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- Institutional Development Directors (or its equivalent)
- Coordinators of National Youth Networks (forums or equivalent).
- National Communications Coordinators (or their equivalent)

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Subject: Regional Networks Meeting : Youth, Youth Program, Adults in Scouting, Institutional Development and Communications 2021

Launching Circular

1. Background and Context

The Interamerican Policy for Regional Networks recognizes and values networking as a process of learning and collective construction among National Scout Organizations (NSOs) and establishes the objective of the networks: to generate a space for exchange between NSOs, in conjunction with Regional Bodies, on technical issues related to strategic areas; in order to share information, documents, tools, strategies and their results, experiences and good practices, as well as contribute to the fulfilment of the objectives of the Regional Plan, all aimed at promoting the sustainable growth of NSOs and their institutional strengthening.

Taking the above into account and recognizing that we continue to live in times that have challenged us in several ways, it is essential to hold the joint regional meeting of the five existing networks in virtual mode: Adults in Scouting, Youth Programme, Institutional Development, Communications and Youth. In order to continue working together to have a region strengthened and prepared to take on the changes.

2. Objectives

For this occasion, we have redesigned the program of the Regional Meeting of the Networks in order to generate a greater exchange of all the experiences lived in the NSO during the last year. For this reason, the sole objective of the meeting is " **To identify change as an opportunity to be stronger**", in which we will explore together the past, present and future challenges and the actions and adaptations that we have carried out and those that we will have to perform to continue facing those challenges.

3. Participants

The people summoned for each Network are:

Youth Programme Network:

- Youth Programme Commissioner/ Director or equivalent.
- Educational Methods Commissioner/ Director or equivalent.
- Members of the National Youth Program Team.

Adults in Scouting Network.

- Adults in Scouting Commissioner/ Director or equivalent
- Training Commissioner
- Members of the National AiS Team

Institutional Development Network

- Chief Commissioner or equivalent
- Institutional Development Commissioner/ Director or equivalent
- International Commissioner
- Members of the national team linked to the areas of: Governance (including the topics of: strategic planning, structure and regulatory framework), Administration, Financial Development, Operations, Risk Management, Comptrollership and Ethics.

Communications Network

- Communications Commissioner or equivalent
- Members of the National Communications Team

Youth Network

- Coordinator of the National Youth Network (or equivalent body: National Youth Forum, National Youth Committee).
- Members of the National Youth Network (Forum, Committee, etc.).

In the Regional Meeting of the Networks, the people that the NSOs consider pertinent may participate with a **maximum of 3 people for each Network**, the national representative in the Network and two more people. In order to participate, each person must have the written endorsement of their NSO as a requirement to join the meetings.

4. Date and modality

The regional meeting of the Interamerican Networks will be held Saturday, **May 22**, beginning at 9:00 am. Panama UTC-5 and ending on Sunday, **May 23** at 5:30 p.m. Panama UTC-5. The sessions will take place in virtual spaces using the Zoom platform. Once the registration process has been carried out in accordance with the provisions of this circular, the instructions for entering each session will be sent to the participants.

On Friday, May 22, we will have the informal moment of integration prior to the meeting, to meet again virtually and celebrate together a new opportunity to meet. Detailed information on this activity will be sent to you in a subsequent communication.

Due to the virtual modality that will be used, it will be necessary for participants to have access to an Internet connection with sufficient capacity to interact on platforms that require the use of audio and video, as well as with the equipment and accessories necessary for their active participation (computer, headphones, microphone).

5. Cost of Registration

As it is an event in virtual mode, there are no participation fee.

6. Registration Process

For registration, participants must complete their registration in the form that will be open until **May 16, 2021** by accessing the form at the following link:
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/95e878b015fe40ad9d0ddf0a9a957ca6>

As requirements for registration, participants must attach the following documents at the time of completing the form:

- **Safe from Harm training certificate.** For those who do not have their certificate, they can take the course in the following links in [Spanish](#) and [English](#). Those who have already taken the course from January 1, 2019 to date, it is not necessary to do it again, but it is a requirement to attach the certificate to the registration form.
- **Certification of the NSO.** Letter from the NSO certifying their membership of the National Team in any of the areas called in this circular.

Once the fulfillment of the **two** requirements has been verified, the link and instructions for the call via zoom will be sent to the email that each participant registers.

7. Structure of the Event

It will be a virtual event of continuous sessions that requires participants to be present in all sessions to complete the proposed activities. After closing the registration of the participants, we will form **interdisciplinary teams** that will work on the issues proposed by the coordination core of the each network, so it is very important that each NSO completes its registration on the established date and therefore registrations of participants will be allowed out of date.

In a second circular, we will send more details of the agenda and the prior preparation of materials or information that will be required during the sessions.

Hoping to have the widest possible participation of all the NSOs in the Region, do not hesitate to contact us, if necessary, to the emails: laura.delgado@scout.org (Youth Network) mveayra@scout.org (Youth Programme) jmarquez@scout.org (Adults in Scouting) jgcriollo@scout.org (Institutional Development) y ssalguero@scout.org (Communications).

Yours in Scouting,



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