



CYCN AUGUST REPORT

Date: September 26, 2021

SUMMARY:

The CYCN executed a number of projects; one major project being the launch (August 12) of the Youth Lead SDG13 Action Challenge and Campaign under the theme "Youth Action on the climate crisis with a particular focus on supporting the most vulnerable people." The Keynote speaker was The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth.

MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

CYCN Belize

- *Successfully established dialogue with the CEO, Dr. Kenrick Williams, from the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate change, and disaster risk management and its Department of Environment.*
- *CYCN Belize established relationship with other environmental youth organizations in southern Belize as well as jointly executing field work activities such as mangrove planting.*

CYCN St. Lucia

- *Work on constitution*
- *Creating an interim executive committee*

CYCN Fiji

- *ClimateScience Olympiad Tournament*
- *International Youth Day*

CYCN Cameroon

- *Monthly meetings.*
- *Distributing of 1 letter of Collaboration.*
- *Community Service and plastic pick up in Buea.*
- *Visited an orphanage and created awareness on EE and extended a hand of charity.*
- *Design of Flyer and posting on social media as regards call for membership.*

HIGHLIGHT:

CYCN Belize

Over the past months, awareness of CYCN work in Belize has increased amongst coastal communities and environmental organizations. Members of CYCN Belize have been engaged at a national level with the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management and its Department of Environment. CYCN members have been mobilising their resources to develop mangrove restoration projects along degraded sites in sensitive habitats such as lagoons. This allows CYCN to conduct educational outreach to schools along the coast of Belize. Youth and non-governmental organizations have been collaborating with CYCN Belize on many community-based projects that have been focused on ways to address the effects of climate change, securing livelihoods and restoration of critical habitats and species. CYCN continue recruiting of members with its newly establishment executive committee. Below are their names:

Deputy Coordinator: Monique Rivers Moguel

Secretary Rianni Ico

PR: Wasani Martinez

Partnership and Sponsorship Officer: Kelvin Tillet and Monique Vernon

UPCOMING FOR SEPTEMBER

- Presentation of the importance of mangroves to secondary educational institutions. The purpose of this presentation is to bring awareness of climate change projects and recycling project of plastic bottles in Independence Village.
- Liaise with government officials and regulatory agencies implementing climate change projects in Belize following the COP26 plans. The purpose of this activity is to seek Government support in involving youths in policy making of climate change-related projects and potential to attain funding to attend COP26.
- Development of a sargassum bioliquid workshop for a organic agriculture initiative with youths of Independence Youth Action Movement (I-YAM) in Independence Village. Organic practices will be implement using sargassum bioliquid fertilizer and comparing it with chemical fertilizer. Scientific information will be shared with Department of Environment once funding is secure.
- 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). These two projects along with the sargassum bioliquid fertilizer experimental plots have been pitched at the blue economy workshop as an advocacy strategy to garner international community support.
- Developing a mentoring program for young environmentalist and researchers in climate change related projects. This is a hand-in-hand relationship with members of CYCN Belize and associated youth organizations. Common grounds are established to enhance mentorship program such as passion for environmental conservation and restoration.
- Host a live discussion with diverse background of experts considering climate change and environmental restoration of critical habitats such as mangroves.

CYCN St. Lucia

- Membership meeting September
- During this month, we continued work on our constitution.

UPCOMING FOR SEPTEMBER

- Continued work on constitution and organisation structure of CYCN St. Lucia
- Reach out to organisations from list to inform them about CYCN (still pending)
- Interim Executive Committee meeting

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. CYCN Fiji members took part in ClimateScience Olympiad Tournament which was a success. Another successful activity that was conducted was with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment (SPREP) and Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) for the International Youth Day.

UPCOMING FOR SEPTEMBER

- International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer- Thursday 16th September.

CYCN Cameroon

In August, the network had a major meeting to welcome newly joined members and giving their profession of faith to the network. Key highlights in this meeting were all members agreed to develop an action plan for the next coming months, each member should make efforts to plan community services within their locality upon the validation from the Coordinator. Further, we held an interactive session on Cameroon's implication of youths in carrying out its NDC before the Pre Cop26 in Milan. Lastly, we have held planning meetings with all major stakeholders for

our Upcoming Beat the Bottle project is in progress. In this month we were able to carry out community service in Buea through the picking up of plastics and sensitization on the negative effects of plastics. We also visited an orphanage wherein our focus was to create awareness on Environmental education amongst these kids and also extend a hand of Charity to these kids.

