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YEAR-IN-REVIEW

2020/2021 REPORT

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Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network

Pan-Commonwealth Coordinator's Message



Dear Members,

I want to take the opportunity to thank you for being a part of the Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network (CYCN). We had an exciting year in 2020/2021 and we are looking 2021/2022 with engagement at the core of our operations. I am extremely excited and eager to work with you as we, together, work to identify threats to environmental sustainability and best strategies to tackle climate change across the Commonwealth.

One of our main goals is to strengthen the capacity of young people and youth-led organizations as they lead climate action. We want to provide you with the necessary platform you need to excel and learn by exploring the blue and green economy, natural resource utilization and biodiversity conservation.

The CYCN launched a number of initiatives to empower youth and hear their concerns such as the Youth, Climate and Sustainability Summit, and the YouthLead SDG:13 Challenge where you got the opportunity to be creative in your approach. Our new agenda will emphasize training for youth in climate change policy formulation and efficient resource management. We will provide the platform for youth across the commonwealth to voice and action their sustainable solutions at the national and global level.

Your support is paramount to the success of the CYCN. Our key strategy is one of unity as we seek to employ collaboration and form partnerships to execute key projects and make an impact.

I look forward to a productive year! Though remote, my office doors are always open, and I welcome your brilliant and creative ideas (send to cycncoordinator@gmail.com).

Yours in Service,

Ms. Leneka Rhoden,
Jamaica

EXECUTIVE BODY 2020/2021

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Commonwealth Youth Statement on Climate Change

"Supporting Communities and Safeguarding the Most Vulnerable against the Effects of Climate Change."

Climate change has no doubt taken its toll on all facets of the economy, leading to severe hunger with close to a tenth of the global population severely food insecure in 2020. This represents over 15 per cent more than in 2019. The countries mostly hit by the impact of climate change are found in Asia, Africa and small and vulnerable countries, which constitute more than half of the victims affected by this global crisis which calls for urgent action. It is on this premise that Commonwealth youth, led by the Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network (CYCN) makes this clarion call to all parties and Governments in the lead up to COP 26 and beyond, to resolve to act upon the ambitions and commitments made with a sense of urgency as we try to restore our earth and combat the global climate crisis.

The Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network is a network of over two thousand climate, sustainability, and environment youth leaders and youth-led organizations across Commonwealth states focused on climate adaptation and mitigation as well as sustainable development. The young people of the Commonwealth represent more than 60 per cent of the Commonwealth's total population, and have resolved to address climate change and other environmental issues, as well as advocate on climate change from a youth perspective, to ensure a more sustainable and resilient environment. Across the Commonwealth and the globe, young people are not immune to the existential threat posed by climate change. We are concerned by the ongoing detrimental impacts of climate change further compounded by the current crises of biodiversity loss, land degradation and the global COVID-19 pandemic that all threaten our common future. We are also concerned about the debilitating effects of climate inaction on vulnerable groups such as the elderly and disabled people.

Despite efforts made towards combating the global climate crisis, significant gaps exist. Recent findings according to the sixth Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) assessment report reveals that heatwaves, heavy rainfall, and droughts are more severe and frequent and the

most vulnerable groups who have had the least contribution to climate change have suffered the most from its impacts. We see these impacts in the increased intensity and frequency of hurricanes in the Caribbean, rising sea levels and marine heatwaves in the Pacific and Indian Oceans, desertification and more frequent droughts in Africa, and flash floods and extreme temperatures in Europe and Asia. Thus, resulting in real harm to lives and livelihoods.

We note the interconnected and wide sectoral challenges brought about by these adverse effects of climate change, with a real impact on our existence in the world through rising youth unemployment, worsening poverty, displacement, and inequity in developing countries, particularly small island developing states (SIDS). We acknowledge that the sixth IPCC assessment report further highlights the likelihood of temperatures exceeding 1.5°C above preindustrial levels as well as the findings of the United Nation's Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) nationally determined contributions (NDC) synthesis report showing that the current ambitions of countries are not on track to meet the targets of the Paris Agreement. These trajectories hinder our ability to deliver a common sustainable and prosperous future for all, particularly young people.

We note that by 2050, the global youth population is projected to increase by 62 per cent in the poorest and most vulnerable countries as indicated by the United Nation's (UN) Population, putting in jeopardy the future of this growing demographic group. With many challenges already being experienced by young people migrating to cities in search of opportunities, this raises risks of escalating poverty and inequality. The fate of our generation and that of our offspring lies in our hands as youths, and this is why we must all act now. As young people from the Commonwealth, we demand an end to climate inaction. Our generation will have to deal with more frequent and severe climate impacts than ever, making us one of the groups most vulnerable to its impacts. Those of us in the Global South are already bearing the brunt of it. Our children will face disasters at a scale we have never seen before. As such, we recommend the following actions:

- 1. Honour the rights of young people and future generations by prioritizing action on helping the most vulnerable people build resilience and adapt to climate change impacts**

With a growing global youth population, the challenges that young people currently face are expected to increase. These challenges include those directly related to climate migration, and economies severely impacted by climate which in turn affects job opportunities, employment and economic activity, among other things. Country leaders ought to collaborate with local and regional stakeholders and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to provide adequate social protections for young people, the disabled and vulnerable communities as they face the negative impacts of climate change.

2. Make a substantial commitment of climate finance to support youth, women, the elderly and most vulnerable to achieve green and resilient recovery and adapt to climate change impact

Women and Elderly people should be assigned an organisational framework to deliver programmes and services, with the aid of allocated funding by the governments that contribute the most to climate change. We also fully support the call for the joint annual mobilisation of US\$100billion to drive and support climate action in developing countries. We encourage all member countries to raise ambition ahead of COP26 and deliver on these commitments outlined in their Nationally Determined Commitments (NDCs) ensuring young people are actively considered in delivery of climate action efforts.

3. Commit to making low carbon and climate resilient development decisions inclusive, by including youth and other vulnerable people in policymaking and increasing finance for youth-led climate action.

Further, we note the already disproportionate impact of climate change on young people, women, marginalised people, and disabled groups. There is a crucial need to facilitate their active participation in decision-making towards establishing more sustainable and resilient mitigation and adaptation strategies against climate change. Youth inclusion in climate policy and decision making must be scaled up, along with increased support towards additional finance for youth-led climate action. Appreciating the work of Commonwealth member countries in advancing the inclusion of young people in the

design and implementation of climate policies and programmes towards meeting the Paris Agreement targets, we ask that this be scaled up, calling for support towards additional and predictable finance for youth-led climate action.

4. Engage in building the capacity of youth to enhance youth-led green enterprises and collaborate with young people as key partners in mitigation, adaptation and recovery efforts

In line with Article 11 of the Paris Agreement, we call for increased emphasis on enhancing the capacity of young people as partners in mitigation and adaptation efforts, provision of technical support necessary to enhance access to funding to scale up youth-led climate action initiatives, leveraging our innovative, creative, and entrepreneurial spirit. Youth empowerment can help countries forge a sustainable post-pandemic recovery by investing in climate resilience, disaster preparedness and green recovery initiatives that build back better. We further observe the role youth-led green and blue entrepreneurship can serve in achieving sustainable development goals and call for increased support as a mechanism to accelerate recovery efforts.

5. Commit to ocean protection as an integral part of climate mitigation and adaptation through the inclusion of youth and local/indigenous communities in developing sustainable blue economies.

Sustainable tourism, regulated fisheries, and ocean protection can create valuable economic opportunities for local communities, and young people. To realise the full potential of the blue economy, inclusive decision-making is necessary. Therefore, there is the need to support ocean conservation initiatives, public education, and skills development (through training and mentorship) to create suitable and sustainable employment opportunities for the present and future generations.

6. Commit to an inclusive and equitable transformation of the global energy sector that encourages participation by youth and women in policymaking and creates access to opportunities in the clean energy value chain.

According to the United Nations Development Programme, renewable energy can create more than 42 million jobs by 2050. Youth and women represent a huge untapped potential for the green energy transition. Achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) requires all hands on deck.

7. The Commonwealth and other organisations globally should utilise their convening power and partnerships at COP26 to call for ambitious climate adaptation and resilience commitments and action from world leaders which incorporates the needs of youth.

In this context, we acknowledge the efforts of the Commonwealth and in particular, the Commonwealth

Youth Programme as it continues to support and empower young people through the Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network (CYCN), as a platform to effectively advocate and facilitate action to address climate change. We observe the mechanisms and initiatives within the Commonwealth Secretariat which drive technical and financial support for climate action such as the Commonwealth

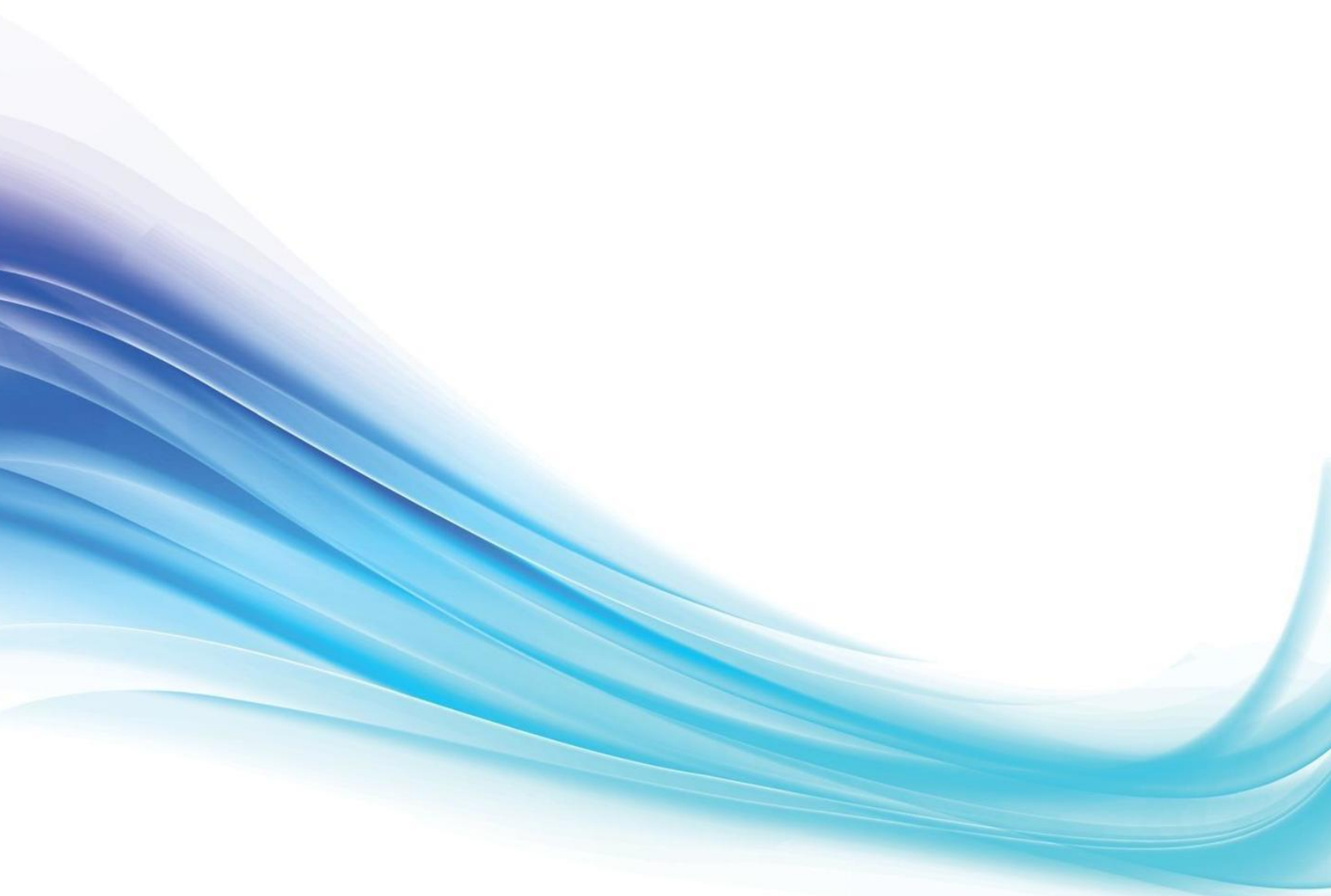
Climate Finance Access Hub (CCFAH), the Commonwealth Blue Charter, Commonwealth Disaster Risk Finance Portal, and proposed Commonwealth Living Lands Charter which will incorporate youth perspectives and engagement in its cross-cutting themes and strategies including nature-based solutions and climate-resilient development. We further encourage the Commonwealth and other organisations to utilise their convening power and partnerships at COP26 to call for ambitious climate commitments and action from world leaders which incorporates the needs of young people.

