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Youth and Peace-building.

Provisional Annotated Agenda of the Commonwealth Youth Ministers' Meeting and Associated CYP Governance Meetings

1. CONTEXT

1.1 Current international environment

We live in an increasingly complex world, where polarised perception, fueled by injustice and inequality, often lead to violence and conflict, threatening international stability. Violence has been a lasting feature of human civilization, and the contemporary world is no exception to the ubiquitous presence of assault and fury. But the world in which we live today is also one of systematic *group* violence, in which party political, religious, racial, ethnic or territorial divisions are used to foment violence and sometimes even genocide. Advances in science and technology have also increased the potentially catastrophic destruction of such violence and as Rwanda and 9/11 both showed, not only in the context of nuclear, chemical or biological warfare.

Poverty leads to despair, a sense of injustice, and alienation that, when combined with political grievances, can foster extremism. Eradication of poverty would diminish those factors linked to economic marginalization and alienation and must therefore be aggressively pursued, as called for in the Millennium Development Goals.¹ In 2007 the Commonwealth Commission on Respect and Understanding concurred with this view in its report, *Civil Paths to Peace*, finding that when young people are disenfranchised or humiliated or made to feel that they have little say and no future, they may become drawn into movements or ideologies that appear to guarantee them a place in the world and give them a solid identity. In some instances, inspiring or forceful leaders may draw them into conflicts as combatants. World-wide an estimated 300,000 people under the age of 18 are now, or have recently been, involved in armed conflict, and another 500,000 have been recruited into military or paramilitary forces.

¹But poverty alone does not automatically make people violent nor, in particular, does it lead to terrorism. More direct than the relationship between poverty and violence are the links between inequality - particularly economic inequality - and violence. There are a number of reasons why social-economic marginalisation or disadvantage can be linked to patterns of violent conflict.

Further, even in "stable" regions such as the Caribbean and the affluent "global North", damage to the social fabric caused by unemployment, the drugs trade, cut-throat materialism, gang culture, and family and community breakdown is drawing young people into conflict with each other, the law and their own families.

¹ United Nations Alliance of Civilizations High Level Group Report, 2006

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As an international and professional network founded on youth work principles, the Commonwealth Youth Programme is also aware that social peace and stability is threatened by the continued exclusion of young people (voluntary or involuntary) from educational systems, economies and decision-making structures.

1.2 Emerging issues dealt with in CHOGM 2007

- In response to *Civil Paths to Peace* Commonwealth Heads of Government “directed that future Commonwealth action to promote respect and understanding should build on and extend existing Commonwealth programmes, at both national and international levels. In this context, they identified activities in relation to young people, women, education, and the media, as the priority fields of action.” (*Munyonyo Statement on Respect and Understanding*)
- Heads also endorsed the revised Commonwealth Plan of Action for Youth Empowerment (PAYE 2007-2015), which identifies a stable environment of equality, peace and democracy as one of “the enabling conditions under which young people can act on their own behalf, and on their own terms, rather than at the direction of others.”

1.3 The Commonwealth Youth Programme and Governance

Under the strategic leadership of the Deputy Secretary-General, the Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP)/Youth Affairs Division (YAD) of the Commonwealth Secretariat, receives mandates from various governance bodies.

- Most important of these is Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting (CYMM) which provides the vision, strategic direction and resources for CYP.
- CYMM builds upon regional consensus developed through the Regional Advisory Boards (RABs) and Regional Youth Caucuses (RYCs).
- Any changes to the overall mandate of the programme will be determined in accordance with decisions taken by the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) on the advice of CYMM.
- The Commonwealth Secretariat’s Board of Governors (BoG) and its Executive Committee (ExCo) provide strategic guidance within these parameters.

2. RATIONALE AND DATES

The CYMM provides the vision, strategic direction and resources for the CYP. The 7th CYMM will be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The main Commonwealth Youth Ministers’ Meeting will run over 3 days from 28-30 April, 2008. The official opening of the CYMM will be on the evening of 27 April.

This will be preceded by:

- a) Joint working sessions of the Regional Youth Caucuses (RYCs) and the Regional Advisory Boards (RABs) on 24 April;
- b) A skills building workshop for the RAB and RYC focusing on the gender and youth dimensions of peace-building from 25 – 26 April;
- c) A Stakeholder advocacy meeting on the morning of 27 April.

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3. GOALS OF 7CYMM

- To contribute to the debate on emerging issues related to youth development in particular the linkages between peace-building, social development and transformation.
- To provide policy directions for CYP and youth development over the period 2008 – 2012.

4. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- To provide policy directives regarding 2007 CHOGM mandates
- To take stock of current CYP programmes to provide guidance on ways to address emerging challenges to strengthen the youth development agenda.
- To provide a platform for potential partner organisations to directly or indirectly take part in the meeting deliberations.

5. FORMAT OF CYMM AND PROCESS

Over the years, CYMM has become an interactive meeting where Ministers of Youth, senior officials and young people in the CYP governance structure engage in dynamic consultations on issues that represent areas of common concern. To achieve this, plenary sessions and workshops will be organized to provide an enabling environment for discussions on pertinent youth issues, sharing of good practices and examination of cross-cutting themes. This will also facilitate exchange of information and knowledge among delegates. Mindful of previous CYMM observations of the need to ensure that delegates have more time for deliberations, the number of documents, presentations and retrospective reporting has been reduced to the essential.

6. THEME OF CYMM: YOUTH AND PEACE-BUILDING

CYP believes that young people who are empowered by their societies can be a powerful force for development, democracy and peace-building processes. Supporting young people's participation in decision making can benefit society as a whole, since young people are a source of innovative ideas and provide energy for positive change. In this regard, it is extremely important to recognise youth not only as a source of mobilisation, but as autonomous actors and partners in development, security and peace-building. Generally speaking, peace-building initiatives have hitherto failed to integrate a youth perspective. Yet, young people are the inheritors of a changing world not only in terms of economic distribution, social positions and cultural identities but also in relation to rebuilding lives after conflict and mending the social fabric.

Today even the most stable of our member countries are grappling with issues of social breakdown and violence, including drug-related crime and terrorism. Peace-building has therefore become a vital part of nation-building in the widest sense: where sustainable peace is secured by building economies, institutions and political cultures that are fully inclusive of young people of all ethnic and social backgrounds. Through the PAYE, CHOG have identified a stable environment of equality, peace and democracy as one of "the enabling conditions under which young people can act on their own behalf, and on their own terms,

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rather than at the direction of others.” This brings home to us the need for engaging young people in all peace-building processes to contribute to social transformation.

7. ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

CYMM will guide CYP in its holistic approach to development, optimizing opportunities to integrate interventions in different sectors. In this context, CYP looks forward to CYMM’s practical recommendation to enhance the youth development programme while, at the same time, bearing in mind constraints related to resources and structure. Against this background, CYMM delegates will want to assess the impact of increasing programmatic demands against limited resources and consider ways of implementing the CHOGM recommendations to create an enabling environment through a firmer resource base.

Such an environment will also need to take into consideration partners in the youth development sector that CYP is working with and/or needs to strengthen ties with to achieve the above mandates. These include Commonwealth governments and civil society as well as other members of the International community such as the UN family. Without such partnership, the CYP will continue to operate in a limiting environment. Finally, CYMM should provide a realistic assessment of what CYP can achieve if appropriate resources are devoted to the programme.

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SUNDAY 27 APRIL 2008

- 1545 Official Group Photograph
- 1600 - 1800 Official Opening of the 7th Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting
- 1800-1930 Reception for Ministers, Heads of Delegation and Invited Guests hosted by the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, His Excellency Mr Mahinda Rajapaksa

1800 – 1930 RECEPTION

The official opening ceremony of CYMM will take place in the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH), Colombo and will be followed by a reception hosted by the Government of Sri Lanka.

- Chairperson, CYMM, 2008
- Address by Chairperson, Pan Commonwealth Youth Caucus
- Address by Commonwealth Secretary-General
- Address by the President of Sri Lanka

MONDAY 28 APRIL 2008

PLENARY SESSIONS ON YOUTH AND PEACE-BUILDING

The first day of the meeting will focus on issues around Youth and Peace-building, the theme of CYMM 2008

0900-1300 First Plenary Session

0900-0930 Agenda Item 1 Installation of the Chairperson and Opening Remarks by H E Mr Kamalesh Sharma, Commonwealth Secretary-General

- **Chair, CYMM 2008**

The Minister responsible for Youth Affairs in Sri Lanka and chairperson elected for the CYMM 2008, will give welcome remarks.

- **Commonwealth Secretary-General**

The Commonwealth Secretary-General will provide a general overview of CYMM, its background and achievements.

0930-0940 Agenda Item 2 Adoption of Agenda

The delegates will be apprised about the methodology, process and draft agenda of the meeting. The Chair will then invite Ministers to adopt the provisional agenda for the CYMM 2008 which is usually achieved by consensus.

