



**COMMUNIQUE**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Caribbean Youth Leaders Summit**  
**Gros Islet, Saint Lucia**  
***December 4-6, 2013***

*Fifteen (15) youth delegates representing twelve (12) countries gathered at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Caribbean Youth Leaders Summit held in Gros Islet, Saint Lucia from the 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2013. This summit followed calls from youth delegates at the previous Caribbean Youth Leaders Summits held in Barbados (2011) and Jamaica (2012), to establish the Caribbean Regional Youth Council, hereafter referred to as “CRYC”.*

*The 3<sup>rd</sup> Caribbean Youth Leaders Summit, held in Saint Lucia and facilitated by the Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP), provided a space for Delegates of National Youth Governance Platforms to sign and ratify the CRYC’s Constitution establishing the CRYC as a strategic youth governance and advocacy movement with one voice working towards regional representation, integration and cooperation as a platform for youth development.*

**We, the Delegates of our respective umbrella National Youth Organizations, representing the youth of our nations:-**

**Recognizing,**

1. the need for a unified regional youth body to advocate for and advance the development agenda for Caribbean Youth,
2. the need to establish and sustain functional, democratic National Youth Councils (NYCs) in every Caribbean country to facilitate the development of all youth by serving as an essential engine not only for advancing the cause of youth but as a catalyst towards democracy, good governance and social transformation.

**Having,**

3. Unanimously ratified and signed the CRYC’s Constitution, its body of fundamental principles and established precedents according to which the CRYC will be governed,
4. Launched and established the CRYC, as a unified network and voice of empowered Caribbean youth with equal access and opportunities - working together to lead the regional development agenda;

5. Established that, to achieve its mission, the CRYC will dedicate to two strategic goals, with specific objectives achievable by 2016 being :
  - i. Improved youth Participation, Representation, and Advocacy; and
  - ii. Strengthened Youth Networks;
6. Further adopted key pillars of the Regional strategic plan that guides the CRYC's overall approach to achieving its goals and objectives, including key implementable activities, the determination of strategic partners, engagement of stakeholders, and the development of its Secretariat;
7. Committed the CRYC to maintain connectivity and relevance to the widest youth audience and to embrace principles of sustainability and continuity, effective advocacy, continuous capacity building, financial accountability and transparency, superior operational efficiency;
8. Agreed on other key procedures to guide the CRYC, its mobilization and strategic deployment, including provisions for continuous partnerships with input from all stakeholders especially young people to ensure the pristine accomplishment of the CRYC's mandate;
9. Further agreed and committed to the effective and strategic use of information and communication technologies (ICT), e.g. social media and mobile communication devices, as a critical enabler and propeller of the CRYC mandate.
10. Recognizing the urgency of moving strategically and with dispatch to consolidate our position as the representative Caribbean youth body, the CRYC resolved to;
  - (a) begin work with Caribbean youth networks to sensitize and prepare youth for regional integration and participation in national, regional and international forums that seek to address challenges and solicit solutions and ideas from youth of the Caribbean Region;
  - (b) partner with and ensure the representation of Caribbean youth on other major Youth Leadership Networks such as the Commonwealth Youth Council and at global forums making decisions that impact Caribbean youth;
  - (c) work together through strategic partnerships at the national, regional and international levels while sharing expertise and best practices in executing initiatives;
11. Further acknowledging the indispensability of forging strongly linked, trust-based relationships throughout the region with National Youth Councils, Governments of each CRYC Member State, Commonwealth Secretariat, the CARICOM Secretariat, the United Nations, CUSO, and other key agencies with youth development programmes and services,
12. The CRYC agreed to seek dedicated support from regional and international partners in accordance with their respective areas of comparative advantage and in

furtherance of our individual and autonomous yet intrinsically connected sustainability strategies;

### **We committed**

13. To the establishment of the CRYC Secretariat in Saint Lucia, and acknowledged the initiative and generous commitment of the government of Saint Lucia to support the organization in its initial development period;
14. To honour our undertaking to establish and strengthen national youth-led governance platforms and develop the CRYC to work in the service of all young people of the Caribbean.
15. To ensure that the work of the CRYC consistently embodies the values of equality, inclusion, [insert the specific values we agreed on here]
16. To work as a newly-established Executive Board duly elected by the General Assembly to manage and effectively carry out the mandates of the CRYC wholeheartedly and embrace the values of inclusion and democracy for the betterment of our Caribbean youth, this Executive being:

Mr. Timothy Ferdinand	Chairperson (St. Lucia National Youth Council)
Ms. Tiffany Daniels	Vice Chairperson for Membership and Partnerships (Guyana National Youth Council, Interim)
Ms. Shanice Webb	Vice Chairperson for Resource Mobilization (Trinidad Youth Council)
Mr. Michael Xavier	Vice Chairperson for Advocacy and Policy ( Guyana National Youth Council, Interim)
Ms. Farmala Jacobs	Board Member- Training and Development (Antigua National Youth Ambassador Corps)
Ms. Nadege Roach	Board Member - Communications and Information (National Youth Council of Dominica)

17. The CRYC unanimously expressed its deep appreciation to the Commonwealth Secretariat, especially the Commonwealth Youth Programme Caribbean Centre (CYPCC), for its sustained support over the past years and its partnership that led to the establishment of the CRYC;
18. The CRYC further committed itself to maintaining and deepening its partnership with the CYP, as well as other key organizations providing critical youth supports and services in the Region, to ensure the voice and face of Caribbean young women and men feature as a factor of development.