



# CARICOM YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN



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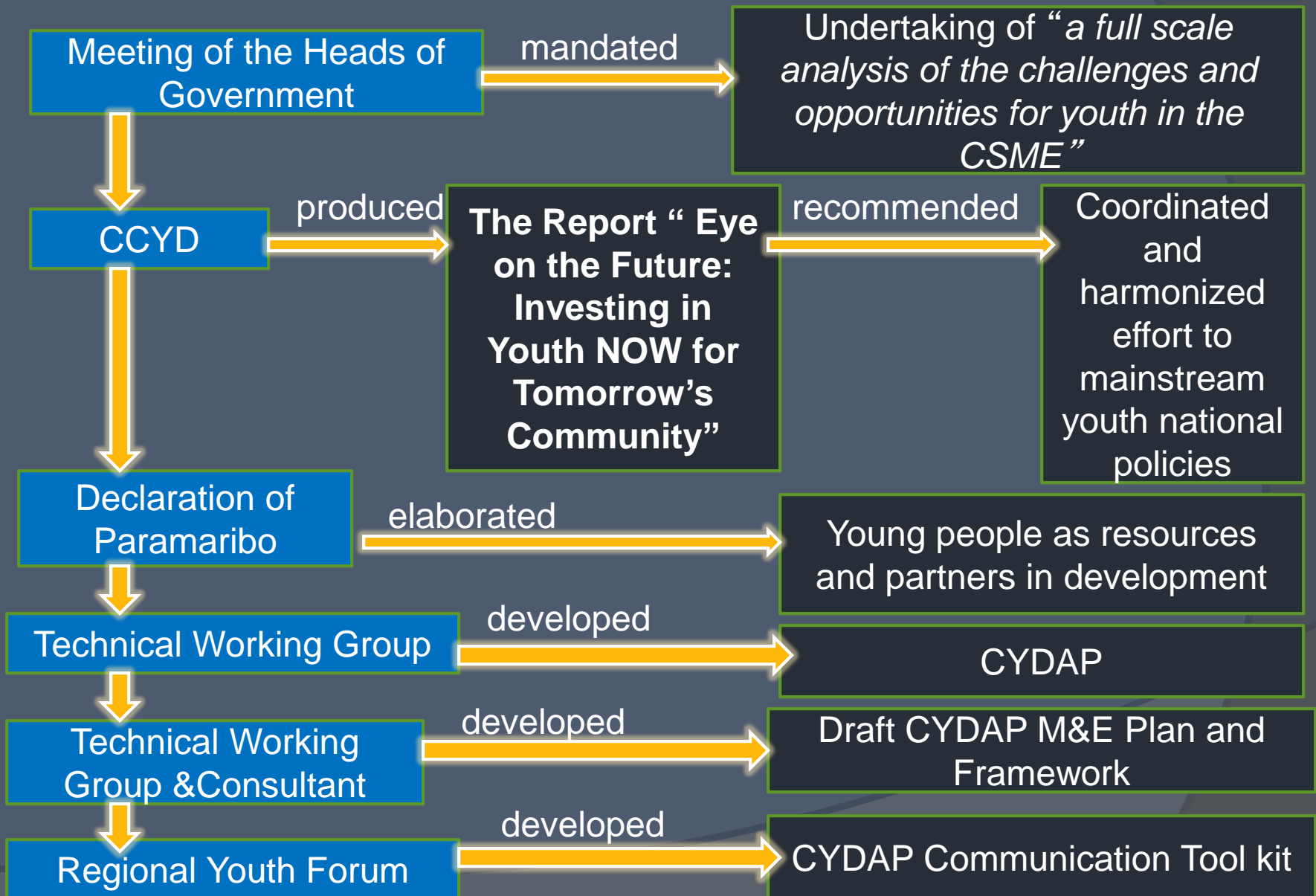
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# THE CONTEXT:

The Strategic Plan for the Caribbean Community (2015-2019) “Repositioning CARICOM” identifies Youth Development as a key element of Social Resilience - 1 of 8 Integrated Strategic Priorities



# MAKING OF THE CARICOM YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN





TARGET GROUP:

