1. Brief description of Event (50-100 words):
The Commonwealth Youth Forum is platform for young people to have their say before the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting on what development issues should be tackled by the Commonwealth and to contribute to development and democracy work in the Commonwealth. The outcomes document from the Forum will serve as a guide for project designs to be executed by National Youth Councils and Youth-Led Organisations in the Commonwealth. The projects will receive funding from the Commonwealth Secretariat. The outcomes document was presented to the Heads of Government.

2. What were the benefits of attending and what did you gain from the experience in terms of transferable skills and knowledge.
There were over two hundred young leaders and professionals at the forum. I was able to network and engage with young people with different expertise and diverse backgrounds. We also had to negotiate amongst ourselves the items that will be placed in the outcomes document. The forum served as an introduction, and provided hands-on experience, to real life work in the field of sustainable development.

There were a myriad of transferable skills that I improved. These skills include:
   - The ability to communicate technical information to non-specialists in a language they understand.
   - The ability to work in, and lead, diverse teams.
   - The ability to integrate ideas from a diverse group of people.

3. What actions will you be taking as a result of attending or by making new networking contacts.
At the Forum, I presented on the potential opportunities that are available to young people after the United Nations Conference on Climate Change slated for 30 November to 11 December, 2015 in Paris. As a follow up to the Youth Forum, I will be attending the Conference on Climate Change in Paris to get greater insight into potential opportunities that will be available to young people.
Secondly, I hope to be more actively involved in the Commonwealth Youth Councils Processes.
4. Can you share any additional resources produced in connection with the event (e.g. feedback from participants, training resources, website links, and additional materials.

1 Declaration by the Young People of the Commonwealth:  

2 UNCTAD and Commonwealth launch guide to youth entrepreneurship:  

3 10 Reasons why the Commonwealth Youth Forum matters:  
http://www.yourcommonwealth.org/editors-pick/10-reasons-cyf/

6. Tips/experience learned from the event

1 To maximise your experience at the forum, start networking before you arrive at the forum. This can be done via Facebook, Twitter or email.

7. Any additional comments or information regarding the event

8. I give permission for my report to be uploaded to the CAPOD Funding Website:

Yes ☐ No ☐

Report submitted by:

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