Given the above, we call for greater inclusion of young people as key stakeholders in driving local, national, regional, and global climate action in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement, Land Degradation Neutrality targets, post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and Sustainable Development Agenda. We acknowledge the Commonwealth's commitment towards a common

future and call for the clear mainstreaming of youth in all areas of programming, enabling their meaningful participation in climate policy development and implementation. We also call for the inclusion of women and other vulnerable groups at the policy-making table.

Climate action begins with human behaviour and lifestyle change. As young people, we are at the heart of the processes involved in achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and request governments, institutions and companies globally to act now to ensure a sustainable future for all.

For the sake of our generation, and the generations to follow, we urge leaders to consider the above recommendations and actions.



CYCN Membership Report

Total Membership

Type	Number
Confirmed Members	881
Associate Members	141
Total	1022

Total membership stands at 1022 divided into Confirmed members and Associate members at 881 and 141 respectively.

Associate Members List

This category had members who were considered part time members. This category was divided into two parts:

- **Under the age of 18**
- **Over the age of 30**

Type	Number
Under 18	102
Over 30	39
Total	141

National Coordinator List

This category contains all the National Coordinators and the Deputy National Coordinators of CYCN.

Type	Number
National Coordinator	19
Deputy National Coordinator	16
Total	35

Executives List

This category in the membership contains all the 5 Committee Chairs details.

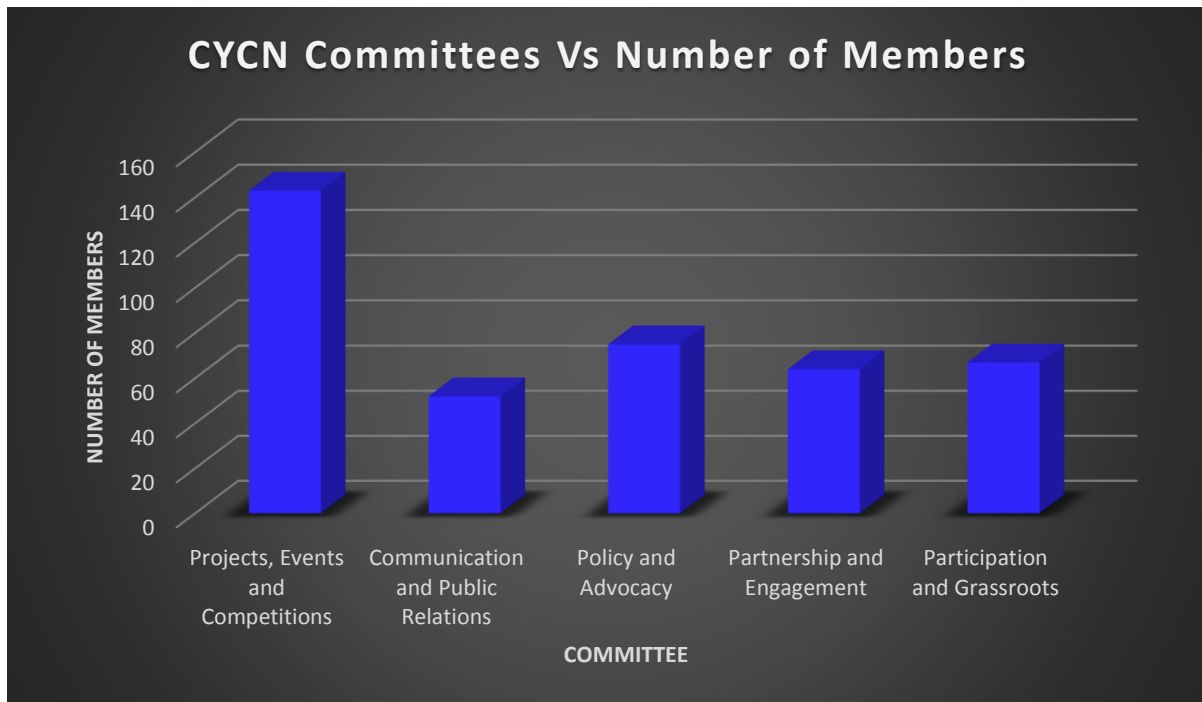
Committee	Chair
Projects, Events and Competitions	Gloria Maruchu
Communication and Public Relations	Ibrahim Moshood
Policy and Advocacy	Azeez Abubakar
Partnership and Engagement	Jorvan Robinson
Participation and Grassroots	Lucky Abeng

Committee List

This category contained members of CYCN participating in different committees of the network. The five committees are:

- **Projects, Events and Competitions**
- **Communication and Public Relations**
- **Policy and Advocacy**
- **Partnership and Engagement**
- **Participation and Grassroots**

Committee	Number
Projects, Events and Competitions	143
Communication and Public Relations	52
Policy and Advocacy	75
Partnership and Engagement	64
Participation and Grassroots	67
Total	401

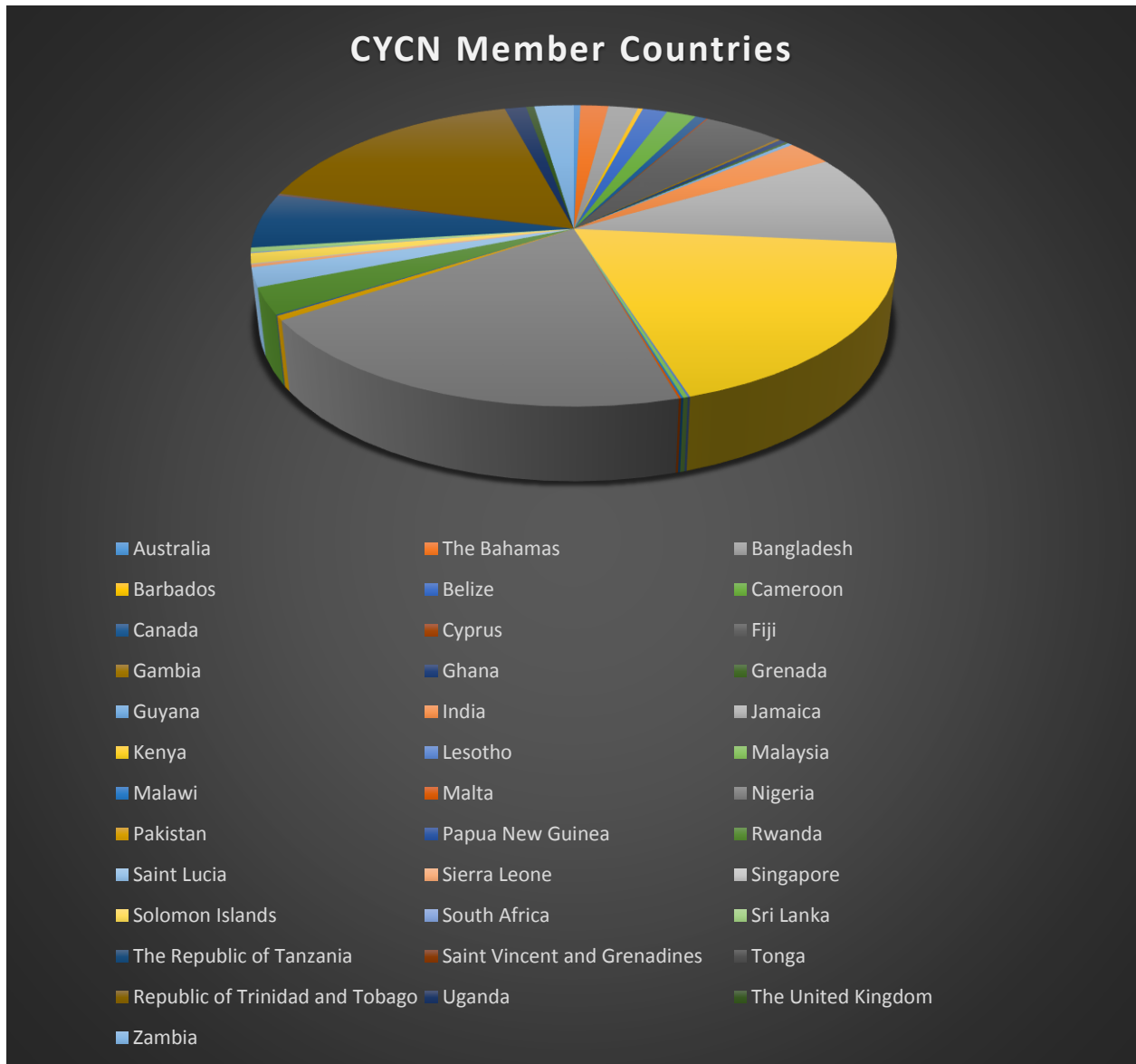


The bar chart above shows the different committees of CYCN and the number of members in each committee.

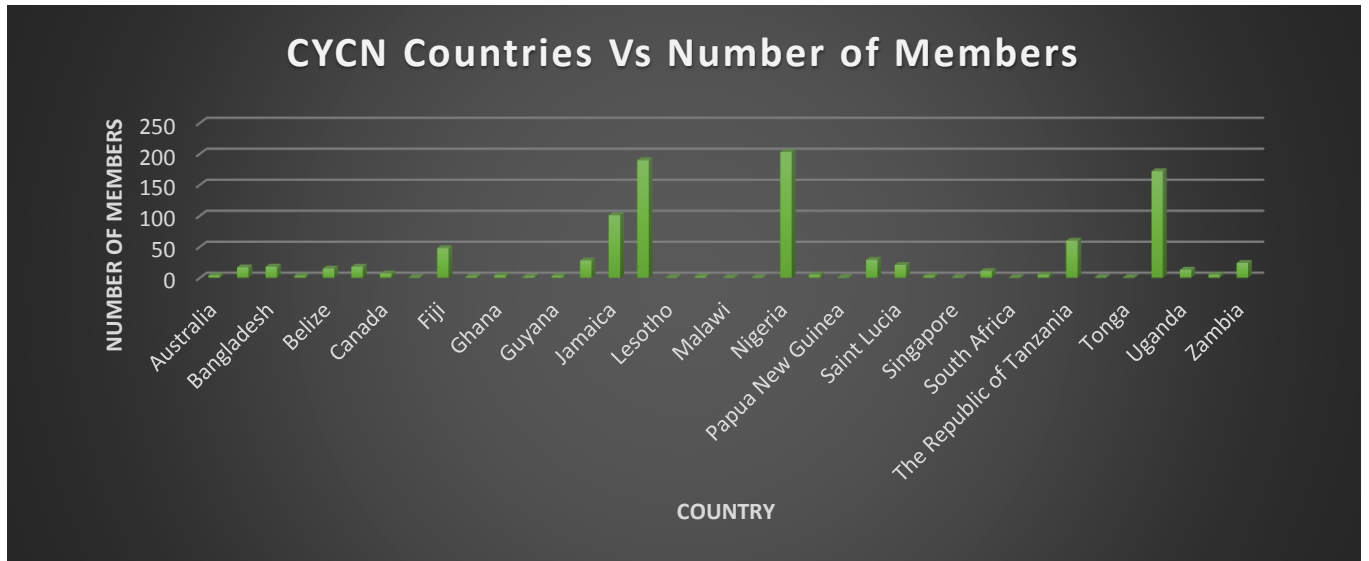
Country List

This category contained list of all the country’s participating in the network and the number of members in each country. A total of 37 countries are recorded.

