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Provisional Programme

21 - 25 November 2015 | Malta

10th Commonwealth Youth Forum *Adding Global Value...#WhatNext?*

Day 1 - Saturday, 21 November, 2015

0830 - 1000 Opening Ceremony - *Livestream available*
(Venue: Kozy Bar - Level 1)

Hon. Joseph Muscat, Prime Minister, Malta
HE. Kamallesh Sharma, Secretary-General, Commonwealth Secretariat
Ahmed Adamu, Chair, Commonwealth Youth Council
Victor Ochen, Pan-Commonwealth Youth Worker of the Year (2015)
Gulalai Ismail, Commonwealth Youth Award winner (2015)

1000 - 1100 Plenary Session 1: Adding Global Value- #WhatNext? - *Livestream available*
(Venue: Kozy Bar - Level 1)

Panelist 1: Hon. Joseph Muscat, Prime Minister, Malta
Panelist 2: HE. Kamallesh Sharma, Secretary General, Commonwealth Secretariat
Panelist 3: Ahmed Adamu, Chair, Commonwealth Youth Council
Panelist 4: Victor Ochen, Pan-Commonwealth Youth Worker of the Year (2015)
Panelist 5: Gulalai Ismail, Commonwealth Youth Award winner (2015)
Moderator: Deodat Maharaj, Deputy Secretary General, Commonwealth Secretariat

1100 - 1130 Official Group Photo
Break

1130 - 1330 CYC General Assembly - Business Session
(Venue: Casablanca Hall - Level -1)

Josephine Ojiambo, Deputy Secretary General, Commonwealth Secretariat
Katherine Ellis, Director Youth Division, Commonwealth Secretariat
Tyson Fenech, President, CYC General Assembly
Ahmed Adamu, Chair, Commonwealth Youth Council
(Extended programme available)

1330 -1430 Lunch
(Venue: Gueliz Restaurant - Level RF)

1430 - 1530 #WhatNext Setting the Agenda
Parallel sessions

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Group 1: **Economic Agenda - Innovation and Technology: Closing the Gap - The role and contribution of Science and Technology in promoting economic growth in Commonwealth countries.**
(Venue: Kozy Bar - Level 1)

Speaker 1: Michael Sheldrick, Senior Manager - Global Policy and Advocacy, Global Poverty Project, Global Citizen

Speaker 2: Edward Darmanin, Malta Information and Technology Agency

Speaker 3: Ruben Caruana, Enterprise and Partnership Group, Microsoft

Speaker 4: Jeffrey Pullicino Orlando, Chair, Council of Science and Technology, Malta

Speaker 5: Eric Kinoti, Founder and CEO, Shade systems EA. ltd

Moderator: Fatin Arifin, President, Commonwealth Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs (CAYE)

Group 2: **Environment Agenda - Disaster Risk Reduction, Resilience and Recovery**
(Venue: Casablanca 1 - Level -1)

Speaker 1: Moa Herrgård, Deputy Organising Partner, United Nations Major Group on Children and Youth

Speaker 2: Sarah Schmit, Programming Coordinator, 3rd World Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction - Children and Youth Forum (Convened by UNISDR & UN MGCY)

Speaker 3: Abdikadir Aden Hassan, Disaster Risk Reduction Ambassador, Ambassador Club -ADESO/USAID AFRICA

Moderator: Lawrence Muli, Young Professional, Commonwealth Secretariat

Group 3: **Social Agenda - Quality & Inclusive Education**
(Venue: Casablanca 2 - Level -1)

Speaker 1: Balasubramanyam Chandramohan, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Commonwealth Studies

Speaker 2: Hon. Evarist Bartolo, Minister for Education and Employment, Malta

Speaker 3: Joshua Griffith, Chairperson, Commonwealth Students Association

Speaker 4: Everlyne Achieng' Onyango, Youth Representative, UNESCO Youth Forum

Speaker 5: Dr. Jean-Pie Gauci-Maistre, Managing Partner, Gauci-Maistre Xynou

Moderator: Tiffany Daniels, Young Professional, Commonwealth Secretariat

Group 4: **Political Agenda - Peace and Security: Countering the rise of global extremism**
(Venue: Casablanca 3 - Level -1)

