

**SENIOR OFFICIALS OF REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARDS (RAB) AND  
REGIONAL YOUTH CAUCUS (RYC) MEMBERS MEETINGS**

**THURSDAY, 24 APRIL, 2008  
COLOMBO, SRI LANKA**

**Provisional Agenda**

**Main objectives of the meeting:**

- To deliberate upon the reports of 2007 Regional Advisory Board (RAB) meetings thus generating a discussion on the future possible priority areas from different regions and strategic directions for CYP
- To reach a consensus on the RAB and RYC recommendations for consideration in the CYMM
- To elect the Pan Commonwealth Youth Caucus chair

**0900–0915 Welcome and introduction, programme and objectives - Rajkumar Bidla**

**0915–0930 Address by Dr. Fatiha Serour, Director, Youth Affairs Division (YAD), Commonwealth Secretariat**

**0930- 0945 TEA/COFFEE**

**0945-1200 Parallel meeting of Senior Officials and Regional Youth Caucus Members**

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| <b>Regional Youth Caucus Members Meeting</b>  | <b>Senior Officials Meeting (Director, Joint Secretary and Permanent Secretary, Secretary and other officials from Youth Ministry)</b>   |
| <b>Facilitators- Nellie Munala &amp; Sushil Ram</b>   | <b>Facilitators- Raj Mishra &amp; Henry Charles</b>  |
| The Regional Youth Caucus (RYCs) for Africa, Asia, Caribbean and Pacific will meet as the Pan-Commonwealth Youth Caucus (PYC) to discuss the 2007 RAB reports from all four Commonwealth regions and make recommendations for inclusion in the Pan Commonwealth RAB report in the CYMM for consideration. The | The Senior officials for Africa, Asia, Caribbean and Pacific will meet and discuss the 2007 RAB reports from all four Commonwealth regions and make recommendations for inclusion in the Pan Commonwealth RAB report in the CYMM for consideration. While presenting their reports they should only identify important |

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| <p>RYC members will also make specific recommendations and present a Pan Commonwealth Youth Caucus report in the CYMM with their own perspective. It may be noted that these RYC reports have already been discussed in RAB meeting at length in 2007 and this meeting will serve to apprise new RYC members about the RAB reports.</p> <p>The idea is to share the RAB reports and get RYC members acquainted with issues and concerns of young people of other CYP regions. However, while presenting each report they should only identify important priority issues for a consideration in the CYMM.</p> <p><u>Objectives:</u> To present and reflect on RAB reports from all regions with a view to identify common priorities areas for consideration in the CYMM.</p> <p><u>Expected outcome:</u> The delegates will be able to contribute to a consolidated Pan Commonwealth RAB report</p> | <p>issues and priorities which they may wish to present in CYMM for consideration of the Ministers</p> <p>The idea is to share the RAB reports and get RAB members acquainted with issues and concerns of young people of other CYP regions.</p> <p><u>Objective:</u> To present and reflect on RAB reports from all regions with a view to identify common priorities areas for consideration in the CYMM.</p> <p><u>Expected outcome:</u> The delegates will be able to contribute to a consolidated Pan Commonwealth RAB report</p> |
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**1200–1300 Presentation of reports from parallel meetings of Senior Officials and Regional Youth Caucus Members**

**Facilitators Paul Peteru & Glenyss James**

The Pan Commonwealth Youth Caucus (PYC) Chair and a representative among the senior officials will present their consolidated reports from their own perspective and seek feedback. Thus, a consolidated Pan Commonwealth RAB report will be finalized and presented in the CYMM for consideration of the Ministers.

Objective: To present reports from parallel meetings and arrive at a consensus for a consolidated RAB report for consideration of the Ministers

Expected outcome: Preparation of a consolidated RAB report

**1300 to 1400 LUNCH**

**1400–1430 Presentation on CYF-6 and CHOGM 2007 mandates-**

**Facilitators Nellie Munala and Rajkumar Bidla**

The PYC Chair will present a brief report on CYF6 and CHOGM 2007 mandates. RYC/RAB will be aware of main recommendations of CYF-6, CHOGM-2007 and also a Youth Dialogue Exercise with a select group of Heads of government during CHOGM 2007.

Objective: To provide a summary of CYF-6 and CHOGM 2007 mandate

Expected Outcome: RAB members will be informed about recommendations of CYF-6, CHOGM 2007

**1430-1530 Presentation of salient features of the revised RYC handbook and also on the election process for the PYC**

**Facilitators Mobafa Baker and Rajkumar Bidla**

The Pan Commonwealth Youth Caucus (PYC) Chair will present salient features of a revised RYC Handbook which has been prepared through an extensive process of consultation with RYC members and CYP Regional centre over the past 5 years. The report has already been discussed in 2007 RYC/RAB meetings in great detail. During the session, the salient features of the RYC handbook especially the election of PYC Chair will be presented.

Objectives: (a) To present the salient feature of a revised RYC Handbook  
(b) To initiate the process of the PYC Chair's election

Expected outcome: RAB members will get to know the salient features of the handbook and the implications of their role.  
The delegates will be able know about the process of PYC Chair's election

**1530–1700 Election of the Pan-Commonwealth Youth Caucus (PYC) Chair/ Vice Chair**

**Facilitators Dwynette Eversley & James Odit**  
**Presiding Officer: Mobafa Baker**

The outgoing PYC chair will act as Presiding officer with the CYP programme staff. During the election process, the prospective candidates for PYC chair will be asked to make a 5 minute presentation on 'The Role of Young People in Peace –Building'. This

will be followed by an exercise where the audience including RYC and senior officials will ask some questions and seek clarifications. This will help prospective candidate to prove his/her credibility as a youth leader.

The RYC will engage in the process of electing the Pan-Commonwealth Youth Caucus Chairperson. Following the rotation policy, the new Pan Commonwealth Youth Caucus Chairperson will be elected from the Pacific region.

Objective: To conduct the election of PYC chair

Expected outcome: The new PYC chair will be elected through a consensus.

**1700–1730 Briefing on Skill-building workshops and CYMM Agenda-**

**Facilitator Rajkumar Bidla**

RYC/RAB will be apprised of the 7CYMM Agenda, process and expected output/results

They will also be briefed about a 2 day Skill-building workshop on Youth and Women in Peace-Building