ALL Youth

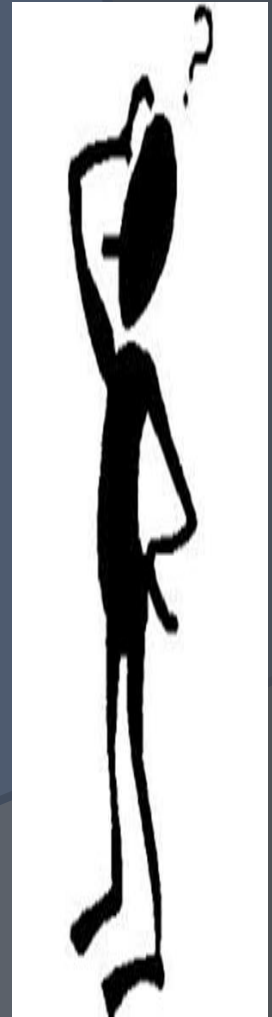
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- ◉ The overall purpose of the CYDAP is to improve the quality and quantity of access and opportunities available to young people at school, in the community and as active participants in economic development at national and regional levels
- ◉ The CYDAP operationalizes the Declaration of Paramaribo on the Future of Youth in the Caribbean Community
- ◉ CYDAP complements the implementation of the CSME and supports mainstreamed adolescent and youth well-being and empowerment

# In Summary, why is CYDAP important?

- ⦿ Regional Policy and Plan for Youth Development
- ⦿ Informed by/builds on:
  - The CCYD Report
  - the Declaration of Paramaribo – Heads of Government (2010)
- ⦿ Built on:
  - Research
  - Consultations with key stakeholders
  - Political Agreement (Ministers of Youth, Heads)



# **CYDAP VISION STATEMENT**

Secure, valued and empowered adolescents and youth realising their full potential and contributing to a sustainable Caribbean Community

# **CYDAP MISSION STATEMENT**

To promote, through a regional partnership agenda, an enabling environment for adolescent and youth well being, empowerment and participation in national and regional development

# GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE CARICOM YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN

- Human Rights Approach
- The Gender Based Approach
- The Asset Based Approach
- The Life Cycle Approach
- Evidence Based Approaches



# CYDAP OBJECTIVES

- Create an appropriate institutional framework to facilitate the delivery of an integrated and mainstreamed agenda for adolescent and youth development
- Guide effective and efficient delivery of adolescent and youth development policy, programmes and services on the basis of evidence based approaches
- Mainstream adolescent and youth development into multi- sectoral policy and programming arrangements within government institutions

# CYDAP OBJECTIVES (cont'd)

- Foster genuine participation of and partnership with young people in all aspects of national and regional development
- Ensure that investments in adolescents and youth are appropriate to their life stages and circumstances
- Guide the development of a sustained regional research and information and knowledge management agenda on the situation of adolescents and youth
- Foster adolescent and youth awareness and appreciation of Caribbean identity, culture and citizenship

# FRAMEWORKS WHICH SHAPED THE CYDAP

- The 2010 Declaration of Paramaribo on the Future of Youth in the Caribbean Community
- The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
- The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs/SDGs);
- The World Programme of Action for Youth (WPAY)
- The Commonwealth Plan of Action for Youth Empowerment (PAYE) 2007-2015
- The Regional Strategy for the Youth Development (RSYD) 2001-2009

# CARICOM YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GOALS (CYDGs)

The CYDAP is anchored in the CARICOM Youth Development Goals (CYDGs) which outline six main policy areas and actions:

- Education and Economic Empowerment (WPAY, SDG's 2,4,8) (PAYE 1, 8; YDI domains 2&3)
- Protection, Safety and Security (WPAY, SDGs 3,6,10 & 11)
- Health and Wellbeing (WPAY, SDGs 3) (PAYE 2, YDI domain 4)
- Culture, Identity and Citizenship (SDG 1)

# CARICOM YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GOALS (CYDGs)

- Culture, Identity and Citizenship (SDG 1) (PAYE 10)
- Policy and Institutional Framework (PAYE 3)
- Leadership, Participation and Governance (PAYE 4, YDI domains 1& 5, WPAY)

# M & E FRAMEWORK

- Create a multi-sectoral framework to accurately document, record and track progress towards the CYDGs
- Collect data to inform the youth policy making and strategies
- Improve service delivery and programme implementation

# M & E FRAMEWORK

- Build capacity of CYDAP stakeholders and institutions to implement the CYDAP and M&E Plan
- Goal, Priority Actions, core National and Regional Indicators with means of verification and benchmarks

# SYNERGY AND COORDINATION

- ◉ Data Collection national level
- ◉ Regional Youth Survey
- ◉ Monitoring and Evaluation
- ◉ Inter-agency collaboration



**THANK YOU!!!**