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Objective: To provide a conceptual framework and practical recommendations on peace-building initiatives through the youth lens.

Expected outcome: Delegates will have an overall perspective and understanding of connection between Youth and Peace-building.

1115-1200 Agenda Item 3B Youth and Peace-building - A case study from Sri Lanka followed by Question and Answer Session

Sri Lanka has been grappling with conflict for more than three decades and has hands-on experience of the peace process that will provide valuable insight to the Commonwealth.

1200-1300 Parallel Regional Advisory Board (RAB)/Regional Youth Caucus (RYC) session on the CYMM theme paper

After the case study from Sri Lanka, there will be a parallel meeting of the RAB/RYC, with a view to discuss and propose recommendations on the theme paper, as well as provide recommendations on how CYP's work in this area may be enhanced.

1200-1300 Agenda Item 3C Youth and Peace-building - Case Studies from Africa and the Caribbean followed by Question and Answer Session

Why regional case studies? These Regional Case studies outline experiences of peace-building in Africa and the Caribbean. They provide an overview of how conflicts have developed and affected societies as well as how they have been managed, making special reference to the role of young people. The Case Studies critically examine the assumptions, principles and methodologies, guiding these efforts, including that from a participatory youth work perspective. They will essentially provide information and opportunities for reflection on successful programme interventions on conflict management and peace-building in the Africa and the Caribbean regions of the Commonwealth.

Both papers contain lessons learned, good practices and recommendations to Ministers of Youth and governments in general.

Objective: To provide regional perspectives and good practices on peace-building initiatives.

Expected outcome: Delegates will be able to critically examine and understand the regional perspectives of youth and peace-building and consider good practices for replication.

1300-1400 LUNCH BREAK

1400-1630 Second Plenary Session

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1400-1500 *Parallel RAB/RYC Session on the 7CYMM theme paper*

The RYC/RAB will continue to discuss and make recommendations on the theme paper, as well as provide consolidated recommendations on how to take forward CYP's work in this area.

1400-1500 Agenda Item 3D Case Studies from the Pacific and North Uganda Youth Development Centre (NUYDC) followed by Question and Answer Session

Why regional case studies? The regional case studies outline experience of peace-building in the Pacific and NUYDC. They provide an overview of how conflicts have developed and affected societies as well as how they have been managed, making special reference to the role of young people. The case study on NUYDC will present the pioneering efforts of CYP to work with young people who were abducted and forced to work as child soldiers in war affected areas in Northern Uganda.

Both case studies critically examine the assumptions, principles and methodologies, guiding these efforts, including that from a participatory youth work perspective. They will essentially provide information and opportunities for reflection on successful programme interventions on conflict management and peace-building in the Pacific region and in Northern Uganda.

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1500-1530 Agenda Item 3E Presentation by RYC & RAB on Youth and Peace-Building

The RAB/RYC will rejoin the CYMM to present their recommendations for CYP's work on youth and peace-building.

1530-1630 Agenda Item 3F 7CYMM Theme: Wrap-up by a subject specialist Moderated by the Chairperson

The moderator will summarise key elements of all the presentations and facilitate a discussion to finalise recommendations which will feed into the 2008-2012 Strategic Plan and 7CYMM Communiqué.

Objective: To facilitate discussion on all aspects of youth and peace-building and to reach consensus on policy directions for CYP to pursue programmatically.

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Expected outcome: Delegates will suggest key policy directions for CYP to translate into its 2008-2012 Strategic Plan.

1800-2000 Reception hosted by the Commonwealth Secretary-General, H E Kamalesh Sharma, for Ministers, Heads of Delegation, all other Delegates and Spouses

TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2008

PLENARY SESSIONS ON THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

The second day of the meeting will review progress of the CYP and its new mandates, and focus on future programme directions.

0730-0830 Breakfast Meeting hosted by H E Mr Kamalesh Sharma, Commonwealth Secretary-General, for Ministers and Heads of Delegation

0830-1300 Third Plenary Session

0830-0900 Agenda Item 4A Report of the Commonwealth Secretary-General: CYP Present and Future Strategies

The Commonwealth Secretary-General will focus on the CYP's progress, its vision and commitment to youth programmes. He will outline the broad recommendations of the 2007 CHOGM 'Munyonyo Statement on Respect and Understanding' and the 'Kampala Declaration on Transforming Societies to Achieve political, Economic and Human Development' and their potential impact on young people. He will also highlight the role of government in mitigating conflict, and restoring and maintaining peace.

