth development?

Moderator Mwihaki Muraguri - Philanthropy and Inequality Expert - Principal, PAUKWA

Panellist: Vernon Ringland, Youth Bank International, United Kingdom
The YouthBank Way: Blending Philanthropy, Social Entrepreneurship and Youth Development

Panellist: Alain Sibenaler: Country Representative UNFPA, Uganda
Making the Financial Case for Investment and Financing for youth-led projects. Harnessing the Demographic Dividend through investments in youth

Panellist: Dr. Enock Twinoburyo Nyorekwa- Economic Advisor; European Union Uganda
Youth Development Banking System: Is it the ultimate panacea for youth resourcing & empowerment?

Panellist: Mosharraf Hossain Director of Global Policy, Influencing and Research, ADD International, UK

Mobilizing Resources and Official Development Assistance (ODA) for supporting disability work and improved livelihoods, equality and opportunity for young people living with disabilities

Panellist: Mr. Ocici Charles; Director Enterprise Uganda
The role of the private sector in enhancing youth led enterprises

Q&A and interactive table discussions

Facilitators and Sessional Rapporteurs (Sarah Soysa - Commonwealth Youth Gender Equality Coordinator (CYGN) and John Oluwadero - Commonwealth Youth Sport for Development and Peace (CYS DP) Representative)

Spotlight Video: #Prep4COP Climate Leadership Training

1530 - 1600 Tea/Coffee Break

1600 - 1730 Session 4: Harnessing the power of ICT, Media and Innovation and the Creative industry in resourcing and financing youth development

Innovative financing models are already being used in some public and private sector driven development frameworks. ICT, Media and Innovation have valorised socio-economic value chains creating value addition for goods/services that have opened up opportunities for jobs and entrepreneurship for young people. The development and access to social networks through low-cost ICTs, telecentres have enhanced timely access to accurate and reliable information even to the rural and marginalised populations. This technological revolution is enabled by a growing collection of tools and platforms: Internet, broadband, search engines, mobile phone and devices, smart mobile and apps, cloud computing, digitization visualization, open source and open data, social media, crowdsourcing, interactive mapping, big data and analytics, to name but a few. However, many impediments still do exist; access to technology is currently uneven and unequally distributed. Access to capital for start-up businesses is still difficult and young people, often viewed as high risk vendors, lose out due to the lack of collateral, high costs of transactions, taxation, bureaucratic legal and regulatory frameworks and the capacity gap for the right financial skill-set to have “bankable projects”. The labour market on the other hand in a lot of developing countries is not robust enough to absorb the increasing number of young people in both the formal and informal sectors.

How can ICT, Media and Innovation play a larger role in expanding the opportunities within the labour market? How can public private partnerships using ICT enhance opportunities across the value chain? How can the creative industry contribute to diversifying the formalised resourcing and financing youth development narrative?

Moderator Mfundo Mohammed (Swaziland),
Vice-Chairperson, Commonwealth Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs - Southern Africa

Panellist: Micheal Niyetega; Country Manager; ICDL Africa, Uganda
Harnessing Disruptive Innovation for Youth Development

Panellist: Olawale Rotimi Opeyemi (Nigeria); Founder - Nigeria Investment Cloud and Africa Public Service Hub:
Making Finance Work for SME's; Role of Innovation and Incubation Hubs

Panellist: Ashraf Patel - ComMutiny - The Youth Collective
Investing in Social Entrepreneurship

Panellist: Milena Bacalja, Commonwealth Youth Gender and Equality Network
Investing in ICT for Youth Development

Panellist: Bernard Takyi - Regional Coordinator - Commonwealth Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs - West Africa (Ghana)
Investing in Agro-Value Chains

Q&A and interactive table discussions

Facilitators and Sessional Rapporteurs: (Achaleke Christian, Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassadors (CYPAN) Coordinator, Christine Kajungu, UNFPA Uganda)

Spotlight Video: The Commonwealth Youth Awards & The Commonwealth Youth Worker Awards

1730-1900 Market-Place Networking and Engagement at the Commonwealth Youth Networks Booths

1900-2100 Commonwealth Youth Culture Fest (Hosted by NYC Uganda)

Tuesday 1st August

0900-0930 Session 5 **The Commonwealth in Action: #MakeitHappen**

(Institutions engaging youth and youth change-makers showcasing successful youth-led projects/initiatives from across the Commonwealth)

- Victor Ochen (Uganda) - UN Ambassador for SDG 16; Commonwealth Youth Worker of the Year - 2015
Resettlement: Building Global Networks to Ensure Effective Financing of Young Refugees
- Kathryn Pundyk - **One Young World**
Supporting Youth-led Action for Sustainable Change
- Olalekan Oshunkoya (Nigeria): Commonwealth Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs
The impact of Social Entrepreneurship
- Hilda Namakula and Augustine Malija, Restless Development, Uganda
A Case for Space: A Global Youth-Led Research and Advocacy Initiative
- Karuna Rana (Mauritius), Coordinator, Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network
Youth-led action in advancing SDG 14 on Oceans and Seas: #SeeingBlue Project and The Blue Economy Internship: Case Study of Mauritius and Seychelles
- Sandra Letio: UNCTAD Best Pitch Entrepreneur of the Year; Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Pelere Group Limited
- Anya Satyanand (New Zealand): Commonwealth Alliance of Youth Workers' Associations
The Role of Youth Workers in growing and sustaining a professional youth development sector

Spotlight Publication: The Commonwealth Youth Mainstreaming Framework

0930-1100 Session 6 - Break Out Groups (Themes & Tables)

Policy and Drafting Committee and Facilitators

1100 - 1130 Tea/Coffee Break

1130-1300 Session 7 - Cont. Break Out Groups Presentation

Policy and Drafting Committee and Facilitators

1300-1400 Lunch Break

1400-1445 Session 8 Adoption of Outcome Statement

Policy & Drafting Committee

Delegates will finalise the Youth Leaders Forum Outcome Statement detailing the outcomes of the meeting, and major recommendations to the 9th Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting.

1445 - 1515 Closing Session

Closing Remarks: Faith Manthi - CYC Vice Chairperson, Partnerships and Resource Mobilisation

Spotlight Video: The Commonwealth Women's Mentorship Scheme
#CWMentors4Women

Brief Statements/Announcements from National/Regional Youth Bodies:

- Tijani Christian - Chairperson, Caribbean Regional Youth Council;
- Pan-African Youth Union (PYU) Representative;
- Pacific Youth Council (PYC) Representative;
- Leon Ward - British Youth Council Representative & Co-Chair of the National Task Force - Commonwealth Youth Forum (CYF), London 2018;
- Commonwealth Youth Summit, November 2017 Representative
- World Festival of Youth and Students, October 2017 Representative

Closing Remarks: Mr. Edson Rugumayo - Secretary, International Relations, National Youth Council, Uganda

15:15 - 1600 - Break for delegates to prepare for the 9th CYMM Opening Ceremony

1600 - Official 9th CYMM - Opening Ceremony (see attached separate agenda)

