

International Relations January Update Report

CGA Visits

By the time of the meeting all African CGA's will have been visited. Since the last meeting, Tom Jones and Kate Randall have visited Ghana, the Gambia, Sierra Leone, Kenya, and Cameroon

Total CGA's Visited – as at 14 February

42

CGA Partner Program

Our strategy to date has been to contact those countries we have visited other than the countries in the Caribbean as we have met them all via CANOC and other events. Most of Africa, Asia and the Americas have been contacted.

To date:

- 6 applications received
- 32 applications sent out (including those received)

Formal applications received:

Jersey

- Mr. Alan Cross
- Mental Skills Conference in October
 - o We will help with some of the costs to run the event
 - o It will feature all Commonwealth Games Athletes
- Commonwealth Youth Games in Pune, October 2008
 - o We will help with Uniforms (small group of athletes)

Guernsey

- Mr. David Harry
- Assisting Athletes via Coaching for Commonwealth Youth Games in Pune, October 2008
 - o Looks to be mental skills coaching but following up to get more details

St Vincent and the Grenadines

- Mr. Keith Joseph
- Regional Delivery of Netball Program with:
 - o Grenada
 - o St Lucia
 - o Antigua and Barbuda
 - o St Kitts and Nevis
 - o Barbados
 - o Trinidad and Tobago
- This has been agreed in principle via CANOC and Keith has been following up with these countries to get more information

Program Committed:

Turks and Caicos

- Ms. Rita Gardiner
- Confirmed that we will be providing a scoreboard (for track) to be used at their national stadium

Inbound Trips

As at 12 February, replies have been received from 43 CGA's, of which 41 can attend on the dates proposed. Australia and NZ are the two who are unavailable.

PNS and HRM have been briefed on the requirements of the elected officials for the inbound visits.

The Cultural Advisory Group has been re-tasked to assist in community engagement to support the inbound visits.

The dates of these visits proposed in the invitations as follows:

Europe (10 delegates):	3 to 6 August
Africa (18 delegates):	10 to 13 August
Caribbean and Americas (20 delegates):	17 to 20 August
CGF Executive Board (16 delegates):	7 to 10 September
Asia (8 delegates):	14 to 17 September
Oceania (14 delegates):	21 to 24 September
Optional/Standby date:	24 to 27 August

Evaluation Commission

As updated last month, the CGF has yet to confirm the exact date but he expects Halifax's visit will be the third week of June.

Upcoming Travel

The planned trips through to May are as follows:

- CGA visits to Caribbean – Feb 19 to March 4
- CGA visits to Oceania – March 20 to April 11, including attendance at the Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC) meeting March 23 and 24
- Attendance, in partnership with the CGF, at Sport Accord in April
- CGA visits to Asia – April 28 to May 5
- Bid Lodgement – London, May 9

Bid Lodgement

The Bid Lodgement will occur in London on 9 May. The CGF is managing the event and the primary objective around lodging the Bids publicly is to attract media attention in London for the Commonwealth Games.

The Event will be held at the Langham Hotel, commencing at midday. It will consist of the Bids “arriving” at the hotel and then each Bid City is being given 15 minutes to hand over the Bid formally in a presentation, speeches and possible cultural performance.

There will also be speeches from Mike Fennell and possibly the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Don McKinnon, and UK Government elected officials.

Including the formalities the event will be one hour, and will be followed by a buffet style lunch.

Guests will include members of the CGF Executive Board, who will be in London for an Executive Board meeting; CGA's, but it is likely that only the ones close to London will attend; and media.

Halifax 2014 will be hosting a function on the evening of 9 May, at Canada House. The exact details are to be resolved but invitations will be sent within the next two weeks by the High Commission.

The “event” or “arrival” being planned as part of our lodgement has not yet been resolved, but concepts are in a high level development phase.

