

The Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting in Papua New Guinea - April 2013

Between 16-19 April, the [8th Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting](#) (8CYMM) was held in Papua New Guinea. Organised by the [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#) (CYP), the meeting was attended by 30 delegations including 18 Ministers, as well as the UN Secretary General's Envoy for Youth and the ILO.



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Peter O'Neill, the Prime Minister of PNG opened the meeting by saying that the themes of the meeting were relevant to his country, since over half of the country 20 years old or younger. The Prime Minister called upon policy makers and leaders to be more active in empowering young people to reach the most of their education, their ability, and their capacity for work.

In turn, the UN Secretary General's Envoy for Youth reiterated the importance of a multi-stakeholder approach to youth development, as well as the need for youth and youth organisation participation in the development of cross-sectoral youth policies.

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