Pie Chart Showing CYCN Member Countries

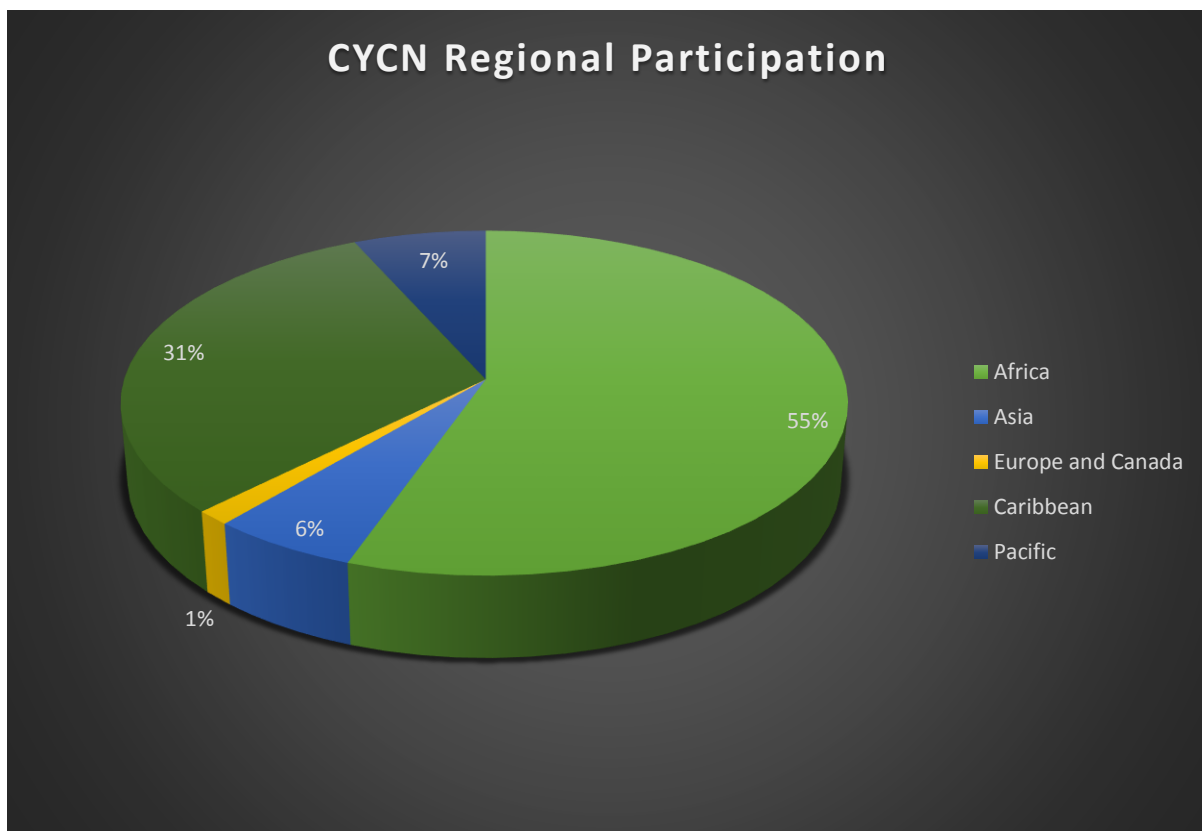


The Bar chart below shows the CYCN member countries and the number of members present in each country



Region List

This list contains the number of members within each region of the network. The five region are as follows:



Pie Chart showing the participation of members across different regions.

Timeline of CYCN

December 2020

CYCN has been represented at the Commonwealth Youth Leaders SGO Summit, and Climate Change was a major concern across the board for youth in the Commonwealth. The rebirth of and role of CYCN reinforced in the latter of 2020, following the appointment of the new Coordinator, Ms. Leneka Rhoden, who took office December 11, 2020.

January 2021

CYCN has officially confirmed over 250 members and has finalized the action plan for 2020/2021. The network is now represented on Twitter @CYCNOfficial and on Instagram @cycnofficial. The CYCN Coordinator, Ms. Leneka Rhoden, met with CYP's Programme Manager, Mr. Sushil Ram. The Network is set to confirm National Coordinators, Regional Coordinators and Committee Chairs by the end of February 2021.

February 2021

CYCN has confirmed a total of 38 National and Deputy National Coordinators. Regional Coordinators and Committee Chairs by the end of February 2021. CYCN also moved to establishing committees of which 120 members expressed an interest in joining 1 or 2 committees. The network has been engaged in a number of multi-national projects, and members will be representing the network at the various forums and conferences to come.

March 2021

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.

April 2021

The CYCN through National Chapters executed its first set of projects with the CYCN's Earth Day webinar (in collaboration with One Better World Collective, Canada and EYI Africa) being a major highlight. The selection of Committee Chairs was completed and the CYCN Toolkit was

made available to all members of the executive.

May 2021

The CYCN continues to champion its mandate as it seeks to build the capacity of its youth advocates in the fields of climate change, environmental sustainability and the blue and green economies. The national chapters continue to play an important part in executing projects in their various jurisdictions and of note, many national chapters have reached out to their governments. Of note, Trinidad and Cameroon have strategically partnered with the British High Commission in their countries and have been in dialogue with key stakeholders in the Climate Change and Environment field. CYCN Pan-Commonwealth Coordinator Ms. Leneka Rhoden met with several National Coordinators and has assisted with finalizing strategic plans which include major projects which will be facilitated through regional collaboration as advised. All CYCN Executive members (Committee Chairs) are now fully operational and have established their various sub-committees and executive structure.

June 2021

The CYCN has had several important engagements this month, from meetings held with the National Coordinators to the CYCN executives, the Commonwealth Secretariat provided guidance and support to the team. The CYCN executives were able to finalize selections of Vice Chairs for the various executive committees. The National Coordinators continue to do a phenomenal job with connecting with members and keeping them engaged, and some chapters even going a step further by engaging public and private sector partners.

July 2021

CYCN continues to provide avenues for youth with an interest in climate action to participate in activities and projects and learn new approaches. CYCN Kenya launched its Nature Club and already made an impact on over 100 grassroots youth.

August 2021

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.

September 2021

The CYCN had a number of important meetings during the month of September. With COP26 approaching, it was important to touch base with members of the executive and the National Coordinators to ensure that projects are geared towards preparing members for active participation.

October 2021

The CYCN executed the Youth, Climate and Sustainability Summit on October 21-22, 2021. The Summit featured presentations and panel discussions from youth activists and climate experts across the different levels (inter-generational). The Summit, on day 1, had the introduction sessions with a combination of discussion sessions and capacity-building workshop sessions. On day 2, the Regional Dialogues (Africa and Europe, Asia, Caribbean and Pacific) on Climate Change took place as a culmination of dialogues across the different regions.

November 2021

Executives and Members participated in COP26.



Main Accomplishments

December 2020

- CYCN Represented at Commonwealth Youth Leaders X SGO Summit

- CYCN Represented at Fourth Steering Committee Meeting of the Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub
- Draft of CYCN Action Plan Completed

January 2021

- Message from New CYCN Coordinator was circulated to Network members.
- CYCN Coordinator met with Programme Manager, Mr. Sushil Ram
- CYCN Regional Groups and Committee Groups established.
- CYCN Action Plan/Strategic Plan Completed

February 2021

- CYCN Celebrated World Wetland Day
- CYCN confirmed 21 National Coordinators, and 17 Deputy National Coordinators.
- CYCN Committee Groups established.

March 2021

- CYCN and Commonwealth Secretariat engaged National Coordinators in an 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.

Country Highlights

Cameroon

Main Accomplishments

March 2021

- 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.

April 2021

- Distributing of 15 letters of Collaboration.
- Ted Talk on Environmental Education
- Planting of 100 trees in 1 community school.
- Design of Flyer and posting on social media as regards call for membership.
- Education of 20 kids on the need to conserve their planet and environment.

June 2021

- Planting of 100 trees.
- Distributing of 1 letter of Collaboration.
- Community Service and plastic pick up in Bamenda.
- Participation in round table talks and Radio shows in commemoration of the World Environment Day
- Design of Flyer and posting on social media as regards call for membership.
- Participation in an informal meeting with the British High Commissioner.
- .Monthly Meetings are held with the CYCN network of members.

August 2021

- 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.

Highlights

March 2021

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.

April 2021

At the National level, we have planted 50 trees in 1 community school, Education of 20 kids on Environmental practices. 15 letters of collaboration to support CYCN actions in Cameroon have been distributed. Community Clean up. We designed a flyer shared on social media platforms to encourage calls for membership at the Cameroonian level. Further, a ted talk on Environmental education and awareness has been carried out in a 1-week workshop to encourage participants to join the course on protecting Mother Nature.



June 2021

In June working in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development, we were able to commemorate World Biodiversity Day and World Environment Day 2021. On both days we were able to plant 100trees. Further through community service, we picked up plastics within the town of Bamenda. It's worth nothing members effectively participated. Again, we participated in a round table talk and radio talk with other climate activists and civil societies on how to effectively improve our National Determined Contributions. We have also sent out 1 letter of Collaboration to the Mbouda Council Cameroon. Lastly, on behalf of the CYCN Network Cameroon the national coordinator was invited by the British High Commissioner and 5 other key stakeholders to have pre-talks before the upcoming COP26 in Glasgow UK.



August 2021

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.



NATURE'S CALL TO SERVICE!

**JOIN THE
COMMONWEALTH
YOUTH CLIMATE
CHANGE NETWORK
IN CAMEROON TODAY**

Together, we can save our planet!

Membership Requirements:
AGE 18 - 29 YEARS
TRACK RECORD ON ENVIRONMENTAL
ACTION

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Organization



St Lucia

Main Accomplishments

March 2021

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

April 2021

- Membership meeting on April 6th, 2021.
- Engage various youth organizations for membership across the island.

May 2021

- During this month, we discussed what other ways we can increase our membership and way to commemorate Environment Days.

June 2021

- World Oceans Day Educational Activity for students via Zoom platform
- New members received on June 11th, 2021
- Membership meeting on June 26th, 2021

August 2021

- Work on constitution
- Creating an interim executive committee

September 2021

- During this month, we continued work on our constitution and members with interest were asked to serve on the interim committee.

Main Highlights

April 2021

We engaged various youth organizations including youth-led environmental organizations on island including:

- St. Lucia National Youth Council and District Youth Councils
- Caribbean Youth Environmental Network – St. Lucia Chapter (CYEN)

We created a flyer and FAQs PDF document that was circulated on various social media platforms to create awareness. We are expecting our membership to increase during this month due to the engagements and advocacy of the organization.

June 2021

During this month, we were able to reach out to our new members and held an activity to commemorate World Oceans Day.

