

JANUARY REPORT

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1. OVERVIEW / BACKGROUND

Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassadors Network is going through a revival after what has seemed to be many months and years of stagnation across its membership and leadership. January has been a great month for the Network as there has been efforts to revive it through contacts tracing.

So far, the confirmed list of traceable Country Coordinators that are in office are from the following countries: Jamaica, Cameroon, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Nigeria, Uganda, Trinidad and Tobago, Ghana, South Africa, United Kingdom, Bangladesh, Zambia, Saint Lucia, India, Kenya, Seashells, Guyana and Botswana. These countries have representation however, most of them are dormant with no CYPAN activities besides in St. Vincent and Grenadine and Jamaica

The list of countries where we did not get responses on who the country coordinator was, or existing active members are Fiji, Canada, Bahamas, Grenada, Dominica, Pakistan, Australia Malawi, Tanzania, Sri Lanka, Samoa, Rwanda and Namibia.

The exercise of contact tracing delayed the process of selecting the executive team and National Coordinators. We also realised that there was no transition procedure for the National Coordinators who finished their term, hence there is need for induction for many new coordinators who do not understand their Terms of Reference. Few of them are self-selected or hand-picked, with no transparency and accountability mechanism in place. The goal going forward is to have a more transparent and inclusive selection process of people who are willing to work and take CYPAN to the next level.

We were able to draft a concept note on the effects of COVID-19 on Youth Peace and Security in the Commonwealth. We are however at the stage of finalising the action plan for 2021 which should be ready by end of February (tentatively).

2. NETWORK ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY

DATE	ACTIVITY/PROJECT	REPRESENTATIVE(S)	DETAILS
25th January 2021	<p>Country Coordinator meeting</p> <p>Hosted by the CYPAN Coordinator</p> <p>Christine Odera</p>	Country Coordinators	<p>The meeting was to discuss:</p> <p>Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. 2021 Calendar 3. Country level activities 4. Communication 5. Reporting <p>This was to take stock on any projects in the pipeline at country level.</p> <p>The participants agreed to develop</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cypan action plan for 2021 (Prudence) 2. Structures of membership (Ebere) 3. Develop a repository for all activities which will culminate to an annual CYPAN report (Tushar) 4. A concept Note on effects of Covid 19 on Youth peace and Security (Regina) 5. Communications strategy (Neville) <p>The deadline for the drafts to be shared was 30th January, most of the working groups managed to submit their drafts besides Prudence who need</p>

23 rd January 2021	A zoom seminar on Youth and the Environment By CYPAN St. Vincent and Grenadine.	Mr. Jeshua Jovan Bardo Country Cordinator St. Vincent and Grenadines.	The guest speaker was Ms. Courtney Bailey a PhD researcher who raised awareness on climate change, how young people can be adoptive peacefully. The session attracted over 700 view on Facebook
19,20,21 January 2020	Global Coalition on Youth Peace and Security Retreat Hosted by UNOY	Ms. Christine Odera	Presented on the Commonwealth region 2021 plans followed by plenary discussion where she shared her 3 agendas of: 1.Strengthening protection and safeguarding of youth across the commonwealth 2.Strengthening CYPAN membership and support Nationally: 3.Resourcing Youth Leadership within the commonwealth.
January	Social Media Advocacy training. Cypan Jamaica	Mr. Neville Charlton Country Coordinator Jamaica	CYPAN Jamaica has been engaging in online dialogue with various stakeholders on how best they can engage young people in the peace process. The most recent event saw them partnering with local NGOs to host virtual workshops which engaged over thirty youth on how they can utilize their online platforms for social media advocacy.

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3.UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Upcoming activities	Dates	Person in charge
GIMAC Gender is my agenda and CYPAN collaboration on the African and Commonwealth themes	March ahead of Commonwealth Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine Odera CYPAN Coordinator • Karen Onduasi Chairperson Gimac Young women
Collaborating with World Beyond war on helping launch the WBW youth network and holding online discussions	April TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine Odera – CYPAN Coordinator • A.Bruce – Commonwealth Sec. • Phill Gittins – World Beyond War
CYPAN St Vincent and Grenadines	February workshops on United Nations Security Council Resolutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeshua Jovan