



2022 AGM Highlights

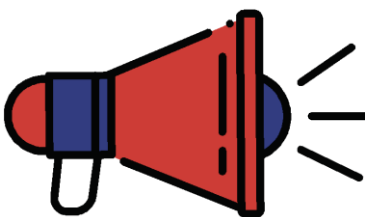
On 25th November 2022, 34 members from the Commonwealth 8.7 Network gathered for their second Annual General Meeting.

The meeting was an opportunity to take stock of what the Network had achieved since the previous AGM and to reflect on progress on the implementation of our three-year plan. Key milestones included the identification of strategic actions for the Network as a whole and specific actions to strengthen our advocacy at the regional level.

Thank you to all those who attended!

We invite members to:

- **Subscribe to The 8.7 Quarterly Newsletter** – watch out for calls to contribute!
- **Reach out to the Secretariat to contribute to our advocacy calendar and share opportunities for joint advocacy.** Get in touch with María Barraco, CHRI's Legal Advocacy and Research Officer: maria@humanrightsinitiative.org
- **Encourage other organisations within your networks to apply to join the 8.7 Network.** [More information here.](#)
- **Coordinate actions with members in your region** – creating a WhatsApp group is a great way to stay connected!





Key Priorities for Action

1.

Strengthen the Network's Communications and Capacity Building Efforts

Members welcomed the idea of using WhatsApp groups to coordinate action between organisations working in the same region or on similar issues. They suggested the creation of a social media content calendar to identify actions the Network can take on key international and regional advocacy dates. Members also suggested that a training needs assessment is important for developing capacity building programmes.

Strengthen Member Engagement and Growth

2.

Members agreed that expanding and diversifying our membership is a key priority for the Network. They resolved to prioritise outreach to organisations in underrepresented countries and regions. Members also welcomed the idea of launching a membership campaign, *'Tell-A-Friend-To-Tell-A Friend'*, where each member refers/recommends one organisation from their region to join the Network.

3.

Support and Strengthen Regional Level Advocacy

Members committed to collaborating around key regional advocacy dates. They felt that the mapping of region-specific key advocacy dates would be an effective means to coordinate advocacy efforts across all regions.

Ensure a Sustainable Network

4.

Members committed to strengthening efforts around partnerships and business development to ensure funding support for the Network.