



CYCN MARCH REPORT

Date: April 19, 2021

SUMMARY:

On March 6, the CYCN and the Commonwealth Secretariat met with National and Deputy National Coordinators. The meeting introduced the team to the structure and function of the Secretariat and the Commonwealth Youth Programme. The network continues to be engaged in a number of multi-national projects, and Ms. Leneka Rhoden, Pan-Commonwealth Coordinator of CYCN, and Fontoh Desmond Fontoh, National Coordinator of Cameroon, CYCN, represented the network at the UK's Parliamentary Forum.

MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- CYCN and Commonwealth Secretariat engaged National Coordinators in a orientation session.
- CYCN participated in Commonwealth Parliamentary Forum on Climate Change: Preparing for Glasgow hosted by the CPA UK.
- CYCN Representative, Victoria Akintaju, Deputy National Coordinator of Nigeria, was selected as Youth Representative on the CPA UK's Parliamentary Climate Change Working Group.
- Recruitment of CYCN Members.

Cameroon

- Holding of a 2-day workshop session on call for membership.
- Capacity Building on Leadership and Environmental Education on best environmental practices.
- Visited 3 youth-led community associations sharing the need to join the CYCN.
- Collaboration with Cepow Cameroon on projects.

Saint Lucia

- First membership meeting on March 14th, 2021.
- Establish a list of targeted youth organizations for membership.

Rwanda

- Increasing number of CYCN Members in Rwanda.

Trinidad & Tobago

- Recruited members.
- Devised and initiated projects.
- Introduced CYCN to stakeholders.
- Developed partnerships.

Fiji

- Membership registration for the CYCN Fiji.
 - International Day of Forests- Activity.
 - CYCN Fiji National meeting
 - Election of the CYCN Fiji National Committee members
 - Fundraising activity- raffle tickets distribution
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HIGHLIGHTS:

Cameroon

At the National level, we have been able to hold a 2-day workshop session on the call for membership to join the CYCN network. Attending the meeting were 7 young people. They were sensitized about CYCN mission and how to apply for membership. Workshops on leadership and environmental education were carried out. This was done in collaboration with Cepow Cameroon. Participation is still timid, but April will be more engaging. Further, this month we have approached 3 youth-led civil societies on the need to join our voices to spread the news about the CYCN and its efforts; they were encouraged to join the network.

Saint Lucia

As a new country to this, our main focus has been to understand how CYCN works, our role as coordinators and members by extension and how do we increase our membership here on island. We have invited a few persons we know personally and are now working on getting more members by targeting various youth organizations including youth-led environmental organizations on island.

Nigeria

The National Central Executives of CYCN Nigeria over the course of the month (March) embarked on several activities at the National level. Highlights of which includes the creation of our official email, recognition of the international women's day, world water day, global recycling day.

Above all, the map of the year's activities and projects to be carried out were drafted and laid out.

Rwanda

On March 06, 2021 I attended the meeting of CYCN national coordinator induction with Bruce, Leneka and other national coordinators. The meeting involved three important points; Introduction, duration, and funding projects. After the meeting I encouraged all youth networks in Rwanda and university students to join CYCN and become CYCN members by filling the official CYCN membership application form and wait CYCN response to approve their membership, right now am waiting to receive new members in my country Rwanda.

Trinidad & Tobago

A recruitment drive was conducted and projects were devised and initiated. Stakeholders were engaged to initiate planning for projects in June and October. Contributions were made to the Commonwealth Day commemoration and Strategic Plan consultation. The CPA UK Asia- Pacific and Pan - Commonwealth Parliamentary Fora on Climate Change were attended.

Belize

The CYCN members in Belize have been engaged at a community-level with local youth organizations and NGOs. Projects have been focused on building resilience of coastal communities in the face of Climate Change and COVID-19 pandemic. With limited resources, CYCN projects have been operating at specific areas in southern Belize but assistance is needed in further expanding the network through utilization of social media and local working groups of climate change projects in the country. The CYCN in Belize has not officially reached out to representatives in climate change-related project but have intension to developing a strategy plan to engage youth in policymaking if possible.

Fiji

After the appointment of the National Coordinator for CYCN Fiji, a national action plan was made and submitted. CYCN Fiji had executed their first membership registration to build the

capacity of members in the network. Following a successful introductory meeting for the Fiji network members to elect their national committee members and discuss the future plans.