July 2021

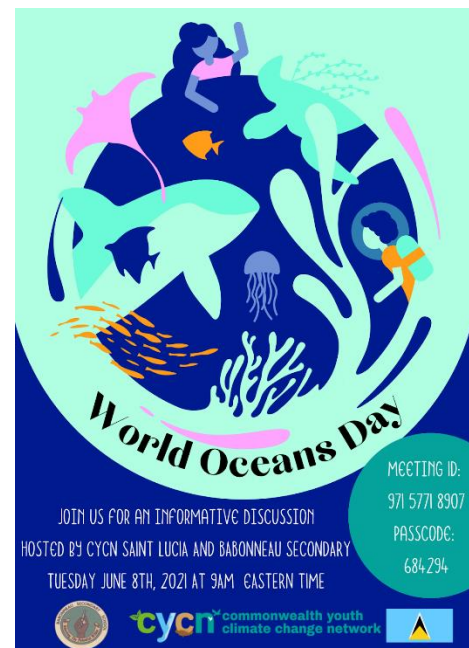
During this month, we did work on our constitution after creating a committee to work on the constitution from our first membership meeting held last month (June 26th, 2021). Mural painting was postponed.

August 2021

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

September 2021

The interim committee will meet first week next month.



Nigeria

Main Accomplishments

March 2021

- 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.

April 2021

- The planning, organization and implementation of the CYCN Webinar in commemoration of Earth Day 2021 themed: 'Climate Mitigation in Developing Countries'.
- Publishing of several design projects by the Digital Committee members.
- Launched the membership call campaign.
- Membership engagement and active use of the CYCN's social media handles.
- Secured Partnership with EYI Africa, One Better World Collective and Aquaworld

May 2021

- Organized the CYCN Webinar in commemoration of Earth Day 2021 themed: 'Climate Mitigation in Developing Countries' on May 1st.
- Developed a strategic action plan
- Integrated new members into the network.

- Membership engagement and active use of the CYCN's social media handles.

June 2021

- Organized two general meetings aimed at engaging members and increasing their participation and engagement levels whilst using the avenue to integrate the new members into the network
- Published flyers for international events and members' birthday
- Published two newsletters on CYCN Nigeria Substack account.

Highlights

March 2021

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.

Global Recycling Day 2021

CYCN Nigeria alongside Global Recycling is calling on COP26 to recognize the recycling Industries and their contribution of saving a billion tons of CO2 emissions by 2030 plus adding \$500 billion to global GDP.

#RecyclingHeroes

GLOBAL RECYCLING DAY 2021

Logos: RecyclePoints, VICIFIELD RECYCLERS, wecoolers, IMPULSE RECYCLING, Waste Point, Going Green Recycling Company, GREEN RECYCLING.

On this day, we recognize the works of those among us, committed to saving this one planet that we have, to make economic sense out of what was once named "waste"
-CYCN Nigeria

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 16-25 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 scholarship opportunities
- Incorporate your own ideas and support in a creative environment
- Obtain a certificate of recognition

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

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

CYCN Nigeria

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

Ajeiro Oluwadi
National Coordinator CYCN Nigeria

International Women's Day

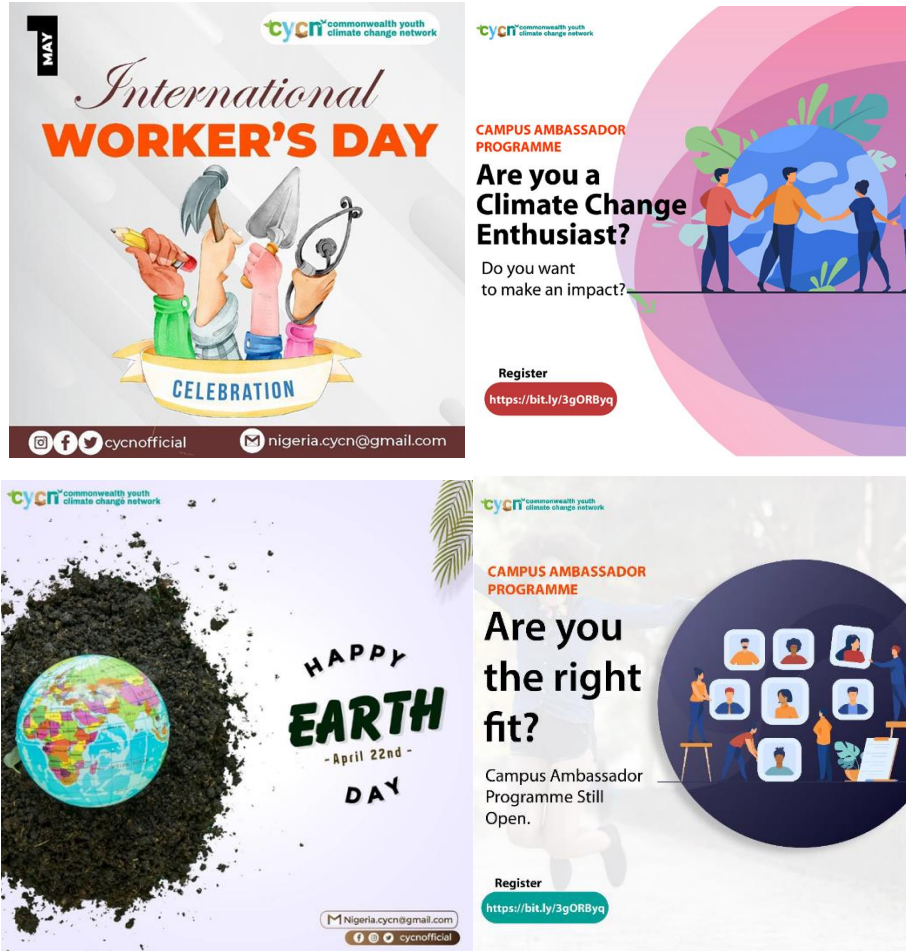
WOMEN ARE THE MOST FORMIDABLE FORCE YOU CAN RECKON WITH, WE ARE STRONG, BOLD, AND RESILIENT. TO ALL THE WOMEN OUT THERE LEADING THE WAY AND MAKING CHANGES, HAPPY WOMEN'S DAY

Victoria O. Akinnagbe
Deputy National Coordinator CYCN Nigeria

International Women's Day

April 2021

The Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network (CYCN) Nigeria chapter during the course of the Month (April) embarked on several activities and projects. The month of April’s major highlight was the Earth Day week. Other highlights included: CYCN membership growth and retention campaign, the Campus Ambassador project, Celebration of international events and members birthday, CYCN Earth Day webinar (in collaboration with One Better World Collective, Canada and EYI Africa).



May 2021

The Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network (CYCN), Nigeria chapter, during the Month (May) embarked on the Evaluation of Action Plan and laid down frameworks upon which the action plan will thrive over the second half of the year. The month of May's Major highlight was the biodiversity week featuring the World migratory Birds Day, World Bees Day, International biodiversity day and a host of other events. Other highlights included: the integration of new CYCN members into the network, Campus Ambassador Project, Celebration of international events and members birthday.

Climate Mitigation in Developing Countries

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Ian Speirs

Founder and Chief Visionary Officer

👤 ABOUT ME

Ian brings 20+ years of successfully applying his sales and business networking expertise toward the establishment of transformative projects. Ian is a mentor and life coach to many. He is presently establishing a parent project to ONE Better World Collective - EnSaTerra, a sustainability-focused incubator.

Ian is the president of Elite Vision Communications, an artist and event management company through which he organizes national film and music tours. As the co-founder of a national NGO in support of Indigenous peoples, he also works directly with over 90 First Nations and Inuit communities.

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May 20

HAPPY

Bee Day

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Eid MUBARAK

May the LORD protect us to be able to witness
MORE of it on earth in good position
Barka da Sallah!

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June 2021

The Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network (CYCN), Nigeria chapter, during the Month (June) embarked on the Implementation of the Action Plan established in the preceding months. The month of June's Major highlight was the awareness about international events featuring the World rainforest Day, International Day of the Tropics, World Desertification and Droughts Day and a host of other events. Other highlights included: the integration of new CYCN members into the network, bi-weekly newsletters, Bi-weekly general meeting and the celebration of some of our members' birthday.

Rwanda

Main Accomplishments

March 2021

- Increasing number of CYCN Members in Rwanda.

October 2021

- CYCN Meeting
- Increasing number of CYCN Members in Rwanda.
- Upcycling Project

Highlights

March 2021

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.

October 2021

We prepared and implemented our Upcycling project in UR-CST Campus; the upcycling project was the environmental project about the creation of decorative and sustainable flowerpot out of used plastic bottles and the aim was to draw public attention to upcycling and recycling and to raise awareness for nature conservation and the SDG 13 (Climate Action). The project was implemented on 16/10/2021 at UR-CST, SABE and the project started at 14PM. The project was a small contribution to the protection of environment.

Fiji

Main Accomplishments

March 2021

- 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.

May 2021

- Online Activity- International Day for Biological Diversity

April 2021

- *National Committee Meeting.*

June 2021

- World Environment Day
- World Ocean Day
- Nature Photography Day- Competition
- World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

August 2021

- ClimateScience Olympiad Tournament
- International Youth Day

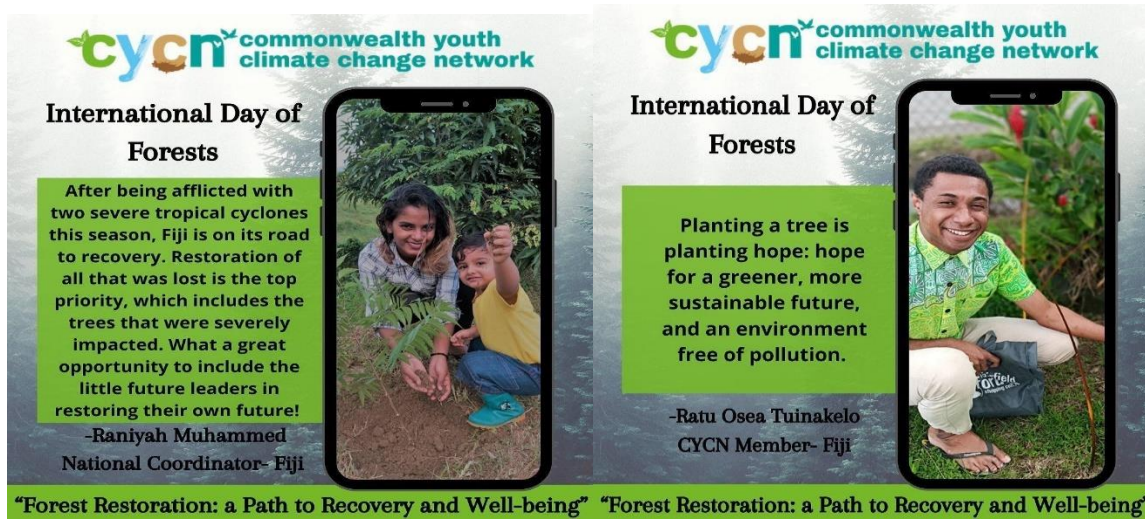
September 2021

- Youth4Pacific PRE-COP Gathering

Highlight

March 2021

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.



April 2021

A successful National Committee meeting was conducted after which the planning was in motion for the upcoming activities such as the fundraising raffle draw and teambuilding activities for the network. A week before the raffle ticket draw, new Covid19 cases made an outbreak in our community due to which the whole nation is in lockdown. Due to the restrictions

imposed by the Government to contain the virus, all the CYCN network activities have been hosted online. This is in line with the Governments restrictions for everyone's safety. Currently, the committee members are working on how to organize activities online to engage members.



May 2021

Due to the restrictions imposed by the Government to contain the virus, all the CYCN network activities have been decided to go online. This is in line with the Governments restrictions for

everyone's safety. We were only able to carry out one online activity.