Objectives: To brief delegates and highlight CYP's achievements over the period 2006-2008,
To provide information on the new strategic directions arising from the CHOGM 2007 mandates and commitments.

Expected outcome: Delegates will be able to reflect on CYP's progress and its strategic direction, including the implications of the CHOGM 2007 mandates i.e. the **Munyonyo Statement** and **Kampala Declaration**

0900-1000 Agenda Item 4B Revised CYP Strategic Plan 2006-2008

The 2006-2008 Strategic Plan was premised on the expectation that governments and development partners would increasingly recognise the nexus between youth development and national development. It was prepared using a logical framework approach. It also planned that there must be monitoring and measurement of the development impact of programmes and projects undertaken in line with the PAYE.

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Objective: To provide a comprehensive briefing of CYP's Strategic Plan and logical framework (2006-2008) as the basis for its work over the period.

Expected outcome: Delegates will be apprised of what CYP set out to achieve in the last programme cycle in terms of results and procedures.

1000-1015 Refreshment Break

1015-1130 Agenda Item 4C CYP Programme Report 2006-2008 followed by Question and Answer Session on Agenda Items 4B and 4C

This will be a detailed presentation on the CYP programme, focusing on achievements against objectives emanating from 6CYMM mandates and the 2006-2008 Strategic Plan.

It will demonstrate issues which need to be addressed for enhanced outreach and programme delivery, such as the monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and the link to programme disbursements.

Objective: To present a comprehensive CYP programme report for the period 2006-2008

Expected outcome: Delegates will be able to suggest potential policy directions and programmatic adjustments.

1130-1145 Agenda Item 4D Report from the 2007 RAB Meetings

The representative will present a consolidated report of the four 2007 RAB meetings which will highlight regional as well as pan-Commonwealth priorities and operational strategies for youth development. These recommendations will feed into the proposed 2008-2012 Strategic Plan

Objective: To present a consolidated report of the 2007 RAB meetings and make recommendations to CYP's Strategic Plan for 2008-2012

Expected outcome: Delegates will be apprised on the strategic guidelines and priorities for youth development programmes emanating from the 2007 RABs.

1145-1230 Agenda Item 4E Report from the 2007 Pan-Commonwealth Youth Caucus (PYC) followed by Question and Answer Session on Agenda Items 4D and 4E

The Chair of the PYC will present a consolidated report of the four 2007 RYC meetings which will highlight important issues and expectations of government for youth development programmes from a youth perspective. The highlights of the report will also feed into the 2008-2012 Strategic Plan.

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Objective: To present the consolidated report of the 2007 Youth Caucus meetings and also make youth-specific recommendations for CYP's 2008-2012 Strategic Plan

Expected outcome: Delegates will be apprised on the strategic guidelines and priorities for youth development from the perspective of the youth caucus.

PLENARY SESSIONS ON THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

The following sessions will focus on broad strategies and effective approaches for ensuring that the youth development agenda forms an integral part of development thinking and practice. The linkages between the PAYE, Youth Mainstreaming and YDI, their complementarity, reciprocity and benefits will be deliberated upon

1230-1300 Agenda Item 5A Youth Mainstreaming as a Strategic Tool for Youth Development

Why Youth Mainstreaming? For CYP, youth mainstreaming is a process of assessing the implication of making young people's concerns and needs an integral dimension of the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes. It is also a systematic integration of youth development into the work of all relevant stakeholders. Investing in young people effectively means contributing earmarked resource allocations in all these sectors, in accordance with national development plans. As outlined in the *Civil Paths to Peace* report and the CYMM theme discussion paper, youth mainstreaming is an integral part of peace-building.

Objective: To deliberate on various aspects of youth mainstreaming as an important strategy for national development.

Expected outcome : Delegates will be apprised of the significance of youth mainstreaming for national development and subsequently provide recommendations on mainstreaming for CYP's 2008-2012 Strategic Plan

1300-1400 LUNCH BREAK

1400-1730 Fourth Plenary Session

1400-1500 Agenda Item 5B Youth Development Index (YDI) followed by Question and Answer Session on Agenda Items 5A and 5B

Why YDI? During their 1998 meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 3CYMM endorsed the development of the YDI with a view to mainstreaming, monitoring and assessing the impact of youth development programmes. This presentation will focus on the rationale for a YDI, the guiding framework and potential methodology for devising the YDI as well as expected resource needs. CYP will also drive the process of drawing up a timeframe for member countries to develop their YDIs with necessary technical support provided by the CYP. The

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Minister of Youth and Sports, Malaysia, will make a presentation on the YDI and benchmarks for youth development in that country (tbc).

