

Challenge guidelines

Eligibility

Only young people between the ages of 18 - 30 years old from Commonwealth member countries are eligible to participate. Submit a short 5 - 10 minutes video on actions you've led or contributed towards developing and offering sustainable activities that promote blue economy and awareness of SDG 14 actions at large. Sign up and submit your actions showing the activities in relation to the following:

- a) Collaboration to prevent water contamination (fresh and salt natural water systems).
- b) Ensuring sustainable use of aquaculture (including mariculture) and marine resources.
- c) Encouraging awareness and respect for aquatic ecosystems.
- d) Promoting respectful use of beaches and marine environments.
- e) Conducting science-based innovative research for solutions on aspects of building a blue economy (including renewable energy and environmental restoration in the ocean).

Guidance for submitting video content:

The videos are intended to spotlight youth-led action on SDG 14 goals for climate action developed by the UN. We are looking for a short high-quality video from any youth that is a part of CYCN and the Commonwealth countries at large.

Ideally you may use a DSLR camera with a good microphone, or even a mobile phone that does quality videos. The format is as follows:

1. Introduce yourself (name, age, country)
2. Explain what SDG 14 means to you and what you are doing to accomplish the aspect of the blue economy you are working on and how it has contributed to national development
3. Give your view on how important it is for the world to make these big changes and adjustments to meet goal SDG14 in parallel with efforts to achieve SDG 13; and
4. Conclude your video with an important message and lesson learnt from your action on SDG 14 and how young people can make a difference.

Video tips:

- Tell your story. How do you think the blue economy could shape our future as a climate change adaptation action and meeting the goal SDG 14?



- Film in a quiet area or your project area, also pay attention to lighting and position.
- For sound quality, get as close to the subject as possible.
- Please film in landscape.
- Minimum of 720p resolution.
- The length should be between 5 - 10 mins.
- The best videos are when subjects are enthusiastic, relaxed and authentic.

What happens next?

Please send through the footage via WeTransfer (www.wetransfer.com) to cycn.belize@gmail.com.

The videos will be posted on the Commonwealth Youth Climate Change (CYCN) social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram), Commonwealth website and possibly even the Blue Charter website (in development).

Don't forget to indicate your usernames/handles so we can tag you to your video submitted.

We are very excited to see your contribution! Please let us know if there are any questions, send an email to cycn.belize@gmail.com.



**STEPS TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE YOUTH LEAD
SDG14 CHALLENGE**

- STEP 1** - SIGN UP for the Challenge;
- STEP 2** - READ the Guidelines;
- STEP 3** - VIEW all 14 Actions;
- STEP 4** - TAKE One Action at a Time!
- STEP 5** - SUBMIT Actions Taken;



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