

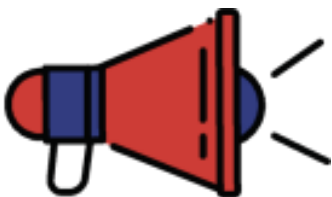


2023 AGM Highlights

On 26th October 2023, the Commonwealth 8.7 Network convened its third Annual General Meeting, uniting 58 members across five diverse regions: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Pacific.

The meeting was an opportunity for Network members to debate, share insights, and collectively strategise in pursuit of SDG Target 8.7. After reviewing the progress of the four strategic working groups, members came together to actively shape the Network's direction through interactive group discussions, aligning individual aspirations with the comprehensive 8.7 three-year strategy.

We invite members to build on the momentum of the meeting through the following actions:



- **Subscribe to The 8.7 Quarterly Newsletter** – Watch out for calls to contribute!
- **Contribute to our advocacy and communications calendars and share opportunities for joint advocacy/awareness raising** – Contact [8.7 Network@humanrightsinitative.org](mailto:8.7Network@humanrightsinitative.org)
- **Refer eligible organisations to apply to join the 8.7 Network.** [More information here.](#)
- **Coordinate actions with members in your region** – contact the Secretariat to join the WhatsApp group for your region!



Key Priorities for Action

1. Increase collaboration across regional and thematic areas

Members emphasised the importance of regional and thematic collaboration in strengthening advocacy, fundraising and communications efforts. They noted that collaboration could be enhanced by increasing the frequency of regional meetings and creating a member database with information on each organisation so members can identify potential partners.

Advocate Collaboratively 2.

Members reiterated their commitment to collaborative action around key international dates and human rights priorities. They called for increased collaboration at regional and national level and increased engagement with regional human rights mechanisms. They suggested the need for more regional-level meetings to coordinate advocacy efforts.

3. Advocate Strategically

Members committed to strengthening advocacy efforts by forming strategic partnerships with UN entities, INGOs and other Networks. They also emphasised the importance of promoting survivor leadership and building the capacity of survivors to influence legislation that addresses their lived experiences.

Expand the 8.7 Network 4.

Expanding and diversifying our membership remains a key priority for the Network, especially in countries and regions where the Network is under-represented. Members committed to supporting the membership drive. They emphasised the need to proactively identify and contact potential members in the target regions/countries, and use social media to showcase the collaborative work of Network members.