BREAKDOWN:

DATE	ACTIVITY/PROJECT	REPRESENTATIVE (S)	DETAILS
March 2-31, 2021	Recruitment	Kervelle Baird, CYCN National Coordinator of Trinidad	Designed and executed recruitment campaign
March 7, 8 and 11, 2021	Commonwealth Day/Week commemoration	Kervelle Baird, CYCN National Coordinator of Trinidad	Contributed videos and online engagement to Commonwealth/International Women's Day commemoration. Participated in Cumberland Lodge Climate Futures: Youth Perspectives
March 12, 2012	Workshop On Call For Application and Capacity Building	1. Fontoh Desmond, National Coordinator of Cameroon 2. Ndofor Rodrigue	Call for application, procedure, training session on EE and Leadership
March 15-16, 2021	Asia - Pacific CPA UK Commonwealth Parliamentary Forum on Climate Change	Kervelle Baird, CYCN National Coordinator of Trinidad	Networked and attended sessions
March 16-19, 2021	Visit 3 Youth-Led Civil Societies	Fontoh Desmond, CYCN Cameroon	Encouragement on the need to join CYCN, the listing of Organisation include. OIPA Cameroon, We make-it Cameroon, CEDED Cameroon
March 2021	Mapping, creation and recruitment of members to committees	The National Central Executives, CYCN Nigeria	
March 2021	The celebration of women's day and recycling day	All Network Members, Nigeria	

March 2021	The draft of annual training plan	Anjorin Oluwatobi Emmanuel, National Coordinator of Nigeria	
March 2021	The engagement of planning partners for the CYCN poetry competition.	Anjorin Oluwatobi Emmanuel, National Coordinator of Nigeria	
March 2021	The engagement of planning partners and other national coordinators for the CYCN ambassador programme.	The National Central Executives	
March 5, 2021	National Plan Research for May project	Kervelle Baird, CYCN National Coordinator of Trinidad	Brainstorm projects for 2021 Compile information for (open) letter
March 6, 2021	CYCN National Coordinator Induction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aurelia Bruce (Commonwealth Secretariat) 2. Ms. Leneka Rhoden (CYCN Coordinator) 3. National Coordinators and Deputies 	The meeting was attended by over 28 National and Deputy National Coordinators. Ms. Bruce gave an overview of the Commonwealth Secretariat before going into details about the role of National Coordinators.
March 6, 2021	Sargassum collection on the Placencia Beach, Belize	Nazaria Gutierrez, CYCN Belize	Collection of sargassum on the Placencia beach with CYCN members of that community
March 7, 2021	Annual One Young World Bath Caucus	CYCN Members	The Caucus was centered around the theme: unity and the power to create positive change. Throughout the day, there were speakers, panellists and interactive workshops addressing issues surrounding the Sustainable Development Goals – Reduced Inequalities, Good Health & Wellbeing and Climate Action.
March 7, 2021	Increasing number of CYCN Members in Rwanda.	Alex Mugabo, CYCN Rwandaa	Providing more information about CYCN to the youth of Rwanda, encouraging them to check what we do on our official social medias and to fill official CYCN

			Membership Application Form
March 8, 2021	Video for Commonwealth Day	CYCN Members	The Commonwealth Day Video campaign on social media was successfully executed. Over 50 members across the different regions participated and captivated over 800,000 engagements on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.
March 11, 2021	Atlantic Goliath Grouper Restoration Awareness at Monkey River Village	Ruth Corley, CYCN Belize	Education and outreach of the need to protect and restore the critical habitat of Atlantic Goliath Groupers in southern Belize.
March 12, 2021	Report Template for National Coordinators	1. Ms. Leneka Rhoden (CYCN Coordinator)	National Report Template was developed and shared with all National Coordinators, along with a guide/format for setting up National Email Addresses and Toolkit inclusive of Letterhead (<i>See Appendix</i>)
March 13, 2021	Point Fortin Borough Corporation Local Area Planning and Development Committee “The Ecosystem Restoration” Beach Clean-up Initiative	Kervelle Baird, CYCN National Coordinator of Trinidad	Participated and engaged stakeholders in local commemoration towards World Environment Day 2021
March 14, 2021	Membership Meeting	CYCN St. Lucia All members – 1. Jevanic Henry 2. Beana Joseph 3. Kimea Chastanet	Discussion on the Induction meeting held on March 6 th and our plans and efforts moving forward as part of the network here in St. Lucia.
March 15, 2021	Stakeholder meeting for June project	Kervelle Baird, CYCN National Coordinator of Trinidad	Confirmed project viability
March 15, 2021	CYCN Membership Registration	Raniyah Muhammed, CYCN National Coordinator of Fiji	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Coordinator- Raniyah Muhammed had conducted membership registration for the CYCN Fiji to build the capacity of the members in the network. An official flyer