Speaker 1: Saji Prelis, Director, Children & Youth Programmes, Search for Common Ground

Speaker 2: Erin Saltman, Senior Researcher, Institute for Strategic Dialogue

Speaker 3: Victor Ochen, Pan-Commonwealth Youth Worker of the Year (2015)

Moderator: Josephine Ojiambo, Deputy Secretary General, Commonwealth Secretariat

1530 - 1600 Break



1600 - 1830 **#WhatNext Action Plan** (*Same venues as setting the agenda sessions*)

1830 Welcome reception by Host Country

Day 2 - Sunday, 22 November, 2015

0830 - 0900 **Recap - Connecting the dots**
#BrightIdeas speech (Runner-up of the competition)
Guest Speaker - Dr. Alex Sceberras Trigona M.A. (Oxon), LL.D. Special Envoy of the Prime Minister, Malta.

"The next Billion internet users - The Law of the Sea and The Law of the Internet, an inspiring analogy demanding recognition of the Internet's critical infrastructure too as part of the common heritage of mankind"
(Venue: Kozy Bar - Level 1)

0900 - 1000 **Plenary Session 2: Role of Young People in achieving the Global Goals for Sustainable Development - *Livestream available***
(Venue: Kozy Bar - Level 1)

Panelist 1: Katherine Ellis, Director Youth Division, Commonwealth Secretariat

Panelist 2: Hon. Chris Agius, Parliamentary Secretary for Research, Innovation, Youth and Sport, Malta

Panelist 3: Francine Muyunba, President, Pan African Youth Union

Panelist 4: Timothy Ferdinand, Outgoing Chair, Caribbean Regional Youth Council

Panelist 5: Tahere Aitui, Youth Representative, Pacific Youth Council

Moderator: Mohamed Husni, Co-Chair, Commonwealth Youth Forum

1000 - 1100 **Setting the Context Sessions - Parallel sessions hosted by:**
The World Bank Group
International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
Prince's Charities International Sustainability Unit
Commonwealth Youth Sports & Peace working group (CYSDP)
Guyana National Youth Council
British Council

1100 - 1130 **Break**

1130 - 1230 **#WhatNext Setting the Agenda**
Parallel sessions

Group 1: Economic Agenda - Re-Examining the Pathways to Decent Work.
(Venue: Kozy Bar - Level 1)

Speaker 1: Charles Dan, ILO Special Representative on Youth and Social Inclusion

Speaker 2: Hon. Ian Borg, Member of Parliament, Parliamentary Secretary for EU funds and 2017 Presidency, Malta

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Speaker 3: Selma Green, Chair, Commonwealth Alliance of Youth Entrepreneurs (CAYE) - Caribbean

Speaker 4: Rosemarie Rammit, Youth Representative, Leonard Cheshire Disability

Moderator: Sushil Ram, Programme Manager, Commonwealth Secretariat

Group 2: Environment Agenda - Protection of Natural Resources: Balancing Production and Consumption Patterns with Sustainable Development

(Venue: Casablanca 1 - Level -1)

Speaker 1: Karuna Rana, Co-Founder and Executive Director, SIDS Youth AIMS Hub (SYAH)

Speaker 2: Nicholas Watts, Visiting Fellow, University of Bristol and Joint Coordinator, the Sharp End partnership and Visiting Fellow, University of Bristol

Speaker 3: Harry Chikasamba, Youth Representative, UNESCO Youth Forum

Speaker 4: Jane Samuels, Chair, CHEC Bee and Pollinators Steering Group

Moderator: Jean Paul Brice Affana, Coordinator, Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network (CYCN)

Group 3: Social Agenda - Health: Creating alternate pathways for accessing medical and health services

(Venue: Casablanca 2 - Level -1)

Speaker 1: Godfrey Xuereb, Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) Representative

Speaker 2: Dakshitha Wickremarathne, Youth Advisor, Global Civil Society Advisory Group (GCSAG), UNWomen

Speaker 3: Charmaine Gauci, Director Health Promotion & Disease Prevention, Malta

Speaker 4/Moderator: Elvis Eze, Young Professional, Commonwealth Secretariat

Group 4: Political Agenda: Social Cohesion: Pathways to peace

(Venue: Casablanca 3 - Level -1)