UPCOMING FOR SEPTEMBER

- Carry out more Collaboration
- Climate Youth Advocacy roundtable
- Membership mobilization.
- Developing an Action Plan
- Community Service
- Holding environmental workshops.

BREAKDOWN:

DATE	ACTIVITY/PROJECT	REPRESENTATIVE(S)	DETAILS
August 5-10, 2021	Design and share of Call for membership flyer.	Fontoh Desmond Ndofor Rodrigue Humphrey, Solange (CYCN Cameroon)	Call for Membership
August 1, 2021	Engagement in intergenerational dialogue with government personnel in Belize	Ruth Gutierrez-Corley (CYCN Belize)	Letter of request was sent to Dr. Kenrick William. Positive response was received and now CYCN Belize is preparing their strategy action plan.
August 5, 2021	Clean up, Plastic pick up, and sensitization in Buea	Fontoh Desmond, Ndofor Rodrigue, Persie, Humphrey, and Bismarck (CYCN Cameroon)	Plastic Clean up

August 7, 2021	ClimateScience Olympiad Tournament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raniyah Muhammed • Suhaymah Shafiq • Grace Fong • Fadhila Khan (CYCN Fiji)	<p>This event is focused on writing up solutions to climate issues and giving a chance for members to come up with creative ideas on how to combat climate change at a global level and also getting a chance to win some awesome cash prizes! CYCN Fiji members participated in this and there were also members (Grace Fong and Fadhila Khan) who are part of the ClimateScience team and were part of conducting the online event.</p>
August 10, 2021	Visit to an Orphanage, Environmental education, and charity	Fontoh Desmond, Humphrey, Solange (CYCN Cameroon)	Environmental Education.
August 11, 2021	Advocate for the establishment of Maya Forest Corridor (MFC) initiative with NGO and research community in Belize	Kelvin Tillet (CYCN Belize)	CYCN shows Belize support for the Maya Forest Corridor (MFC) initiative and requests the Government of Belize to fully endorse and facilitate the establishment of the Corridor Management Plan.
August 12, 2021	International Youth Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raniyah Muhammed • Faaizah Ali • Lorraine Kumar (CYCN Fiji)	<p>The theme for International Youth Day 2021 was “Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health”, with the aim of highlighting that the</p>

			<p>success of such a global effort will not be achieved without the meaningful participation of young people. CYCN Fiji members participated in the International Youth Day by participating in an activity organized by Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment to showcase youth's voice for the International Youth Day and also for the upcoming Climate Change events such as the COY16 and COP26.</p>
August 12, 2021	Youth Lead SDG13 Campaign Launch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC, Secretary General of the Commonwealth • Ms. Leneka Rhoden (CYCN Pan-Commonwealth Coordinator) • Mr. Azeez Abubakar, CYCN Policy & Advocacy Chair • Ms. Nisreen Eslaim, Chair of the UN Secretary-General's Youth Advisory Board on Climate Change • Ms. Joy Egbe, Pre-COP26 Delegate • Ms. Delicia Mwanyika, 	<p>The #YouthLeadSDG13 global campaign would create awareness about the impact of climate change on the most vulnerable people such as women and children, marginalized people in refugee camps, disabled people, and young people among others. It would emphasize the importance of coming together as a Youth movement to take urgent climate actions on the Climate Crisis with a focus on supporting the most vulnerable groups.</p>