June 2021

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. Participation level from the network members are seen to be decreasing. Thus, competitions for the activities are carried out amongst members of the network to ensure their participation level increases.

August 2021

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 Climate Science 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.

September 2021

This month's activity was mostly based on members attending the virtual meetings to the lead up to the COP26 this year.

CYCN FIJI

Activity: The International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May, 2021

It is being celebrated under the slogan "We're part of the solution #ForNature"

Name: Raniyah Muhammed (National Coordinator – CYCN Fiji)

Message:

Did you know that we are in our 6th mass extinction of biodiversity? This event also known as Anthropocene extinction and is significantly different from others, as it is happening over a very short period of time and is a direct result of human driven activities. Fiji is included in the Micronesia-Polynesia biodiversity hotspot – considered to be one of the most threatened of earth's 34 biodiversity hotspots. It is home to the third-largest number of threatened endemic species. Extinction is a one way street and we must do everything in our power to protect our biodiversity! We're part of the solution #ForNature



Name: Raniyah Muhammed (National Coordinator – CYCN Fiji)

Message:

Mainstreaming biodiversity into education and learning systems should be a main priority for every nation. Taking into account that we are in our 6th mass extinction of biodiversity caused by human driven activities, education brings sustainability to development efforts in shaping new ways, practices and behaviour's that can make biodiversity conservation possible starting from a very young age. We're part of the solution #ForNature



Name: Faizah Ali (Public Relations Officer – CYCN Fiji)

Message:

Our biodiversity is substantially important, not only for us humans but also for the variety of life living on planet Earth, as we all are tremendously dependent on each other for survival. From the air that we breathe in to the food that we consume, all falls back onto the biological diversity hence signifying its utmost gravity. Due to the rise in the damaging activities caused by us humans, our global biodiversity is in crisis now. Reversing changes to the climate will take centuries or perhaps a millennia so we must begin now. Let's give our environment the space and protection it needs. Let's be part of that solution #ForNature



Name: Faizah Ali (Public Relations Officer – CYCN Fiji)

Message:

Women's full engagement in the conservation and sustenance of biodiversity is essential as we play critical roles. We women are traditionally underrepresented in decision-making related to the acquisition of land resources hence facing out of proportion effects leading to the loss of biological diversity. Women need to be actively participating in such conservational efforts, not only to fully explore our capabilities but also to work towards conservational efforts for our biodiversity.



Name: Suhaymah Shafiq (Secretary – CYCN Fiji)

Message:

Bula! On this International Day of Biodiversity, I urge you all to play your part in conserving the biodiversity. Know about various life forms in nature. Pacific Islanders heavily depend on marine resources. Let's ensure that sustainable seafood choices are made. Do not pollute the ocean. Be part of Organizations that helps protect the ocean. We're part of the solution. Let's make a change. Know about life, hunger and future. Together we can, #ForNature.



Name: Suhaymah Shafiq (Secretary – CYCN Fiji)

Message:

Loss of plant life affects animals and humans. Butterflies and other insects are an important part of the food chain. If they disappeared then the natural interdependence network will collapse. We are in a midst of sixth mass extinction. We are the cause of being wiped out ourselves. Let us all work in conserving the life around us. The solution is in nature. On this International Day of Biodiversity, let's work together in harmony with nature.



Name: Britney Kamsoo (Membership Engagement Officer – CYCN Fiji)

Message:

Biodiversity is love. Biodiversity is life. Without biodiversity there is no you and me. The marvelous work they do for us goes beyond what we do for them. Conserving biodiversity is important and it starts from you. Keep our world colourful, conserve biodiversity. We're part of the solution" #ForNature



Name: Muhammed Khan (Partnership & Sponsorship Officer – CYCN Fiji)

Message:

Biodiversity starts in the distant past and it points toward the future – Frans Lanting

If we pollute the air and water that supports our living, and destroy the biodiversity that allows natural systems to function, no amount of money will save us in the future. Respect nature and protect biodiversity. We're part of the solution #ForNature



Name: Shahista Shafiq (Member – CYCN Fiji)

Message:

Bula! On this International Day for Biodiversity, let us all work together in preserving the biodiversity. Biodiversity is our life. We all have a role to play. Let's work together for nature and for a better future. The solution is in nature and we are part of the solution. Are you?



Name: Shama Khan (Deputy National Coordinator – CYCN Fiji)

Message:

Fiji has a large variety of rich corals and organisms in its marine biodiversity. We're part of the solution #ForNature

#Help Nature #For Nature #Our Future



Poem by Seforosa Omi

Life & Livelihoods

Somedays I'm wild, other days I'm calm
Be it foamy sprays or shimmering waves
I've seen tears, I've heard cries
Far and wide of foes and allies
Mysteries and wonders
I've harbored over the years
Occasionally contradicting mankind's fears
Beyond horizons from coast to coasts
Vastly needing, I'm rather a host
A home for creatures unique,
Gods creation, a blessing a lesson to teach
Arms that reach for that beautiful shore
A homely retouch and journey never more
The life you breathe in me, I bequeath
Evenly so does the commotion beneath
From shallow turquoise to effortlessly deep
endless me, an Ocean to keep.



Photo by Faaizah Ali for World Ocean Day



Cotton Candy skies near Nasese Seawall



Photo by Faaizah Ali for Nature Photography Day Competition- Winner



Photo by Ashna Chand for Nature Photography Day- Competition

As a child, I did not know what career I wanted to have after I grew up but I somehow always found myself connecting to the trees and ocean. My love for it grew every time I glanced at it. The sight of it was always mesmerising to my heart. As years went by, I grew up to realising that nature had not only become my best friend, my comfort zone and my peace but most importantly my career.



Photo by Lorraine Kumar for Nature Photography Day- Competition The true essence of beauty will only be found if you indulge yourself into loving nature.



Photo by Shama Khan for Nature Photography Day- Competition

“Leaving the sea and land at its natural state is the best gift one can give to the mother of all

Nature is an exquisite art on its own and any tempering will diminish its beauty

Be it the mountains or ponds, Flora or fauna, land or sea

Each plays an important part in the greater circle of life

Let's show it the respect that it deserves by protecting the mother of all kind

OUR NATURE”



Photo by Karalo Drekenavere for Nature Photography Day- Competition

Belize

Main Accomplishments

April 2021

- Successfully planned and implemented Earth Day activities in Dangriga and Placencia Village.
- CYCN Belize established contact with the Ministry of Sustainable Development Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management.

May 2021

- 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 gaining media coverage with a local radio station, LoveFM.
- 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 gaining media coverage with a local radio station, LoveFM.

July 2021

- Successfully established partnership with the Maya Forest Corridor Coalition and and 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 however we are in the process of improving our social media presence.

August 2021

- 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.

Highlights

March 2021

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.



April 2021

The CYCN members in Belize have been engaged on Earth Day events all month long with local youth organizations and NGOs. Many of the activities include building the awareness of climate change impacts on community livelihoods whilst building the stewardship of environmental

protection and restoration along the coast of Belize. CYCN members carried out their community projects with the support of volunteers in each community. The CYCN in Belize has officially reached out to representatives in climate change-related project but have intension to contributing towards a strategy plan to engage youth in policymaking.



May 2021

Over the past three months, increased awareness of CYCN in Belize has increased amongst coastal communities. 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 mobilizing their resources to develop a CYCN recycling program for schools in southern 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 and securing livelihoods.

CYCN continue recruiting of members and now is preparing its members for the establishment of its executive committee.

July 2021 Clean-Up campaign in Dangriga Beach



CYCN Belize has been engaged as partners in the Maya Forest Corridor Coalition and its Maya Forest Corridor Initiative. We have been planning collaborative projects on capacity building on carbon research and development with a focus on climate change advocacy. Approximately 30,000-acre property was at most at risk in the corridor and final arrangements for transfer to the Maya Forest Corridor Trust are now underway. CYCN Belize will now be contributing towards the revision of the conservation action plan for the Maya Forest Corridor landscape.

August 2021

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

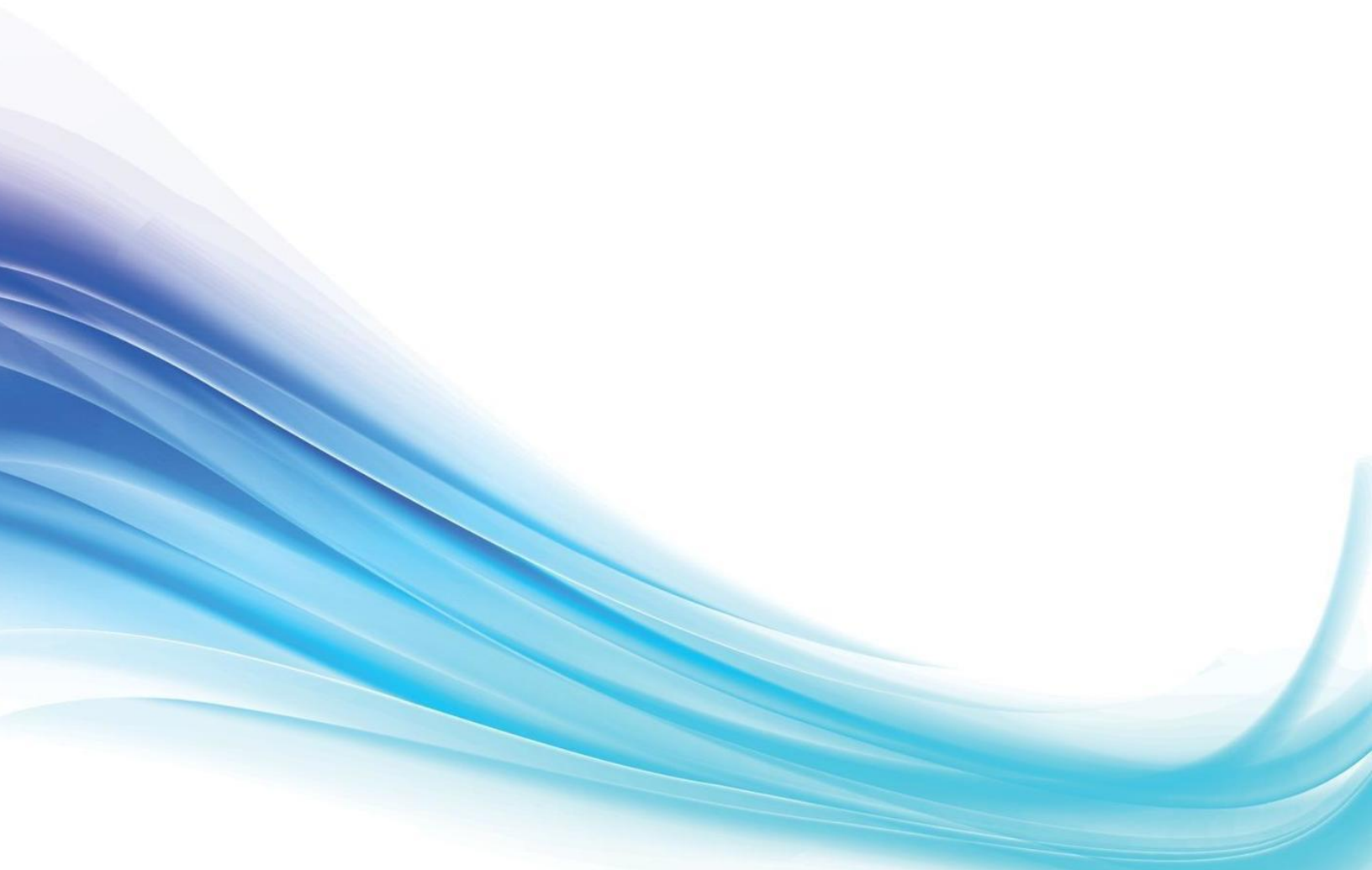
PR: Wasani Martinez

Partnership and Sponsorship Officer: Kelvin Tillet and Monique Vernon

Sargassum collection on the Placencia Bench in Belize



Atlantic Goliath Grouper Restoration Awareness at the Monkey River Village



Mangrove Restoration initiative in the Placencia Lagoon



Clean-up campaign in Placencia beach



Clean-up campaign in Clean-Up campaign in Seine Bight beach



Aquarium studies of Atlantic Goliath Grouper to observe behaviour and feeding patterns presented at the Commonwealth Secretariat Blue Charter Policy Workshop



CYCN community outreach for mangrove restoration initiative in degraded habitats



Kenya

Main accomplishments

May 2021

- Increase of members in the network.
- Social media dissemination of CYCN Kenya work

July 2021

- Launched CYCN Nature Club on 28th July 2021
- An increased membership base of over 100 active young people in Kenya
- CYCN Kenya Bi-monthly meetings have been helpful in discussing and sharing opportunities' for CYCN Kenya members

Highlights

May 2021

Following our successful meeting on 14th May 2021, all the members present agreed to work towards realisation of CYCN Kenya Action Plan 2021.