Objective: To reach a consensus on the importance of assessing progress on youth mainstreaming and development through clear and agreed upon benchmarks.

Expected outcome: Delegates would be able to subscribe to and endorse proposals for the YDI that is decentralised and contributes to youth mainstreaming, as part of CYP's Strategic Plan for 2008-2012.

1500-1630 Agenda Item 6 Centres of Excellence (CoE): Programmatic and Financial considerations followed by Question and Answer Session

Why CoEs? At their meeting in The Bahamas in 2006, 6CYMM delegates agreed that CYP Asia centre would be designated as a focal centre for co-operation and learning in the field of *youth empowerment and local self-governance* (YELSG) under CYP's programme area of Governance, Development and Youth Networks (GDYN). It was also agreed that the remaining regional centres would be developed as CoEs in research, information dissemination in other CYP programme areas such as Youth Enterprise and Sustainable Livelihoods (YESL) and Youth Work Education and Training (YWET).

In this context, following the mandate from 6CYMM, the government of India has already taken the lead in establishing the pan-Commonwealth CoE housed in the CYP Asia regional centre. The Indian government will present the milestones achieved and the commitment made to progress the YELSG initiative.

In addition, the CYP Africa, Caribbean and Pacific regional centres make a brief presentation on what substantive/programmatic areas they propose to focus on to achieve the aims of becoming pan-Commonwealth CoEs.

Objective To provide a brief conceptual framework on Centres of Excellence in the Asia region as well as the proposed field/area for the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific regional centres

Expected outcome: Delegates will be able to familiarise themselves with the field/area in which the CYP regional centres will be acting as CoE and also make recommendations for adequate resource allocation, operating frameworks and linkages between the regional centres and other Commonwealth institutions and stakeholders.

1630-1700 Agenda Item 7 The Role of Sport in Youth Development followed by Question and Answer Session

This session will allow Ministers the opportunity to determine what new and innovative paradigm can be fashioned to manage sports and youth development symbiotically. Considering natural synergies and linkages between sports and youth development, this

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session's paper will examine whether sports can be a good channel for youth involvement in positive initiatives and how it can show positive power to deliver the mainstream youth development agenda.

Questions to be presented are: Could youth development through sports be a way for curbing youth appetite for violence whether in developed or developing countries? Can a culture of sports be something for CYP to consider as a way of absorbing unemployed (disaffected) young people or of pre-empting youth involvement in risky behaviour? Can sports be more effectively channeled as a leadership and empowerment tool for youth? How? Are there examples to illustrate positive initiatives in this line of thought?

Objective: To outline various options for promoting youth empowerment through sports

Expected outcome: Delegates will be able to subscribe to and endorse recommendations for developing a framework for sports as a means of youth development

1700-1730 Agenda Item 8 Mid-Term Review (MTR) 2010: Discussion of the Terms of Reference

Since the streamlining of governing bodies overseeing the Commonwealth Secretariat's work, the frequency of CYMM has been reviewed. From 2008 onwards, CYMM will meet every four years in alignment with the Strategic Planning cycle of the Commonwealth Secretariat. In order to minimise the loss of momentum as well as enhance continuity, 7CYMM will select a group of six to eight Ministers to conduct a MTR of the CYP in 2010. The proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the MTR will be presented to the Ministers for consideration and endorsement.

Objective: To present and discuss the proposed ToRs for the 2010 MTR task force.

Expected outcome: TORs and proposed representatives for 2010 MTR task force agreed and endorsed.

1830-1930 Reception hosted by the Hon Pavithra Wanniarachchi, MP, Minister of Youth Affairs, Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka

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WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL 2008

STRATEGIC, FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

0900-1300 Fifth Plenary Session

**0900-0930 Agenda Item 9 Discussion on CYP Proposed Strategic Areas
2008-2012**

A presentation of the proposed strategic programme areas for 2008-2012 will be given, drawing together ideas, suggestions and recommendations arising from the CYMM's discussions on the theme paper, RAB, RYC, Youth Mainstreaming, YDI, Sport and CoEs.

Objective: To draw inferences from the discussions on the theme paper, RAB, RYC, YDI, Sport, Youth Mainstreaming and CoE for CYP's proposed 2008-2012 Strategic Plan.

