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# Model Commonwealth Summit 2024

Theme: **One Resilient Common Future**



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**August 1-3, 2024**

**Accra International  
Conference Center**









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# INTRODUCTION





# OVERVIEW

The summit emerged from a growing recognition of the need to increase the visibility of youth work, highlight youth talent, and to build greater interest for youth engagement within the Commonwealth. This aligns with the broader goals of the Commonwealth Year of Youth objectives, launched in 2023 and extending through 2024, which commemorates significant milestones: the 50th Anniversary of the Commonwealth Youth Programme, the 10th Anniversary of the signing of the Commonwealth Charter, and the establishment of the Commonwealth Youth Council.

The Commonwealth's 56 member countries have a combined population of 2.5 billion people, of which more than 60% are aged 29 or younger. Through the Year of Youth activities, it aims to energize young people and youth partners across the Commonwealth, engaging decision-makers and increasing investment in youth empowerment. The initiative envisions a renewed Commonwealth where young people from all backgrounds work together to champion a shared agenda for development, democracy, diversity, and peace. This will be achieved by building capacities for leadership, collaboration, and inclusive solutions.

# MISSION

The Model Commonwealth Summit aim to sensitize and initiate young people and citizens on the necessity of developing solidarity and common fronts through the promotion of awareness, core principles, development agenda, and the varying cooperation of the Commonwealth. It is designed based on the intergovernmental Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings (CHOGM) and Ministerial meetings, along with its unique cultural and diplomatic practices.

The summit holds significance in fostering a deeper understanding of the Commonwealth's structures and institutions, while also facilitating valuable connections with other international bilateral and multilateral organizations. Additionally, it serves as a crucial platform for raising awareness of the Commonwealth's work and spearheading national advocacy programs in partnership with the Commonwealth Secretariat and its affiliated institutions.

The summit covers power-packed youth empowerment activities among stakeholder discussions on issues to develop the potentials of the youths in utilizing opportunities and embark on a number of sustainable initiatives relevant within the Commonwealth member states and the Commonwealth Community at large.

# ENDORSEMENT

The Model Commonwealth Summit is proud to be an endorsed event of the Commonwealth Secretariat, through the Commonwealth Youth Programme. As part of the 2023/24 Year of Youth events, the Model Commonwealth Summit provides a vital platform for young people to engage in crucial discussions, develop solutions, and contribute to the Commonwealth's shared goals.

The Model Commonwealth Summit is supported by the Commonwealth Youth Council (CYC), the official voice of young people in the Commonwealth, advocating for youth issues and solutions that shape policies impacting their lives.

This recognition underscores the summit's commitment to youth mainstreaming, empowerment and development of young leaders for the future of the Commonwealth.



# ABOUT THE SUMMIT





# KEY FEATURES

**The summit featured significant activities including;**

- **CHOGM Simulation**

The summit typically utilizes a "model" format, mirroring the structure and processes of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). This provides young people (delegates) with hands-on experience in diplomacy, negotiation, and policy development.

- **Committee (Break-out) Sessions**

Participants are grouped into committees focused on specific thematic areas, such as governance, security, education, environment, inclusion, and development. They engage in in-depth discussions, formulate resolutions, and develop recommendations.

- **Mentorship and Diplomacy Dialogue**

The summit often incorporates mentorship sessions with experienced professionals, allowing young leaders to gain valuable insights and guidance.

- **Networking and Social Interactions**

The summit provides a platform for networking, building connections, awarding exceptional participation, and fostering collaborations among young leaders from diverse Commonwealth nations present.

- **Awards**

The summit recognizes outstanding delegates for their exceptional leadership, communication skills, teamwork, and commitment to the event's success. Awards for recognition are in categories like Best Delegate, Honorable Mention, Best Position Paper, and Outstanding Summit Official, celebrating their exceptional contributions throughout the summit's preparation, sessions, and activities.

- **Excursion**

The summit offers delegates the unique opportunity to explore monumental sites in the city, complementing the summit's objectives while providing opportunities for networking and enjoyable experiences



# SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS





## Schedule

The Model Commonwealth Summit 2024, themed "One Resilient Common Future," took place from August 1-3 at the Accra International Conference Center in Accra, Ghana.

## Participating Countries and Delegation

The total number of delegates was approximately 200, with around 138 representing the Commonwealth member states. 14 delegates from 7 countries of the Commonwealth were represented at the summit. International delegations present at the summit were from Gabon, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone, Liberia, South Africa, United Kingdom, and Ghana predominantly.

## Engagement and Participation

The summit witnessed high levels of engagement and participation from the delegates. They actively participated in discussions, debates, and workshops, showcasing enthusiasm for learning and contributing to solutions.

The delegates' commitment was evident in their willingness to engage with diverse perspectives and work collaboratively to develop consensus-driven recommendations.