June 2021

CYCN Kenya is a leading network among many youth led organizations in Kenya. We have received a lot of interested partners and individuals who are really in need for joining and supporting CYCN Kenya action plan and objectives of CYCN globally.

Theme:

SAVE THE DAY:

Extensive Discussion on
“PLASTICS POLLUTION”
 Awareness Webinar

Saturday
26th June
2021

10AM WAT/BST
 11AM CAT
 12PM EAT

M O D E R A T O R S

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Azeez Abuhakar
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 Medical House Officer, Federal Medical Center, Oyo

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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July 2021

CYCN Kenya is very committed to engage young people in Kenya. CYCN Kenya developed 3 main projects as part of its strategy to increase the rate of young people engagement in environmental conservation. The projects namely: Nature Clubs, Climate Dialogues and Talent Award Competition. For July 2021, we launched Nature Club which is running for 12 months.



CYCN Kenya launched its Nature Club on 28th July 2021, over 30 participants attended the event. The event has some graphics for promotional purposes and some merchandise for sale to raise funds for the network projects.



Trinidad and Tobago

Main Accomplishments

March 2021

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

April 2021

- Established partnership for September - October project.
- Composed letter to regional manufacturer to ensure green procurement of RSPO-certified palm oil and established partnership for projects.

May 2021

- Formation
- Delivered letter to regional manufacturer to ensure green procurement of RSPO-certified palm oil
- Community composting project was developed.

March 2021

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.

April 2021

May project was completed. Planning for October project continued. Outreach for July/November project began.

May 2021

The membership convened. Projects were developed. Letter to regional manufacturer to ensure green procurement of RSPO-certified palm oil was delivered.



Bahamas

Main Accomplishments

April 2021

- 181 coastal plants were planted ranging from mangroves to sea grape trees.
- Beach clean-up removed large amounts of trash from area.
- Trash was tallied for an ongoing project conducted by a separate environmental organization in the Bahamas.

Highlights

April 2021

On April 24th members of CYCN Bahamas participated in a Beach Clean-up and Tree Planting event organized by different sustainability organizations in the Bahamas and volunteers from environmental clubs at the University of the Bahamas. This event is one of many that these organizations host in an ongoing project.

Jamaica

Main Accomplishments

April 2021

Successfully added two youth-led organization to the ECCO Warriors Project

- a. Green Eagle Project; and
- b. Leaders for Change – Environment Arm.

Highlights

April 2021

The Earth Day Forum was poorly supported and it may be determined that insufficient planning and just poor sportsmanship, this was the cause. I hope moving forward that it can be bigger and better and more support can be given by CYCN members.

For May and onward CYCN Jamaica will be focusing on building partnerships and expansion

Ghana

Main accomplishments

June 2021

- CYCN Ghana members have been formally welcomed and invited to a formal meeting to discuss future operations.

Highlights

April 2021

We have initiated a conversation with the Marine and Fisheries Students Association at the University of Ghana. This is set to contribute to CYCN membership and the Tertiary Institution Partnerships initiative.

June 2021

Members of CYCN Ghana have been formally welcomed and a formal meeting is yet to take place as members are yet to respond to meeting invitation.

The proposal to MaFiSSA of the Oceanography department at the University of Ghana, Legon is also yet to be answered. CYCN Ghana is working ardently to draw in this potential 300-membership initiative to promote our conservation goals.

Proposal 1: Belize, April 2021 (copy of the proposal letter sent out to the marine and fisheries students association)

CALL FOR CYCN MEMBERSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP.

The Commonwealth Youth Climate Network (CYCN) is calling on the Marine and Fisheries Science Student Association (MaFiSSA) for membership into our network. As a past student of

MaFISSA, I can appreciate the importance of our waters and the need for protection and conservation. This could be through activism, advocacy, and policy advising and research.

The CYCN was established in 2009 during the Young Commonwealth Climate Summit in London, where 150 young environmental leaders gathered to share experiences and expertise.

The CYCN aims to build the capacity of young people in their endeavours to address climate change and other environmental issues, and advocate on climate change from a youth perspective. The network is run by a team of dedicated volunteer professional and young people from across the Commonwealth, with support from the Youth Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

CYCN members advocate with national and local governments, as well as international agencies and global spaces such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Looking at the prospects of this collaboration, I urge your association to consider this partnership with CYCN Ghana. Your response will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Winifred Tse.

National Coordinator

Commonwealth Youth Climate Network Ghana



CYCN's Engagement

December 2020

1. On Friday, November 20, 2020, the Commonwealth Youth Leaders X SGO Summit was held. Ms. Leneka Rhoden and Mr. Adrian Watson were both in attendance. Both attendees were Jamaican. The main concerns and needs of youth in the Commonwealth regarding Climate Change were tabled at the event. These included: lack of political will, lack of opportunities, and lack of engagement. Furthermore, key initiatives such as the Climate Access Finance Hub and the Blue Charter were also highlighted at the event.
2. On Wednesday, December 9, 2020, the Commonwealth Secretariat Climate Change Unit for the Fourth Steering Committee Meeting of the Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub was underway. Ms. Leneka Rhoden was in attendance. Chair of the Steering Committee of the Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub (CCFAH), Mrs. S. Lotun, Permanent Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, Mauritius, extended an invitation for CYCN's Coordinator to attend the Opening Session of the Fourth Meeting of the Steering Committee to be held virtually. The Opening Session featured a message from the Secretary General of the Commonwealth, Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC; Hon. Nandcoomar Bodha, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade Mauritius; H.E. Keith Allan, British High Commissioner in Mauritius; H.E Dr Kate O'Shaughnessy, Australian High Commissioner in Mauritius.

February 2021

1. On Tuesday, February 2, 2021, the creation of the World Wetlands Day Video was underway. Ms Leneka Rhoden was the representative present. The video was created using CANVA with Wetland ecosystem in backdrop and modern afro-beat as overlay music. The video was shared on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter by CYCN Official pages and members personal accounts amounting to over 10,000 engagements on social media.

March 2021

1. On March 6, 2021, the CYCN National Coordinator Induction was held. The Commonwealth Secretariat, Aurelia Bruce, the CYCN Coordinator, Leneka Rhoden, national coordinators and their deputies were all in attendance. 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.
2. On March 7, 2021, the Annual One Young World Bath Caucus was held. Most CYCN members were in attendance. The Caucus was centered around the theme: unity and the power to create positive change. Throughout the day, there were speakers, panelists and interactive workshops addressing issues surrounding the Sustainable Development Goals – Reduced Inequalities, Good Health & Wellbeing and Climate Action.
3. On, March 8, 2021, the Commonwealth Day Video campaign on social media was successfully executed. Over 50 members of the CYCN from across different regions had participated and captivated over 800,000 engagements on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.
4. On March 15, 2021, the National Coordinator, Raniyah Muhammed, had conducted a membership registration for the CYCN Fiji to build the capacity of the members in the network. An official flyer was uploaded on the social media platforms (Instagram, Facebook) to inform the youths. However, due to heavy rain, attendance was low on the date but many people had opted to give in their information via emails and phone contact. Since 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.
5. On March 21, 2021, the International Day of Forests- ('Plant a Tree with your Neighbour' activity was underway in Fiji. Raniyah Muhammed, Suhaymah Shafiq, Shahista Shafiq and Osea Tuinakelo were all in attendance. 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. The 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

6. On March 27, 2021, the CYCN National Meeting was held in Fiji. Up to 20 different members were in attendance including: Raniyah Muhammed, Suhaymah Shafiq, Shahista Shafiq, Britney Kamsoo, Lawaci Varea, Sahir Ali, Muhammed Khan, Nagma Goundar, Nehanka Shankaran, Lorraine Kumar, Marica Vakatawa, Osea Tuinakelo, Alisi Wainiu, Kunal Singh, Marinalynne Tagaloa, Alifereti Mocevakaca, Shama Khan, Cecilia Tabuavou, Elaine Nand and Faaizah Ali. An introductory meeting was conducted by the National Coordinator for the members joining 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.
7. On March 22-24, 2021, the CYCN had participated in CPAUK. Over 15 members were in attendance. 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.

April 2021

1. On April 6, 2021, the National Committee Meeting was held at the University of the South Pacific-Orange Lounge. One committee member- Osea Tuinakelo

(Partnership and Sponsorship Officer) was not able to make it to the meeting due to work schedule. The committee members discussed about the network in depth and the activities that are planned out for the year. Venues and funds was discussed by the members out of which the sponsorship and partnership officer- Muhammed Khan had identified potential sponsors and donors for the Fiji network and so official letter of the network is needed to proceed further. The fundraising activities that will be carried out needed a sponsors for which the members volunteered. Discussions on the fundraising raffle draws. Raffle ticket distribution. Next upcoming activity- Earth Day was discussed for the committee members to get together and do some activities. Connections in other government and organizations were identified. CYCN Fiji was represented by Raniyah Muhammed, Shama Khan, Faaizah Ali, Suhaymah Shafiq Britney Kamsoo and Muhammed Khan.

2. CYCN Kenya hosted their first National Meeting on April 10, 2021. Ms Leneka Rhoden (CYCN Coordinator), Maurice Munga (CYCN National Coordinator of Kenya) and CYCN Kenya members were all in attendance. Ms. Leneka Rhoden, CYCN Coordinator, gave remarks and greeted the members of CYCN Kenya. The members were encouraged to support the work of the network and to be active members by suggesting ways that we can broaden our reach. CYCN Kenya outlined their plans for the year, and has committed to support the work of the CYCN. An executive structure is in place to support the operations of CYCN Kenya.
3. On April 24, 2021, CYCN Jamaica had an **Earth Day Forum**. Dane Eglia was present. The below link is connected to our Google Drive Earth Day Youth Forum minutes, PowerPoint and a short recording of the Earth Day Youth Forum:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13qK8>

May 2021

4. On May 22, 2021, an online activity dubbed “International Day for Biological Diversity” had transpired in Fiji. The member of CYCN Fiji had participated in the online activity set out for International Day for Biological Diversity with messages and photos. Some members participated in an online event set out by IUCN OCEANIA on Biological Diversity Day.
5. On May 22, 2021, the establishment of plastic bottle collection sites in Placencia and Dangriga Town was done in Belize. Monique Vernon was the main person who had spearheaded the project. Establishment of bins in the form of marine creatures has encouraged the collection of plastic bottles for recycling purposes.
6. On May 28, 2021, an open dialogue about a potential recycling project for schools in Independence Village was being conducted. Kevin Sam, a representative from CYCN Belize, had liaise with the principal of Independence High School and Southern Environmental Association to garner support and equipment of a recycling program for plastic bottles.