Speaker 1: Amjath Saleem, Country Director - Sri Lanka Office, International Alert

Speaker 2: Assmaah Helal, Chair, Commonwealth Youth Sports & Peace working group (CYSDP)

Speaker 3: Andrew Azzopardi, Head of Department, Youth & Community Studies Faculty for Social Wellbeing, University of Malta

Moderator: Sionlelei Mario, Young Professional, Commonwealth Secretariat

1230 - 1330 #WhatNext Action Plan *(Same venues as setting the agenda sessions)*

1330 - 1430 Lunch
(Venue: Gueliz Restaurant - Level RF)

1430 - 1530 #WhatNext Action Plan- contd. *(Same venues as setting the agenda sessions)*

1530 - 1630 CYC Executive Election Primaries - Regional Representatives - Livestream available
(Venue: Kozy Bar - Level 1)

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1630 - 1700 Break

1700 - 1830 CYC Executive Election Primaries - Regional Representatives and Special Interests Representative - *Livestream available*
(Venue: Kozy Bar - Level 1)

1900 Dinner
(Venue: Gueliz Restaurant - Level RF)

Day 3 - Monday, 23 November, 2015

0815 - 0830 Recap - Connecting the dots
(Venue: Kozy Bar - Level 1)

0830 - 0900 Guest Speaker - Baroness Sandip Verma, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for International Development, UK - *Livestream available*
(Venue: Kozy Bar - Level 1)

0900 - 1000 Plenary Session 3: Climate Change: Impact on Sustainable Development - *Livestream available*
(Venue: Kozy Bar - Level 1)

Panelist 1: Deodat Maharaj, Deputy Secretary General, Commonwealth Secretariat
Panelist 2: Karuna Rana, Co-Founder and Executive Director, SIDS Youth AIMS Hub (SYAH)
Panelist 3: Tahere Aaitui, Youth Representative, Pacific Youth Council
Panelist 4: Simone Borg, Malta's Ambassador on Climate Change
Moderator: Jean Paul Brice Affana, Coordinator, Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network (CYCN)

1000 - 1030 Break

1030 - 1130 Plenary Session 4: Commonwealth Charter: Article 12 on Gender Equality... #WhatNext? - *Livestream available*
(Venue: Kozy Bar - Level 1)

Panelist 1: Ambassador Natasha Stott Despoja, Ambassador for Women and Girls, Australia
Panelist 2: Hon. Helena Dalli, Minister for Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil Liberties, Malta
Panelist 3: Vivian Onano, Youth Advisor to the UN Women Global Civil Society Advisory Group
Panelist 4: Aristarick Joseph, Youth Activist, Youth for Change, Tanzania
Moderator: Sarah Soysa, Gender Network Coordinator, Royal Commonwealth Society

1130 - 1300 CYC Executive Election Primaries - Vice chair positions - *Livestream available*

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(Venue: Kozy Bar - Level 1)

1300 - 1400 Lunch
(Venue: Gueliz Restaurant - Level RF)

1400 - 1500 CYC Executive Election Primaries - Chair position - *Livestream available*
(Venue: Kozy Bar - Level 1)

1500 - 1600 #WhatNext? Setting the Agenda
Parallel sessions

Group 1: Economic Agenda - Youth Entrepreneurship: Investing in Youth Entrepreneurship for Economic Growth
(Venue: Kozy Bar - Level 1)

Speaker 1: Sushil Ram, Programme Manager, Commonwealth Secretariat

Speaker 2: Julius Shrima, Youth Entrepreneur and Commonwealth Youth Award Winner 2015

Speaker 3: Angela Jhanji, Accenture Focal Point for Solutions for Youth Employment, World Bank

Speaker 4: Fatin Arifin, President, Commonwealth Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs (CAYE) - Asia

Speaker 5: Adrian Attard Trevisan, Visiting Senior Lecturer in Neuromarketing, University of Malta

Moderator: Martin Ruvugabigwi, Chair, Commonwealth Alliance of Youth Entrepreneurs (CAYE) - East Africa

Group 2: Environment Agenda - Climate Change: Opportunities for Youth beyond COP21
(Venue: Casablanca 1 - Level -1)

Speaker 1: Jean Paul Brice Affana, Coordinator, Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network (CYCN)

