



MODEL
COMMONWEALTH
SUMMIT

Model Commonwealth Summit **2025**

| Diplomacy | Youth Mainstreaming | Network & Opportunities |

Theme:

“Innovating for Humanity: Accelerating Sustainable Development through New Knowledge”

4th - 6th Sept, 2025

AICC, Ghana



Summit Details



Accra International Conference Centre, Ghana



4th - 6th September, 2025



3 Days



Aged 18 and above



Rich Commonwealth Diplomacy
Youth Dialogue and Networking
Training (Career and Diplomacy)
Certification

Meals

Summit Materials

Accommodation (optional)

Excursion (optional)

About the Summit

The summit emerged from a growing recognition of the need to increase the visibility of youth work, highlight youth talent, and build greater interest in youth engagement with the Commonwealth.

The Model Commonwealth Summit aims to sensitize and engage young people and citizens of the Commonwealth on the necessity of developing solidarity and common fronts through the promotion of Commonwealth values and aspirations, as well as fostering cooperation among member states.

The summit is designed based on the intergovernmental Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings (CHOGM) and its ministerial meetings. The Commonwealth of Nations comprises 56 member countries with a combined population of 2.5 billion people, of which more than 60% are aged 29 or younger.

Through the Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP), the Commonwealth Youth Council (CYC) has been established to advance youth affairs and serve as the official voice of the Commonwealth on youth interests and advocacy.



Our Contribution to the Commonwealth

Our contributions to the advancement of the Commonwealth Organization include:

Agenda Setting

The Model Commonwealth Summit concentrates on key areas such as the CHOGM simulation, Diplomacy, Networking, and Awards sessions. We prioritize the Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP) as the official voice on youth affairs.

Inclusion

The summit invites diverse youth groups from all Commonwealth Member States. Participants, mainly tertiary students and young professionals, act as Delegates, creating position papers on urgent issues. Their recommendations form a communique called “resolution” for action.

Visibility

Emerging from the 2023/24 Year of Youth events, the summit is endorsed by the Commonwealth Secretariat to enhance youth visibility and highlight their contributions to democracy and sustainable development. It focuses on the Commonwealth Youth Programme and other supportive policies, ensuring accessibility for youth across member countries.

Reach

This youth engagement initiative promotes dialogue, education, and advocacy, while accelerating innovation and participation. A key feature is exploring employment, fellowships, and scholarships within the Commonwealth, ensuring selected delegates can attend CHOGM and related events.

Partnerships

Addressing the challenges of the summit requires significant resources and partnerships. We value collaborations that enhance our success, particularly in funding delegate participation, accommodation, venues, and logistics, which are crucial for achieving desired outcomes.

Key Summit 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/Socializing Events

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.



Benefits for Delegates

The benefits of participating in the Model Commonwealth Summit include;

| Recognition and Contribution to 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.

Summit Timelines

Call for Officials Bureau

February, 2025

Call for Delegate
Applications

April, 2025

Information Sessions

May - August 2025

Embassy Visits

July - August, 2025

Summit

4th - 6th September, 2025

Excursion

7th September, 2025



About the Organization

The Model Commonwealth Summit is hosted by the OPLD.

The Organization for Policy and Leadership Development (OPLD) is an independent, interdisciplinary, non-profit organization dedicated to advancing policy perspectives, leadership, and diplomacy for sustainable development.

The organization places a strong emphasis on diplomacy, youth development, policy research, advocacy, education, and networking for leaders, opportunities, and innovations.

Our programs include;

1. Simulations
2. Youth Fellowship Programs
3. Leadership Training and Conferences
4. Advocacy and Awareness Programs
5. Public Policy Initiatives
6. Organizational Performance Policy Designs

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