June 2021

1. On June 5, 2021, World Environmental Day was being observed in Fiji. The members of CYCN Fiji that had helped and participated in the execution of the event were Faaizah Ali, Lorraine Kumar and Karalo Drekenavere. The day was celebrated by creating a video which revolved around World Environment Day theme for 2021.
2. On June 8, 2021, World Ocean Day was being observed in Fiji. The members of CYCN Fiji that had helped and participated in the execution of the event were Faaizah Ali, Lorraine Kumar and Seforosa Omi. The members had

commemorated the day by creating posters, writing poems, and submitting personal collection of pictures in relation to the theme of 2021 World Ocean Day.

3. On June 8, 2021 at 4 PM, CYCN Kenya National Executive Committee were present in a meeting with “We Naturalists”. We Naturalists empowers naturalists with tailor-made tools and nature-related content for a larger impact. They will help the community to learn, up skill, get a global perspective, find better livelihood opportunities, enable better research, catalyze effective education, and create awareness through their work within and outside the community. Similarly, for organizations working in nature, it is a space to connect with relevant people here to meet their project objectives of reaching global audiences, meeting hiring and volunteering needs, exploring funding possibilities, monitoring project progress, tracking and measuring impact. WeNaturalists aims to provide a unified voice for nature, strengthen our fight for all environmental causes, and create a larger impact. Therefore, partnership and the way forward between CYCN Kenya and WeNaturalists will help in: donor search facilitation for our activities, global visibility of our projects/activities and establishing a webinar on environmental journalism as part of building capacity to members in order to get communication skills.
4. On June 28, 2021, an informal breakfast with the British High Commissioner and CYCN Cameroon member Fontoh Desmond had taken place. It was a stakeholder meeting.

July 2021

1. On July 28, 2021, World Conservation Day had been observed in St Lucia. All members were engaged in a mural painting in order to commemorate the day. Various paint companies across the island were reached out to sponsor or donation of exterior paints for the painting. We were successful with two

companies. However, the date of the mural painting which was scheduled for the weekend of the 24th of July was postponed due to the proximity to Saint Lucia's General Election held on 26th July, 2021. The activity has been postponed for a later date to commemorate a different environmental awareness day which will be decided by the members.

2. Also on the 28th of July, **CYCN Nature Club Launch** had transpired. All members of Kenya CYCN, youth climate leaders in Kenya and interested citizens of Kenya were all in attendance. We had over 30 participants during the launch. A lot of young people had amazing questions and were well responded by the speakers.
3. On the 22nd of May, 2021, the monitoring of seaweed farms in Southern Belize and advocacy by Goal: Green were underway. The two leaders who spearheaded the plan were Monique Vernon and Monique Moguel both from CYCN Belize. Supporting monitoring and evaluation initiatives on the sustainability of seaweed farms in southern Belize.

August 2021

1. On August 7, 2021, the **Climate Science Olympiad Tournament** was held in Fiji. 4 members of CYCN Fiji were in attendance. 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 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 Climate Science team and were part of conducting the online event.
2. International Youth Day was celebrated and observed in Fiji on August 12. 3 members were in attendance namely: Raniyah Muhammed, Faaizah Ali and Lorraine Kumar. 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 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.

3. The **Youth Lead SDG13 Campaign Launch** was held. Several important delegates from around the world were in attendance such as the Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC, Secretary General of the Commonwealth, Ms. Leneka Rhoden (CYCN Pan-Commonwealth Coordinator), Mr. Azeez Abubakar, CYCN Policy and Advocacy Chair, Ms. Nisreen Eslaim, Chair of the UN Secretary-General’s Youth Advisory Board on Climate Change and Ms Joy Egbe, Pre-COP26 Delegate, Ms. Delicia Mwanyika, CYCN Policy & Advocacy Vice Chair and Ms. Kervelle Baird (CYCN National Coordinator Trinidad). 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.

September 2021

1. On September 7, 2021, COP26 CHAT was held. Three members were in attendance. These included: Aurelia Bruce, Victoria Akintaju and Raywin Taroaniara. Victoria was selected to lead the Commonwealth Top 10 Young Climate Advocate Stories.

2. On September 23-24, 2021, the Youth4Pacific PRE-COP Gathering was held. Two members of CYCN Fiji had participated in this event. They were Raniyah Mohammed and Suhaymah Shafiq. The gathering provided capacity building and engagement of Pacific Youth in the lead up to COP26. The two-day virtual/hybrid event aimed to bring many youths together and talk on issues that are of concern.

October 2021

1. On October 16, 2021, an upcycling project was underway. The project was lead by Alex Mugabo. The upcycling project was the environmental project about the creation of decorative and sustainable flowerpot out of used plastic bottles.
2. On October 21-22, 2021, **Youth, Climate and Sustainability Summit** was held. CYCN members, Executive members, Environmental Enthusiasts, Climate and Sustainability experts and stakeholders were all in attendance. The Commonwealth Youth Climate Network (CYCN) and the Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP) hosted a two-day Youth, Climate and Sustainability Summit on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st October 2021. The following were the objectives: elucidate keys issues, concerns, and needs that are of priority to Commonwealth Youth Climate Network Youth ahead of COP26 ,prepare CYCN youth for a meaningful engagement with pre-COP negotiations as well as nationally and globally led COVID-19 recovery processes, provide an opportunity for regional stakeholders and young people to hear directly from each other and exchange ideas and solutions for mitigating and adapting to climate change and addressing climate inaction.

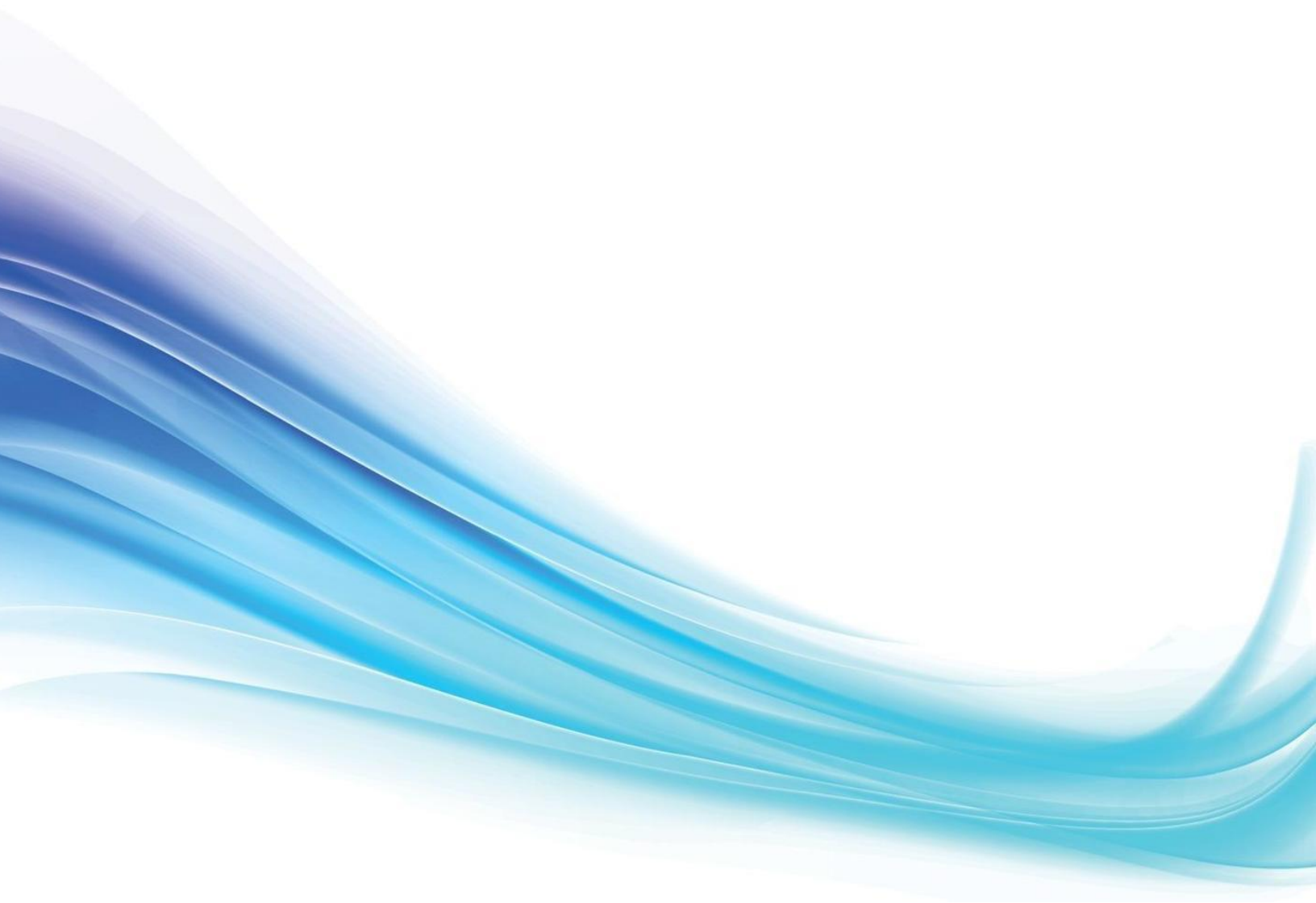
CYCN' Policy and Advocacy Committee

Achievements:



- The Youth Lead SDG13 Global Campaign and Action Challenge 2022 was so impactful. The passion and energy of volunteers was what drove this campaign from the beginning to the end.
- The Commonwealth Youth Climate Statement was written by young people across the Commonwealth Youth Ecosystemm and led by the CYCN. It was a powerful message to world leaders to take immediate action now.
- The Youth, Sustainability, and Climate Change Summit was an opportunity to dialogue with important stakeholders leading up to COP26 in Glasgow.

- Youth4Climate and PreCOP26: Azeez Tobi Abubakar was the Head of delegation. It was a great opportunity for young people globally to co-create Youth manifesto that helped shape the climate Agenda at COP26.
- COP26 engagements: Both the Chair and Vice Chair of the Policy & Advocacy Committee were sponsored by the Commonwealth to attend the COP26 in Glasgow. Both the Chair and Vice Chair had the opportunity to engage directly with the Commonwealth Secretary-General during High-Level Youth Dialogues on Climate Change.



CYCN's Communications and Public Relations

The Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network's Communications and Public Relations Committee under the leadership of Ibrahim Moshood has witnessed remarkable achievements and has been instrumental in driving the Network's vision and mission. The year under review has seen progress made in the Network's visibility internationally with the Social media handles being revived and webpage developed. The Committee has been able to facilitate members engagement in Climate actions and related Environmental initiatives and campaigns whilst also encouraging and supporting innovative ideas and projects by members leading to increased participation as compared to what was obtainable in times past. The Communications and Public Relations committee has ensured that up-to-date and relevant information is disseminated across to all its members as and due and has collaborated effectively with National Coordinators and other Executive Team members to implement projects, including webinars, clean-up exercises, competitions, campaigns, summit, at the national, regional and global level.

The Communications and Public relations team is comprised of 15 members led by Ibrahim and assisted by Oneica McCormack. The team is divided into three subteams namely: ***newsletters and publications, media and contents creations, graphics, design and video contents team***. The three subteams were established to ensure seamless workflow and to foster efficiency within the committee. The Committee is comprised of diverse sets of people from 4 different regions viz Africa, Caribbean, the Pacific, and Asia. The committee has embarked on various projects, campaigns and activities since its inception, noteworthy of which is the creation of the content for the various *international Climate-related events, national events and projects awareness creation and publicity, the Youth, Climate and Sustainability summit project, and the COP 26 media toolkit* creation and publicity to mention a few.

