



FEBRUARY REPORT

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CYPAN
Membership Drive

The Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassadors Network (CYPAN) brings together young people from across the Commonwealth to upscale and optimise grassroots, national, regional and Pan-Commonwealth efforts to promote peace, respect & understanding and preventing violent extremism.

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The Commonwealth CYPAN COMMONWEALTH YOUTH PEACE AMBASSADORS NETWORK

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COMMONWEALTH AND YOUTH

PRESENTED BY:
AURELIA BRUCE AND SUSHIL RAM
OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT

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1. OVERVIEW / BACKGROUND

Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassadors Network in February began a membership drive for more youth to join and share their expertise and solidarity in the youth peace and security agenda. This was arrived at as most members had either dropped out along the way or had not updated their contact information. After tracing the Country Coordinators, we also realised some countries have no country coordinators hence the need to get more people in the specific countries to engage.

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 and luckily, we were able to get some people applying to be members from the region among others.

We are still in the process of sorting out the applications and confirming membership.

2. NETWORK ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY

DATE	ACTIVITY/PROJECT	REPRESENTATIVE(S)	DETAILS
20 th February 2021	Commonwealth and Youth (Seminar via Zoom) Hosted by CYPAN St. Vincent and Grenadine.	Mr. Jeshua Bardoo Country Coordinator St. Vincent and Grenadines.	The guest speakers were Sushil Ram and Aurelia Bruce from the Commonwealth Secretariat who raised awareness on the role of youth in the development of their countries. The session attracted over 569 view on Facebook SVG page
15-28 February	CYPAN Membership drive for new and existing members	CYPAN Team and Commonwealth Secretariat	An application form was created by the Secretariat and the CYPAN Team created a poster to disseminate and share on our social media platforms. On the CYPAN Facebook official page, the advertisement of the call was able to reach 7,183 globally.

			By the deadline, approximately 534 new applications were received.
27 th February	Coordinators Induction Meeting	Hosted by the Commonwealth Secretariat (A. Bruce). Participants: CYPAN Coordinators	<p>The agenda of the meeting was to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome from the Commonwealth • Welcome from the CYPAN Coordinator • The role of National Coordinators in CYPAN and other Commonwealth Youth Networks • Discussion on the Terms of Reference for National Coordinators • Next Steps <p>This meeting was instrumental in inducting Country Coordinators who, in years prior, were serving with no formal induction.</p>
February	Social media setting up accounts in Zambia	Miss Regina Mtonga Country Coordinator Zambia	The Country Coordinator established a local social media platform in Zambia in an effort to talk about issues in Zambia and to attract more peace builders to the conversations and expand their reach.

3.UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Upcoming activities	Dates	Person in charge
GIMAC Gender is my Agenda and CYPAN collaboration on the African and Commonwealth themes	March	Christine Odera and Karen Ondwasi – Chairperson, Gender Is My Agenda Campaign (GIMAC) Draft Concept Note ready waiting to be finalised
Collaborating with World Beyond war on helping launch the WBW youth network and holding online discussions	April TBC	Christine Odera, and Phill Gittins, Education Director, World Beyond War To meet on the last week of march and finalise
Launch of the Youth Peace and security Fund in March	3/17/2021	Christine Odera
Commonwealth Day and Women’s Day	12 th March Online discussion	Tushar Baidya – CYPAN Member
Sorting applications for new and existing members and sending confirmed membership emails	March	Christine Odera
Online seminar on Discrimination and intersectionality in St. Vincent and Grenadines	27 th March	Jeshua Jovan Bardoo – CYPAN National Coordinator (St. Vincent and the Grenadines)