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An Overview

- A Network of Networks
- 9 Countries (Bangladesh, Brunei, India, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Singapore)
- 18,000+ Young Entrepreneurs (mostly SME)
- 31,800 New Jobs linked to the Network
- 1,088 activities within the network
- Outreach to 20,000+ additional young entrepreneurs
- More Job Creators versus Job Seekers

Our Purpose

- A United Voice for Advocacy (with Policy Makers) towards creating a better entrepreneurial ecosystem
- Promoting Cross Border Trade
- Exchange of Innovative Ideas, Technologies & Skills
- Providing Information about Access to Finance
- Mentoring of New Entrepreneurs
- Bringing down barriers and demonstrating the importance and value of Regional Alliances
- Promoting recognition of Cross Border Cultural Similarities

How We do It

- Country to Country Bilaterals
- Annual Summit
 - B2B
 - Present Excellence in Action (Field Visits)
- Business Plan Competitions in various sectors
- Encourage Industry-Academia Linkage
 - Workshops & Trainings, especially Schools & Universities
 - Encourage Entrepreneurial Clubs & Incubation Centers
- New Push: Entrepreneurship in National Curriculum

Scaling & Replicating

- Model endorsed by Commonwealth Heads of Governments and Ministers of Youth
- Already Replicated successfully with support from Commonwealth Secretariat in:
 - Caribbean
 - East Africa
- Next Steps:
 - Replications: Southern Africa, West Africa & Pacific
 - Linking all Regional networks Globally
 - Accessing Resources to strengthen Networks