## KEY OUTCOMES

- The summit fostered engaging discussions on critical issues like women participation in political leadership, climate change, sustainable development, artificial intelligence, and youth empowerment, leading to well-informed and thought-provoking debates.
- The committees developed impactful resolutions reflecting the collective vision of the young leaders on various issues. These resolutions will be presented to the Commonwealth Secretariat and other relevant stakeholders for consideration.
- The summit successfully raised awareness of the Commonwealth Charter, Commonwealth Youth Programme and the Commonwealth Youth Council, highlighting their crucial role in empowering young people.
- The summit solidified partnerships between participating countries, fostering a renewed commitment to the Commonwealth's core values and principles.

## Impact on Participants

- The summit provided delegates with a deeper understanding of the Commonwealth, its institutions, and its work. They gained knowledge about current issues and challenges facing the region.
- The discussions and interactions fostered a broader understanding of different perspectives and encouraged critical thinking among the participants.
- The delegates left the summit feeling empowered and motivated to contribute to positive change within their communities and the Commonwealth.



## Partnerships and Collaboration

- The Commonwealth Secretariat played a pivotal role in endorsing the summit and providing guidance and support to the organizers.
- **Dr. Terri-Ann Gilbert-Roberts**, Research Manager at the Social Policy Development division of the Commonwealth Secretariat, provided valuable insights about the Commonwealth during pre-summit webinars, setting the stage for the summit's success.
- The Commonwealth Youth Council's Vice Chairperson, **Ms. Christabel Derby**, was a key speaker at the summit, providing valuable insights and guidance to the participants.
- Several other organizations and institutions contributed to the success of the summit, including the British High Commission, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Youth Authority, the British Council, and the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council.
- The summit benefited from the expertise and guidance of numerous individuals who provided mentorship and facilitated the Mentorship and Diplomacy Dialogue sessions.



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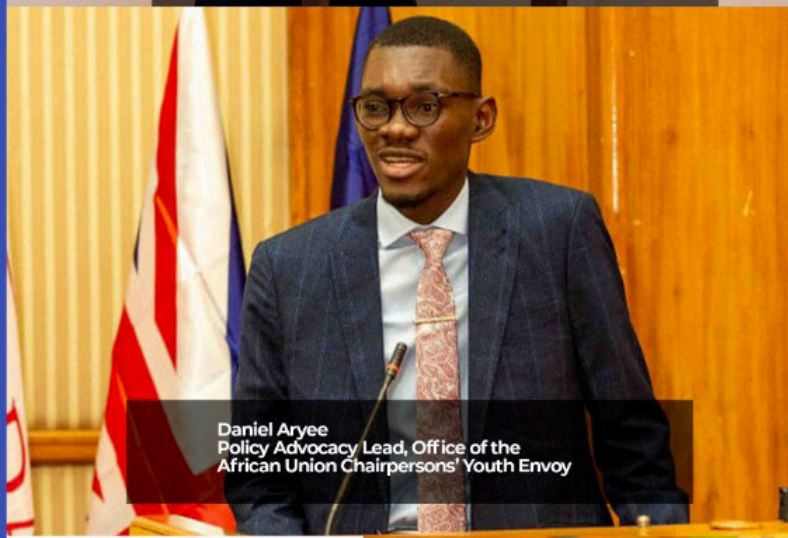
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# WHY PARTICIPATE

**The benefits of participating in the Model Commonwealth Summit include:**

## ● **Recognition and Contribution in Shaping the Future of the Commonwealth**

- Be part of a recognized and impactful event, making a meaningful contribution to the Commonwealth's goals.
- Gain valuable experience and build your reputation as a young leader.

## ● **Develop Leadership, Public Speaking, Interpersonal Skills**

- Sharpen your communication, negotiation, and problem-solving skills through interactive simulations and debates.
- Gain confidence in public speaking and presenting your ideas effectively.
- Develop strong teamwork and collaboration skills while working with diverse groups.

## ● **Gain Valuable Experience in International Affairs**

- Engage with complex global issues relevant to the Commonwealth, and other global agencies like the United Nations and the African Union.
- Develop an understanding of diplomacy, international cooperation, and policymaking.

## ● **Connect with Like-minded Young Leaders**

- Build a network of peers from across the Commonwealth, fostering collaboration and future partnerships.
- Share ideas, perspectives, and experiences with passionate young changemakers.



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# PARTNERSHIP AND SPONSORSHIP

## ● Partnership Opportunities

Partner with us to empower the next generation of Commonwealth leaders. We offer a range of partnership opportunities to align your organization with this impactful event. This includes;

- Individual
- Group (NGO)
- Governments
- Academic Institutions

## ● Sponsorship Opportunities

We believe that your involvement in the Model Commonwealth Summit will be a strategic investment that strengthens your brand presence and aligns with your commitment to fostering youth empowerment and youth development across the Commonwealth.

### Our package includes;

- **Gold Package:** Includes exclusive stand placement, logo visibility on all summit materials, promotional opportunities during the event, and access to VIP events.
- **Silver Package:** Includes prominent stand placement, logo visibility on selected summit materials, promotional opportunities during the event, and access to select events.
- **Bronze Package:** Includes stand placement, logo visibility on the summit website, and promotional materials distribution.

To learn more about partnerships and sponsorships, send us an email via

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