			<p>was uploaded on the social media platforms (Instagram, Facebook) to inform the youths. Due to heavy rain, not many showed up to the venue on the date but had opted to give in their information via emails and phone contact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Because the targeted number for the network registration was not reached, another flyer was sent out to gather more youths who are interested in the network
March 18, 2021	ComSec Strategic Plan Feedback	1. CYCN Belize-Ruth Gutierrez-Corley	Feedback submitted from CYCN regarding the ComSec Strategic Plan
March 18, 2021	Plan organization of work and submit National Plan	Kervelle Baird, CYCN National Coordinator of Trinidad	
March 21, 2021	International Day of Forests-(‘Plant a Tree with your Neighbour’-activity)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raniyah Muhammed 2. Suhaymah Shafiq 3. Shahista Shafiq 4. Osea Tuinakelo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The members who attended the membership registration were told to participate in the upcoming International Day of Forests activity-Plant a Tree with your Neighbour. 4 participants took part in it and gave in video and pictures to the National Coordinator which was then edited by the CYCN Coordinator and posted online
March 23, 2021	Research for October Project	Kervelle Baird, CYCN National Coordinator of Trinidad	Compile information to engage stakeholders
March 23, 2021	Tropical bird monitoring in the Savanah Ecosystem buffering the Placencia Lagoon	Kevin Sam, CYCN Belize	Developing an ebird database of birds in the Savanah Ecosystem

March 26, 2021	Implementation of a recycling outreach program through community service	Russel Murray, CYCN Belize	Refurbishing old furniture and recycle lumber for the local library in Dangriga Town
March 27, 2021	CYCN National Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raniyah Muhammed 2. Suhaymah Shafiq 3. Shahista Shafiq 4. Britney Kamsoo 5. Lawaci Varea 6. Sahir Ali 7. Muhammed Khan 8. Nagma Goundar 9. Nehanka Shankaran 10. Lorraine Kumar 11. Marica Vakatawa 12. Osea Tuinakelo 13. Alisi Wainiu 14. Kunal Singh 15. Marinalynne Tagaloa 16. Alifereti Mocevakaca 17. Shama Khan 18. Cecilia Tabuavou 19. Elaine Nand 20. Faaizah Ali 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An introductory meeting was conducted by the National Coordinator for the members joining in to the network • Background information of the network was shared and the election of the national committee members were conducted. The election was done through voting by 'Show of hands' method. The new national committee members were introduced after the election. • The first fundraising activity in the form of raffle tickets were distributed to the members. This was done in order to cater for the expenses of the future activities that are planned out for the network. 3 raffle tickets were given to each members present and the price of one ticket was \$30. • Attendance was taken for the members. • Following the national meeting, a new WhatsApp group chat was created for the National Committee members.
March 30, 2021	Mangrove restoration initiative in the Placencia Lagoon	Krisjan Young, CYCN Belize	Improving propagation techniques for enhancing the restoration of mangroves in the tributaries areas of Placencia Lagoon.

March 31, 2021	CYCN: COP26 Workshop Planning	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leneka Rhoden (Coordinator) 2. Ruth Gutierrez, National Coordinator of Belize 	The development of the COP26 Conference and Training Proposal was discussed.
March 31, 2021	Plan introductory meeting	Kervelle Baird, CYCN National Coordinator of Trinidad	Plan activities and prepare presentation
March 22-24, 2021	CPAUK - COMSEC (CYCN)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Leneka Rhoden (CYCN Coordinator) 2. Fontoh Desmond Fontoh, Cameroon National Coordinator 3. Kervelle Baird, Trinidad's National Coordinator 4. Raniyah Muhammed 5. Jorvan Robinson 6. Sromona Burman 7. Zuhair Ahmed Kowshik 8. Maurice Munga 9. Karim Kindole 10. Clement Chiimbwe 11. Mugabo Alex 12. Derrick Mugisha 13. Baraka Lenga 14. Winifred Tse 15. Maikeleng Ledimo 	CYCN's participation in CPAUK. CYCN was represented by two members, Ms. Leneka Rhoden (Jamaica), and Fontoh Desmond Fontoh (Cameroon), in a Roundtable Discussion at the Forum. Two members were also highlighted for their work in the field of the environment and climate action- Ruth Gutierrez (Belize) and Anjorin Oluwatobie (Nigeria). Other members were able to participate as delegates.
March 22 – 24, 2021	CPA UK Pan - Commonwealth Parliamentary Forum on Climate Change	Kervelle Baird, CYCN National Coordinator of Trinidad	Networked, attended sessions and engaged National Delegation