Expected outcome: Delegates will be able to see how the consensus at CYMM will shape the new strategic plan 2008-2012 (which will be finalised shortly after the CYMM through a process involving staff of the CYP Regional Centres.)

**0930-1100 Agenda Item 10A Income and Expenditure Report 2006-2008
Pledge Status report
Assessed Contribution formula**

This session will present an opportunity for stock-taking with regard to CYP's report on its budgetary allocation and income and expenditure status for the period 2006-2008. In addition, Ministers will also discuss pledge arrears to the CYP and the application of the Abuja CHOGM Guidelines on arrears. Ministers will reflect on the CHOGM mandate for member countries to move to an Assessed Contribution formula.

Objective: To present a comprehensive progress report of CYP's finances over the 2006-2008 cycle, including an account of the pledges received and the pledge arrears.

Expected outcome: Delegates will be able to reflect on CYP's financial status in relation to increasing commitments, stagnating financial resources as a result of arrears and, the funding mechanism of the programme.

1100-1115 Refreshment Break

**1115-1215 Agenda Item 10B Proposed CYP Budget for 2008-2012
Proposed pledges for the 2008-2012 cycle in
accordance with CHOGM 2007 mandate**

During this session, the estimated CYP budget for 2008-2010 and 2010-2012 will be proposed in accordance with the CHOGM mandate for an Assessed Contribution formula.

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CYMM will receive proposed pledges for the next 2008-2012 cycle as proposed by the Secretary-General.

The idea of a Commonwealth Youth Dialogue within the 2007 CHOGM was conceived in recognition of the future of the Commonwealth residing in the hands of young people, many of whom are seriously deprived of human and economic opportunity. HE President Museveni, through the Commonwealth Secretary-General Rt. Hon Don McKinnon, invited nine other Heads of Government to join him in a short discussion with a representative group of Commonwealth young people in Kampala in November 2007.

In Para 75 of the Kampala Communiqué, Heads noted with concern the severe shortfall in funding for the CYP which is seriously constraining its capacity to deliver its current mandates or fresh initiatives in support of Commonwealth youth priorities and needs. They therefore agreed that countries should not only live up to their financial commitments to the budget to the CYP, but that a new assessed contributions formula be developed for the CYP, while also allowing for additional voluntary contributions. The new financial arrangements should take effect from 2008/09.

Objective: To present an estimated CYP budget in accordance with the new Assessed Contribution formula for the next programme cycle of CYP for Ministers consideration.

Expected outcomes: Delegates apprised of the estimated CYP budget in accordance with the new Assessed Contribution formula for the next programme cycle of CYP.
CYMM receives proposed pledges for 2008-2012

1215-1300 Question and Answer Session on CYP Pledges and Funding Mechanisms

1300-1400 LUNCH BREAK

1400-1700 Final Plenary Session

1400-1530 Agenda Item 11 7CYMM 2008 Communiqué Session
1530-1600 Agenda Item 12 Discussion of the draft Message to CHOGM 2009

These items will cover the proposed CYMM Communiqué on the major recommendations and outcomes of the meeting as well as the draft CYMM 2008 Message to CHOGM 2009.

1600-1700 Agenda Item 13 Any Other Business

- 7CYF
- 17CCEM
- Host country of 2012 CYMM
- CYMM Close

As an element of youth mainstreaming, CYP has been lobbying for the holding of Youth Fora in ministerial meetings other than CYMM, and seeking greater continuity and coordination between different ministerial meetings impacting on youth. Information will be provided on

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the 7th Commonwealth Youth Forum (7CYF) to be held alongside the Trinidad & Tobago CHOGM in November 2009.

Information on the Youth Forum of 17th CCEM (Commonwealth Conference of Education Ministers) to be held in Malaysia in June 2009.

In accordance with the Commonwealth protocol of regional rotation, the name of the host country for the next CYMM in the Pacific region in 2012, will be announced.

The CYMM will be brought to closure, followed by a brief meeting of the 6-8 selected Ministers comprising the MTR Task Force.

1700 Press Conference

1700-1745 MTR Task Force team meeting

The meeting of selected Ministers is aimed at finalising the modalities for the MTR Task Force team. In this meeting, the Ministers will give practical expression to the ToRs of the MTR, the work to be undertaken during the 2008-2010 period, the roles and responsibilities of the MTR team members and agree on who should assume the role of the Chair. The MTR will also agree on which country should host the MTR team in 2010.