		<p>CYCN Policy & Advocacy Vice Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Kervelle Baird (CYCN National Coordinator of Trinidad) 	
August 22, 2021	Clean-up campaign on Dangriga beach	Russel Murray (CYCN Belize)	Clean-up campaigns arranged with Belize Tourism Board (BTB) Youth Arm and the Police Department in Dangriga Town.
August 22, 2021	Establishment of plastic bottle collection sites in Placencia and Dangriga Town.	Monique Vernon (CYCN Belize)	Establishment of bins in the form of marine creatures has encouraged the collection of plastic bottles for recycling purposes.
August 23, 2021	Distribution of Collaboration letter	Fontoh Desmond Ndofor Rodrique (CYCN Cameroon)	Collaboration
August 25, 2021	Building awareness of mangrove restoration initiatives in degraded habitat.	Krisjan Young (CYCN Belize)	Mangrove restoration initiatives in degraded sites have been positively received.
August 25, 2021	Membership Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beana Joseph • Kimea Chastanet • Genelle St.Croix • Melanie Fedee • Lievorn Fontenelle • Marla James • Zannika Emilien <p>(CYCN St. Lucia)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on the status of constitution, mural painting and CYCN Leading SDG13 Campaign. • The members agreed on creating an interim executive committee. This committee will be responsible for creating projects, fund raising

			activities and planning education conferences for members.
August 26, 2021	Engagement in blue economy policy workshop with the blue economy charter in ACP countries.	Ruth Corley and Russel Murray (CYCN Belize)	Participation in blue economy policy workshop hosted by the blue charter of the Commonwealth Secretariat.
August 27, 2021	Garner support for the sargassum bioliquid fertilizer initiative	Youth Partners – Independence Youth Action Movement (CYCN Belize)	Provide guidance and technical support in the development of project proposal for a community-based disaster risk management programme for sargassum.
August 27, 2021	Monthly Meetings	Fontoh Desmond, Ndofor Rodrique, Solange Sirri, Humprey, Erika, Nsom and Bismarck (CYCN Cameroon)	Capacity Building and projection of Action plan Talk on Cameroons NDC
August 28, 2021	Open dialogue about a potential recycling project for schools in Independence Village	Kevin Sam (CYCN Belize)	Liaise with the principal of Independence High School and Southern Environmental association to garner support and equipment for the establishment of a recycling program for plastic bottles.

SOCIAL MEDIA PROGRESS REPORT



Facebook

3,956 Followers, 3,817 Likes

Instagram	563 Followers
Twitter	269 Followers

APPENDIX


(CYCN Belize)

DATE	ACTIVITY	PICTURES
1 st – 28 th August	<p>Aquarium studies of Atlantic Goliath Grouper to observe behaviour and feeding patterns. This was presented at the Commonwealth Secretariat Blue Charter Policy Workshop.</p>	
22 nd August, 2021	<p>Clean-up campaign in Dangriga beach</p>	

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<p>12th August, 2021</p>	<p>CYCN technical guidance for the sargassum bioliquid workshop initiative with youths of Independence Youth Action Movement (I-YAM)</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Project Proposal for Pilot of Sargassum Bioliquid Fertilizer Experimental Project</p> <p>Compiled By: Ruth Gutierrez-Corley</p> <p>Authors: Nazaria Gutierrez, Terrence Cabral, Orlando Flowers, Ryan Tao and Julie Tao</p> <p>Youth Organization (Implementers): Independence Youth Action Movement (I-YAM)</p> <p>Project Partners: Dangriga Rainforest Furniture and Fertilizer and Placencia Village Council</p> <p>Supported By: Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network (CYCN Belize)</p> <p>Project Location: Placencia beach, Placencia Village</p> <p>Process Location: Bom-bom landing, Independence Village</p> <p>Project Period: 3 months (June – September 2021)</p> <p>Project Goal: To encourage youth entrepreneurship in agriculture and innovation in developing a sargassum bioliquid fertilizer product through training of youths residing along the coastal regions of southern Belize. This proposed project will encourage organic backyard gardening as well as diversification of income streams for youths who are displaced from employment due to COVID19 whilst addressing the issue of sargassum blooms on Placencia beach. This project is in partnership with Placencia Village Council to promote organic farming using sargassum bioliquid through the establishment of a community-based disaster risk management program for the collection of sargassum masses settling on Placencia beach.</p> <p>Project Objective:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Train 10 youths in making bioliquid fertilizer from Sargassum. 2. Set up an experimental site with one cover structure and a seedlings nursery 3. Set up a processing, marketing and distribution system to sell or process sargassum bioliquid fertilizer </div>
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<p>4th August, 2021</p>	<p>CYCN support in the establishment of the Augusta Forest Corridor (MFC) initiative</p>	<p>Re: Partner Update Maya Forest Corridor</p> <hr/> <p>From: ekay ekay (ekay@ub.edu.bz) To: ekay@bmf.org.bz Bcc: Ruth_Gutierrez94@yahoo.com Date: Tuesday, August 3, 2021, 06:18 PM CST</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Maya Forest Corridor Partners,</p> <p>On behalf of the Maya Forest Corridor Coalition, I just wanted to update you on the late with the Maya Forest Corridor initiative. First of all, the purchase of the 30,000 acre property in the corridor is almost finalized. Final arrangements for transfer to the Maya Forest Corridor are now underway. Thank you for helping us with your support!</p> <p>With respect to the agreement with the Government of Belize, the current administration that some land taxes will have to be paid on the property but this will be with a discount. The Government has however agreed to an exemption on the stamp duties. There are adjustments on the issue of rights to carbon credits. No final agreement has been signed by the Government but will keep you updated when that is done.</p> <p>In the meantime, thank you for your continued support and we hope to next work on the conservation action plan for the Maya Forest Corridor landscape. The COVID situation, we seek alternative ways to meet with our community stakeholders especially.</p> <p>Finally, most of you will know that I have just transitioned from the University of Belize position as the Managing Director of the Belize Maya Forest Trust. This Trust is responsible for the management of the 236,000 acres also recently bought for conservation in northwestern Belize adjacent and south of the Rio Bravo and a sister landscape to the Maya Forest Corridor. In my spare capacity, I will continue with my work with the Maya Forest Corridor Coalition of partners. You can reach me at my new address: ekay@bmf.org as my University of Belize address will not be used after today.</p> <p>Thank you again for all your support and interest.</p> <p>In conservation, Elma</p>
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(CYCN Fiji)