SOCIAL MEDIA PROGRESS REPORT	
Facebook	3,601 Likes, 3,709 Followers
Instagram	345 Followers
Twitter	50 Followers

UPCOMING FOR APRIL:

Meeting with CYCN Committee Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy & Advocacy (April 1 at 7pm EST) • Partnerships & Engagement (April 1 at 8pm) • Participation & Grassroots Engagement (April 7 at 7pm EST) • Communications & PR (April 7 at 8pm EST) • Projects, Events & Competitions (April 8 at 7pm EST)
Schedule Member Highlight Posts	April 25, 2021
Increase Social Media Presence	Target: Facebook: 3,700 Likes Instagram: 400 Followers Twitter: 80 Followers

List for Countries (Upcoming):

Cameroon

- Visit of 1 community schools and holding environmental education campaigns
- Creation of 1 eco-club
- 1 community clean-up
- Membership mobilization.

Saint Lucia

- Create FAQ flyer to circulate to potential members
- Reach out to organisations from list to inform them about CYCN

Nigeria

- Launch the poetry competition
- Launch the ambassador's programme
- Launch first draft research report from the research committee
- Write a social media release on climate advocacy

- Commence planning for the special engagement of policy makers and stakeholders in climate action discussion.
- Deliver at least one training to the CYCN.

Rwanda

- CYCN National meeting and welcoming new members

Trinidad & Tobago

- Stakeholder meeting for October project
- Formation:
 - Establish protocols
 - ✓ Revocation Policy
 - ✓ Member Code (participation)
 - Confirm national plan and master work plan
 - ✓ Create work plans for national committees & working groups
 - Confirm national committees & working groups
- Initiate May and July/November projects [(Open) Letter to local manufacturers to ensure green procurement of RSPO-certified palm oil & (Green Building) Inspection training for resilience]
- Continue execution for June and October projects (Organic waste community survey, collection and compost & Climate Clock)

Belize

- Presentation of the Mangrove and Grouper Restoration Initiatives to Southern Environmental Association on 8th April 2021. The purpose of this presentation is to seek collaboration of local NGOs implementing climate change projects in the southern Barrier Reef Complex.
- Developing a mailing list of government officials and regulatory agencies implementing climate change projects in Belize. The purpose of this activity is to seek Government support in involving youths in policy making of climate change-related projects.
- Development of nursery site for planting of vegetable seedlings for a greenhouse project in Independence Village. Organic practices will be implement using manure and sargassum bioliquid fertilizer.
- Developing experimental plots of mangrove and Atlantic Goliath Grouper restoration initiatives at Bom-bom landing, Independence Village with the support of Building Belizean Livelihoods and the Environment (B-BLUE NGO).

- Developing a mentoring program for young environmentalist and researchers in climate change related projects.

Fiji

April

Thursday 22nd - Earth Day Activity- Go Green Day!

- A day dedicated to the earth entirely through Go Green activities such as planting a garden, planting trees together, walking/cycling to desired destination, a day without electricity usage and etc.

APPENDIX:



MONTHLY REPORT TEMPLATE

COUNTRY:	<i>Name of Country</i>	PERIOD:	<i>Enter Month</i>
NATIONAL COORDINATOR:	<i>Enter Name</i>	DEPUTY NATIONAL COORDINATOR(S):	<i>Enter Name(s)</i>

SUMMARY:

Summary should not exceed 80 words- should include a highlight and general overview of the activities done at the National Level, and participation of members in Regional and Pan-Commonwealth projects.

MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

List no more than 5 points.

BREAKDOWN:

DATE	ACTIVITY	REPRESENTATIVE(S)	DETAILS

UPCOMING:

List projects/activities that will be done in the next month.

APPENDIX:

Includes pictures, graphics, copies of invitation letters or other relevant letters that supports the projects carried out and any collaboration or endorsements received.