STATISTICS AND METRICS

Audience

Current audience

Potential audience

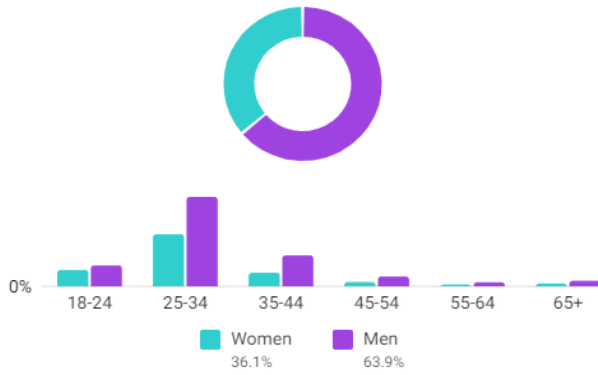
Facebook Page Likes

3.9K

Instagram Followers

599

Age & Gender



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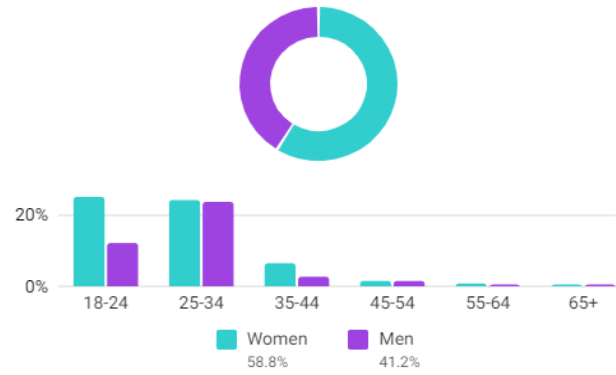
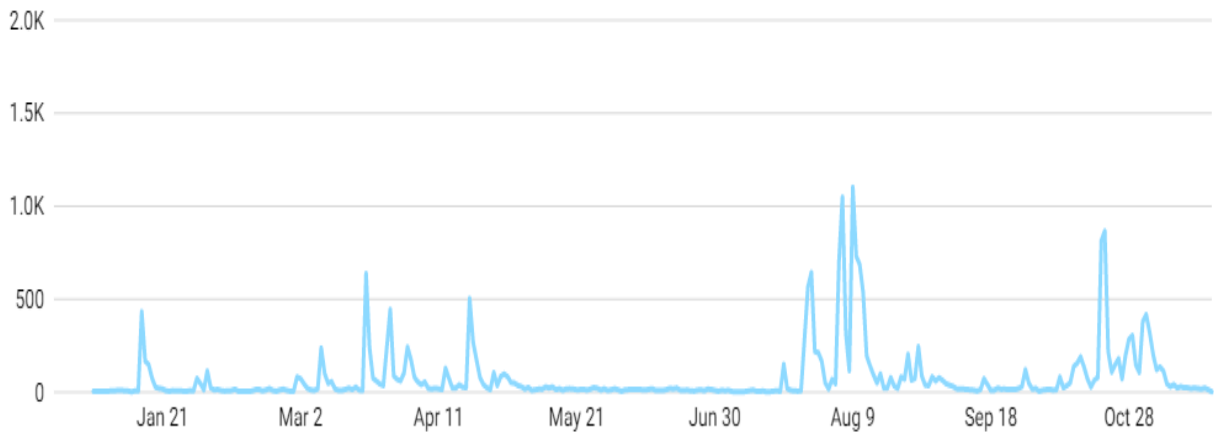


Fig. 1A: chart showing the audience insights for the year 2021 on Instagram and Facebook

Results

Facebook Page Reach ⓘ

14,153 ↑ 19.1%



Instagram Reach ⓘ

2,566 ↑ 100%

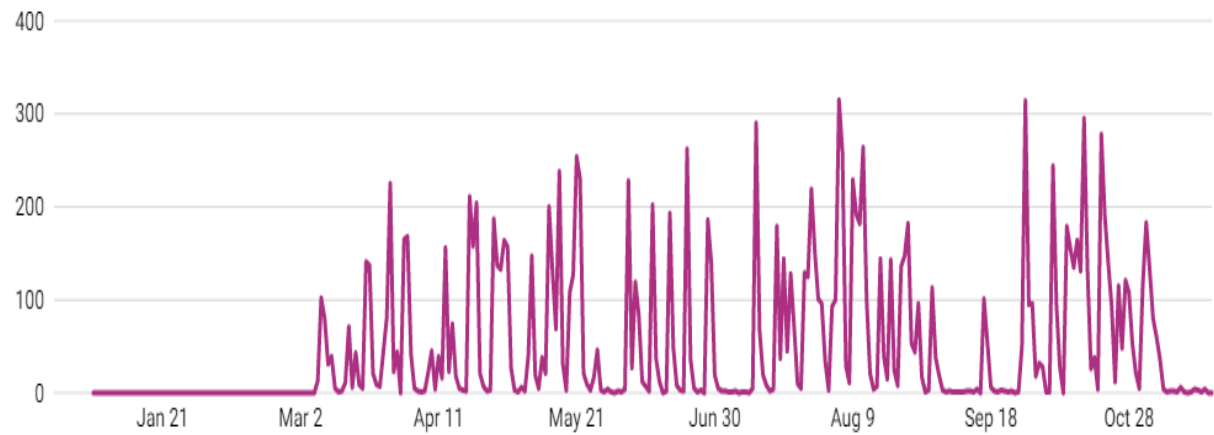


Fig. 2A: chart showing the post reach across Instagram and Facebook through Jan - Nov 2021

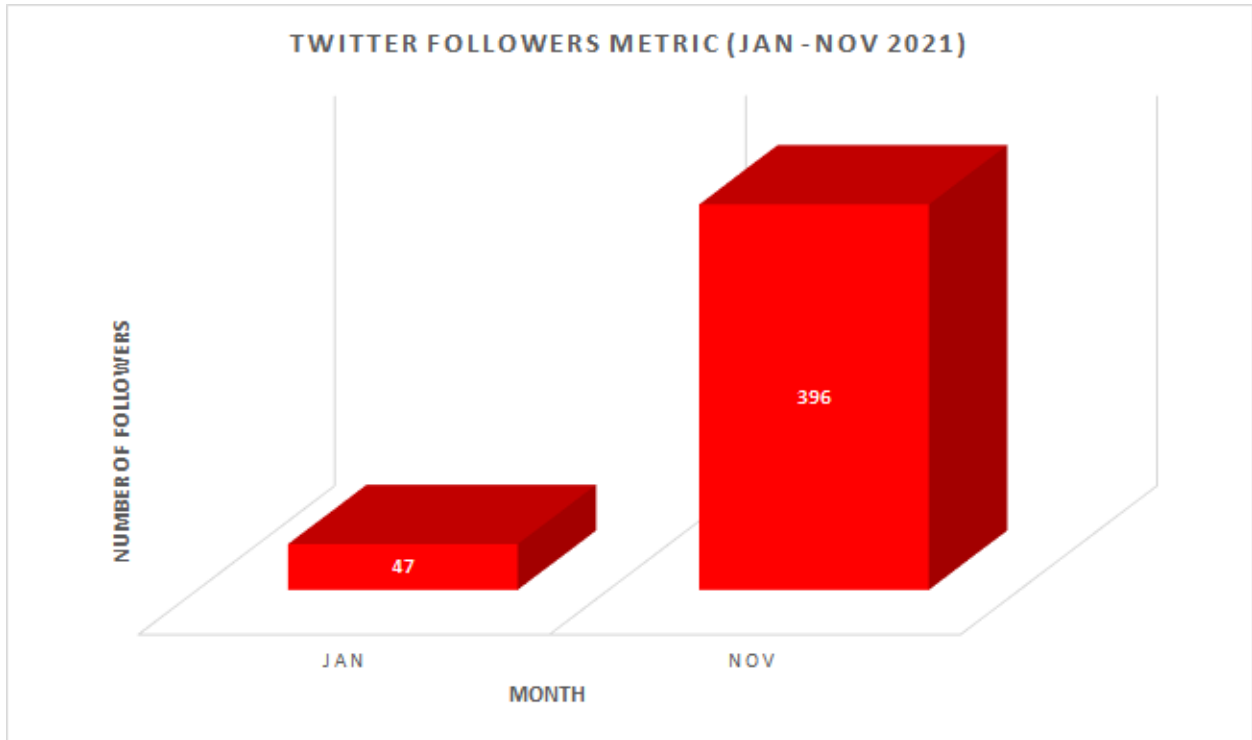


Fig. 3A: Twitter followers metric between January and November 2021 (**750% increase**)

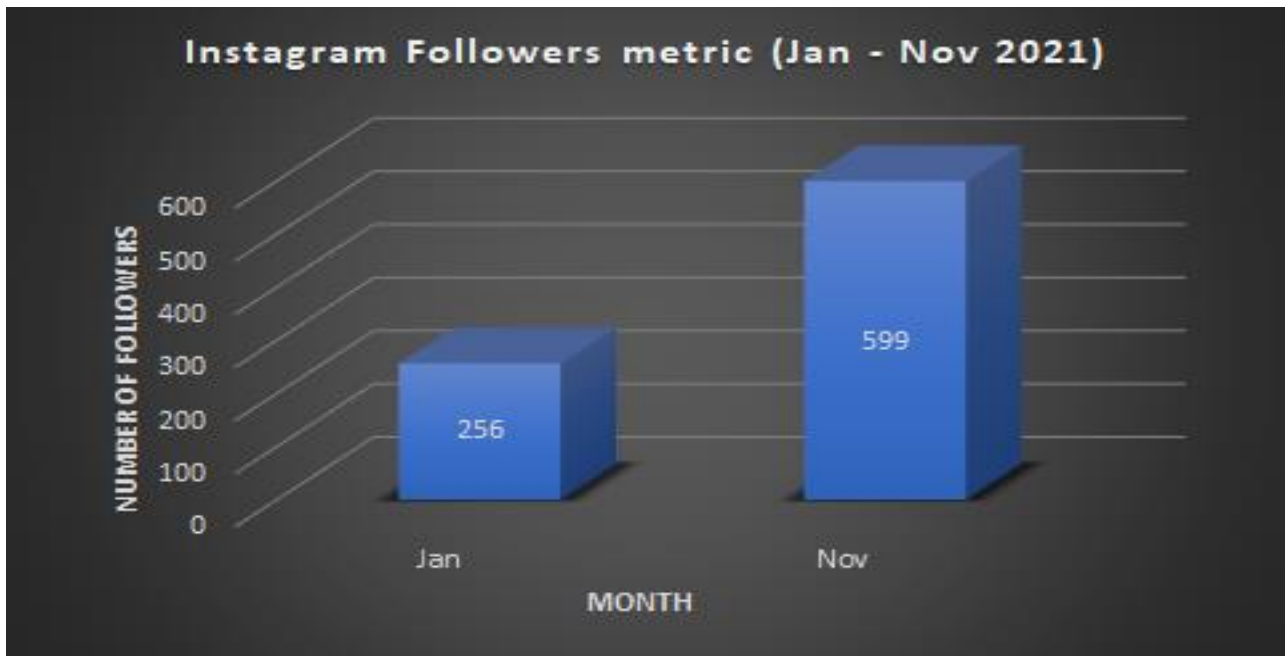


Fig. 4A: Instagram followers metric between January and November 2021 (**150% increase**)

Social Media Growth