**"COVID-19 RAVAGING THE WORLD
SCREAMS THAT OUR HEALTH AND
OUR PLANET'S HEALTH ARE
INEXTRICABLY INTERTWINED.**

**THIS PANDEMIC HAS BROUGHT ABOUT
GROWING EVIDENCE OF HOW HUMAN
ACTIVITIES THAT ARE CONTRIBUTING
TO CLIMATE CHANGE INFLUENCES THE
EVOLUTION OF ORGANISMS GIVING RISE
TO EMERGING NEW HUMAN DISEASES.**

**THE NEED FOR GREATER INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION IS NEEDED NOW
MORE THAN EVER TO FIND BETTER
SOLUTIONS AND ASSIST THE
VULNERABLE COUNTRIES."**

**RANIYAH MUHAMMED
NATIONAL COORDINATOR, COMMONWEALTH YOUTH
CLIMATE CHANGE NETWORK, FIJI**



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"THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE PLANET THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED AS A PLAN B SHOULD THINGS GO HAYWIRE.

BY CONSTANTLY DESTROYING THE MARINE ECOSYSTEM THROUGH POLLUTION AND NOT MITIGATING EMISSIONS FROM CARBON DIOXIDE, WE ARE DESTRUCTING OUR PLANET.

HENCE, IT IS EXCEEDINGLY PARAMOUNT THAT WE STRIVE TO PROTECT WHAT'S LEFT OF OUR OCEANS AND THE CONTINENTS BY AIMING TO RESTORE AND CONSERVE THE NATURAL BIODIVERSITY."

**FAAIZAH ALI
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, COMMONWEALTH YOUTH
CLIMATE CHANGE NETWORK, FIJI**



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"PACIFIC ISLANDERS RELY ON THE OCEAN FOR MANY DIFFERENT REASONS - THIS INCLUDES THE OCEAN BEING A SOURCE OF LIVELIHOOD, OCEAN RESOURCES HARVESTED THAT CONTRIBUTE TO COUNTRY'S GDP, AS WELL AS THE CULTURAL IMPORTANCE OF OUR OCEAN.

THE OCEAN AND PEOPLE ARE CONNECTED AND IT IS PARAMOUNT THAT IT SHOULD BE PROTECTED FOR THE GENERATIONS THAT ARE YET TO COME.

**LORRAINE KUMAR
MEMBER, COMMONWEALTH YOUTH CLIMATE CHANGE
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