CYCN Letterhead




www.thecommonwealth.org

Cameroon



Nigeria





TO ALL THE WONDERFUL, OUTSTANDING, AND EXCELLENT YOUNG WOMEN LEADING THE ADVOCACY FOR A SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT ENVIRONMENT, WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AND WE CELEBRATE YOU.

*Ibrahim Moshood
Deputy National Coordinator CYCN Nigeria*

International Women's Day

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ARE YOU A NIGERIAN STUDENT THAT IS PASSIONATE ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE?

- 01 Do you wish to learn more about climate change and your environment?
- 02 Are you between the ages of 16-29 years?
- 03 If you answer YES to at least 2 of the above questions, then you're a right fit for our Campus Ambassador Program.

Benefits of a CYCN CA
By joining the CYCN CA program, you will be able to:

- Enhance your professional, leadership, creative, technical and communication development skills
- Network and collaborate with CYCN members and environmental experts both locally and internationally
- Access trainings, mentorships, career advisory, internship and scholarships opportunities
- Incorporate your own ideas and support in a creative environment
- Obtain a certificate of recognition

Responsibilities of a CYCN CA

- Represent the Network, her goals and interests on campus
- Learn about CYCN history, vision, mission and projects
- Provide insights that will help CYCN better understand their campus and its student population
- Plan and host events for students, implement various CYCN initiatives within the campus community
- Build relationships on campus with the school authorities and student groups
- Identify trends and opportunities that CYCN can leverage upon within the campus community

Requirements

- You must be a current student of any tertiary institution in Nigeria
- Must be passionate about climate change and the environment or willing to learn
- Willingness to stay committed and dedicated to the CYCN goals

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WOMEN ARE THE MOST FORMIDABLE FORCE YOU CAN RECKON WITH, WE ARE STRONG, BOLD, AND RESILIENT. TO ALL THE WOMEN OUT THERE LEADING THE WAY AND MAKING CHANGES, HAPPY WOMEN'S DAY

*Victoria O. Akintaju
Deputy National Coordinator CYCN Nigeria*

International Women's Day

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TO ALL THE YOUNG WOMEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF OUR CLIMATE EMERGENCY, WE APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.

*Anjorin Oluwatobi
National Coordinator CYCN Nigeria*

International Women's Day

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Trinidad & Tobago

Examples of Recruitment Drive posts:

[facebook.com/thasportandyouth/photos/a.190934708070248/1106298259867217/](https://www.facebook.com/thasportandyouth/photos/a.190934708070248/1106298259867217/) <https://www.instagram.com/p/CMADGwogPl6/>
<https://twitter.com/SpSeas/status/1371824197140373513?s=20>

Commonwealth Day video:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eGu2iwzQq4zJgeTm8w8MhXMGQnpnIIwf/view?usp=s_haring


International Women's Day video:




[@kreesab • Instagram photos and videos](#)

PFBC LAPD Committee "The Ecosystem Restoration" Beach Clean-up Initiative:





<https://www.facebook.com/pointfortinborough/photos/2145269602277298>

Belize

DATE	ACTIVITY	PICTURES
6 th March, 2021	Sargassum collection on the Placencia Beach, Belize.	

		 
11 th March, 2021	Atlantic Goliath Grouper Restoration Awareness at Monkey River Village.	

