

**RASC Next Generation Report**  
Trustees Meeting  
Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 2014



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It is my pleasure to report on behalf of the Next Generation and its most recent activities.

**4<sup>th</sup> NG Ag Mission - Malawi**

- ✓ The NG Ag Mission is scheduled to take place June 9-22, 2014 – starting in Lilongwe and ending in Blantyre.
- ✓ I am continuously working with fellow Malawian NG members Mcloud Kayira and Gloria Kasongo as well as Andrew Namakhoma with NASFAM in organizing the itinerary.
- ✓ The International Agricultural Training Programme (IATP) has agreed to co-sponsor two developing country delegates on the NG Mission for £2,000. (Still waiting for the funds to be transferred.)
- ✓ We currently have NG participants coming from Canada, England, Scotland, Australia and Zimbabwe. Waiting to hear back from numerous NG's and member societies.
- ✓ Michael Lambert was able to speak with Michael Nevin, the British High Commissioner in Malawi, to confirm stability in Malawian politics since a federal election will be taking place in May.
- ✓ Still looking for additional financial support to fund delegates. Assistance and advice to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

**NG Network - Social Media**

- ✓ NG Facebook Page - to measure the activity, share information and raise greater awareness. 75 'Likes' as at the end of Feb <https://www.facebook.com/RASCNG>

In addition, I would like to share with you a copy of the Commonwealth Foundation Logic Model. (*see page 2*) I would like for the RASC to develop a single page overview of our organizations outcomes and focus. In my opinion the value in doing this would strengthen our ability to clearly communication what we, as the only agricultural NGO, are about and want to achieve. Thus helping support future funding applications. It is my hope to see such a document is approved at the next trustees meeting.

I am confident that we will have a successful and busy year ahead for the Next Generation programme. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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*Canada*  
*Honorary NG Facilitator*

# Commonwealth Foundation Logic Model

<b>ULTIMATE OUTCOME</b>	<b>More effective, responsive and accountable governance with civil society participation</b>			
<b>INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES</b>	<b>Enhanced collaboration and learning between CSOs and institutions in governance</b>			
<b>SHORT-TERM OUTCOMES</b>	<b>1 Strengthened ability of CSOs to use creative expression for participatory governance</b>	<b>2 Enhanced capacity of regional CSOs and networks/alliances to engage in participatory governance</b>	<b>3 Enhanced interaction between regional CSOs and networks/alliances and institutions in governance</b>	<b>4 Enhanced knowledge management for more effective participatory governance</b>
<b>FOCUS</b>	<b>Strengthen cultural practitioners and connect them with the wider CSO community</b>	<b>Develop CSO capacity for participatory governance specifically in policy development and advocacy</b>	<b>Increase access to, and improve, existing spaces; and create new spaces</b>	<b>Develop mechanisms, and facilitate their adoption</b>
<b>ENABLING OUTCOME: a more effective Commonwealth Foundation</b>				