Speaker 2: Stefan Knights, Chair, Youth Environment Network - Caribbean Chapter

Speaker 3: Sarah Strack, Head of Partnerships and Network Development, Climate Action Network - International (CAN)

Moderator: Lawrence Muli, Young Professional, Commonwealth Secretariat

Group 3: Social Agenda - Youth Policy & Youth Work
(Venue: Casablanca 2 - Level -1)

Speaker 1: Andreas Karsten, Executive Director, Youth Policy Labs

Speaker 2: Miriam Teuma, Chief Executive Officer, Malta National Youth Agency

Speaker 3: Bernice Hlagala, Pan-Commonwealth Youth Worker of the Year 2014

Speaker 4: Christian Mizzi, Commonwealth Youth Worker of the Year (Europe) 2015

Speaker 5: Ayeleen A. Saleh, Director - Business Development and Partnerships, Bangladesh Youth Leadership Centre

Moderator: Layne Robinson, Head of Programmes, Youth Division, Commonwealth



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Group 4: **Political Agenda - Human Rights: A pillar of the Commonwealth**
(Venue: Casablanca 3 - Level -1)

Speaker 1: Hon Anglu Farrugia, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Parliament of Malta

Speaker 2: Lucy Slack, Deputy Secretary General, Commonwealth Local Government Forum

Speaker 3: Chifundo Chilera, Young Professional, Commonwealth Secretariat

Moderator: Rafiullah Kakar, Young Professional, Commonwealth Secretariat

1600 - 1630 Break

1630 - 1900 #WhatNext? CYF Action Plan (Same venues as setting the agenda sessions)

1930 Cultural Dinner
(Venue: Gueliz Restaurant - Level RF)

Day 4 - Tuesday, 24 November, 2015

0830 - 0900 Recap - Connecting the dots
#BrightIdeas speech (Winner of the competition)
(Venue: Kozy Bar - Level 1)

0900 - 1100 General Assembly
Working group session
Finalisation of #WhatNext CYF action plan
(Venue: Casablanca Hall - Level -1)

1100 - 1130 Break

1130 - 1300 General Assembly
Working group session
Finalisation of #WhatNext CYF action plan
(Venue: Casablanca Hall - Level -1)

1300 - 1400 Lunch
(Venue: Gueliz Restaurant - Level RF)

1400 - 1700 General Assembly
Working group session
Finalisation of #WhatNext CYF action plan
(Venue: Casablanca Hall - Level -1)

1700 - 1730 Break

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- 1730 - 2000 General Assembly**
Working group session
Finalisation of #WhatNext CYF action plan
(Venue: Casablanca Hall - Level -1)
- 2000 - 2030 Adaptation of Outcomes Document**
(Venue: Casablanca Hall - Level -1)
- 2030 Dinner**
(Venue: Gueliz Restaurant - Level RF)

Day 5 - Wednesday, 25 November, 2015

- 0830 - 0900 Recap - Connecting the dots**
Guest Speaker - Gary Dunn, Deputy Secretary General, Commonwealth Secretariat -
Livestream available
(Venue: Kozy Bar - Level 1)
- 0900 - 0930 Election Results - Livestream available**
Appreciation of outgoing CYC Executives
Katherine Ellis, Director Youth Division, Commonwealth Secretariat
(Venue: Kozy Bar - Level 1)
- 0930 - 1100 Regional Meeting: Connecting Diversity**
- 1100 - 1130 Break**
- 1130 - 1230 Setting the Context - Parallel sessions hosted by:**
Elevation Networks
Commonwealth Human Ecology Council
Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network
AISEC Malta
- 1230 - 1330 Closing Session of the CYC General Assembly, Installation of new CYC executives and Closing Ceremony of CYF - Livestream available**
(Venue: Kozy Bar - Level 1)
- Hon. Marie Louise Coleiro, President of Malta
Deodat Maharaj, Deputy Secretary General, Commonwealth Secretariat
Newly Elected Chair, Commonwealth Youth Council (CYC)
Mohammed Husni, Co-Chair, CYF Taskforce
Christopher Formosa, Co-Chair, CYF Taskforce
- 1330 - 1430 Lunch and Field Preparation**
(Venue: Gueliz Restaurant - Level RF)

- 1430 - 1830 Volunteer service in the community**

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