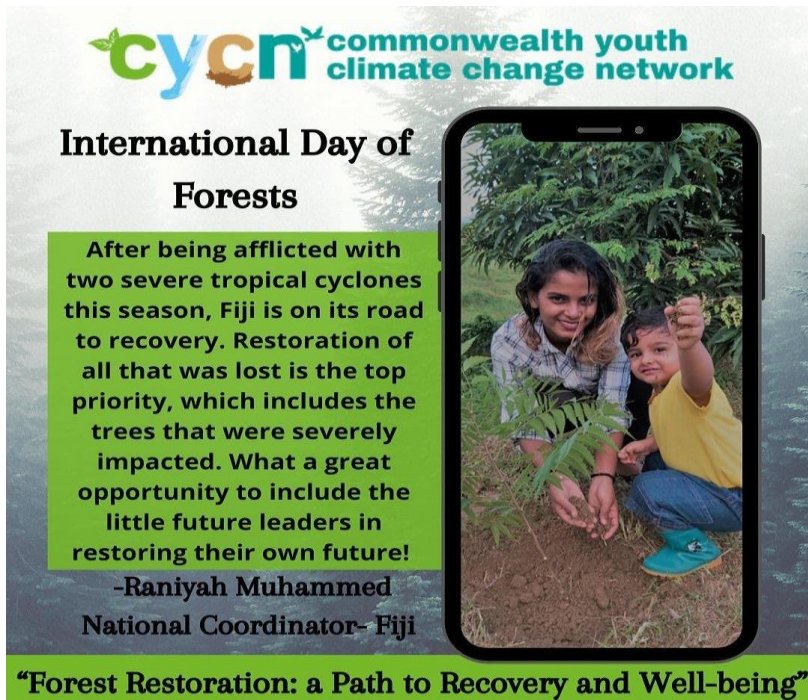
		 
26 th March 2021	Implementation of a recycling outreach program through community service	 

		
30 th March 2021	Mangrove restoration initiative in the Placencia Lagoon	  

Fiji



The first flyer that was sent out to the Fiji Youths for membership registration.



International Day of Forests- ‘Plant a Tree with your Neighbour’ activity done by National Coordinator Raniyah Muhammed



International Day of Forests- ‘Plant a Tree with your Neighbour’ activity done by Partnership and Sponsorship Officer, Osea Tuinakelo.

CYCN Fiji Video Outro.mp4

International Day of Forests- ‘Plant a Tree with your Neighbour’ activity done by Secretary, Suhaymah Shafiq.



The National CYCN members present at the National meeting.



No picture is perfect without a peace sign.



The National Committee members that were elected.

Pictured from left (back), Muhammed Khan as the Partnership and Sponsorship Officer, Britney Kamsoo as the Membership Engagement Officer, Osea Tuinakelo as the Partnership and Sponsorship Officer. Left (Front), Faaizah Ali as the Public Relations Officer, Shama Khan as the Deputy National Coordinator, Raniyah Muhammed as the National Coordinator and Suhaymah Shafiq as the Secretary.

Minutes of the National Meeting that took place on the 27th of March, 2021.



Meeting Minutes

Date: 27th March 2021

Opening

The meeting of the Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network was called to order at 11:15 am 27th March 2021 at the University of The South Pacific, Orange Lounge by the National Coordinator Miss Raniyah Muhammed.

Attendees

1. Suhaymah Shafiq,
2. Shahista Shafiq,
3. Britney Kamsoo,
4. Lawaci Varea,
5. Raniyah Muhammed,
6. Sahir Ali,
7. Muhammed Khan,
8. Nagma Goundar,
9. Nehanka Shankaran,
10. Lorraine Kumar,
11. Marica Vakatawa,
12. Ratu Osea,
13. Alisi Wainiu,
14. Kunal Singh,
15. Marinalynne Tagaloa,
16. Freddy Mocevakaca,
17. Shama Khan,
18. Cecilia Tabuavou,
19. Elaine Nand,
20. Faaizah Ali

Agenda

Time Allowed

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| 1. Call to order and introduction to CYCN | 20minutes |
| 2. Official Membership form briefing | 15minutes |
| 3. Election of National Committee Members | 35minutes |
| 4. Fundraising – Raffle Tickets Distribution | 10 minutes |
| 5. National Committee Briefing | 10minutes |

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Action Items

- Ice breaker activities
- Raffle tickets distribution/ Collection 27th April/ Draw Date 1st May.

Notes

- Active participation of members is needed for attendance
- "Plant a tree with your neighbour" was successfully done by four members
- Commonwealth activity funding for projects may be done at National/Regional depending on approval.
- Photos of National activities need to be approved by the National and CYCN Coordinator, before being posted on social media platforms
- Two fundraisings/ March and August
- Communication to be strictly followed formally via email
- National Coordinators contact details are on email signature
- New committee members were elected

<u>National Committee Members-2021</u>	<u>Total Votes</u>
Deputy National Coordinator – Miss Shama Khan	6
Secretary – Miss Suhaymah Shafiq	14
Public Relations Officer - Miss Faaizah Khan	14
Membership Engagement Officer – Miss Britney Kamsoo	6
Partnership and Sponsorship Officers- Mr Muhammed Khan -Mr Ratu Osea Tuinakelo	

Note: For Partnership and Sponsorship Officer only two candidates were nominated and willing to run for the positions therefore, they automatically took the positions.

Minutes was taken by

Miss Suhaymah Shafiq

Secretary CYCN

Minutes approved by

Miss Raniyah Muhammed

National Coordinator