

## AFRICA SCOUT DAY 2019 - INFOPACK



### About the Africa Scout Day

Following the resolution (CM Res 1607 (LXII)) of the Council of Ministers of the then Organization of African Unity (OAU) – now African Union (AU), meeting in its Sixty-Second Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, from 21st to 23rd June 1995, to set aside the 13th March as the Africa Scout Day, Scouts and Scouters throughout the region have been celebrating this day to take stock of the achievements of Scouting and building partnerships for more social impact in Africa.

In September 2010, the Africa Scout Committee resolved to give the Africa Scout Day celebration a regional outlook, by assigning a National Scouting Organization to host the main celebration; whereby Scouts and Scouters meet, along with their partners, to showcase their achievements and promote the “spirit of world kinship, cooperation and mutual assistance amongst Scout Organizations within the Region” (WOSM Constitution, Article XXI.1.A).

### History of the Africa Scout Day Celebrations

Since the Africa Scout Committee's decision to make the Africa Scout Day celebration a regional event, we have successfully held previous celebrations in the following countries:

- **10-14 March 2011:** Bungere/Gitega, Burundi - hosted by Association des Scouts du Burundi under the theme “**Scouting: Building Bridges and not Walls.**”
- **9-11 March 2012:** Luanda, Angola - hosted by Associação de Escuteiros de Angola, under the theme “**Volunteers in Scouting: A pillar for Africa’s Development**”
- **10-16 March 2013:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - hosted by Ethiopia Scouts Association under the theme “**Scouts promoting peace and good citizenship.**”
- **14-16 March 2014:** Manzini, Swaziland - hosted by Emavulandalela Swaziland Scouts Association under the theme “**Scouting: Developing youth and positively transforming society**”
- **11-13 March 2015:** Kampala, Uganda - hosted by Uganda Scouts Association under the theme “**SCOUTING: Africa’s Leading Social Force for Youth Empowerment.**”
- **9-13 March 2016:** Accra, Ghana - hosted by Ghana Scout association under the theme “**You Can Count On Us to Create a Better World**”
- **8-11 March 2017:** Arusha, Tanzania - hosted by Tanzania Scouts association under the theme “**Engaging youth for active and responsible citizenship**”
- **7-10 March 2018:** Harare, Zimbabwe – hosted by Scouts Association of Zimbabwe under the theme “**Uniting Young People through Scouting**”

### Dates and Venue

This year’s event will take place from **8<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018** at the **Sileo Center**, located 15km from Niamey Capital, reflecting a Scout Camp site with the appropriate services. The site is located 25km from Diori Hamani International Airport. Arrivals will be from 7<sup>th</sup> March while the closing ceremony and departures will be from 17<sup>th</sup> March.

Participation at this event in Niamey, Niger should in no way prevent your NSO from organizing a decent Africa Scout Day celebration in your respective countries. You can do so by undertaking some activities as suggested below:

- Sharing quotes from prominent African Scouts or Leaders who are/were Scouts.
- Nominate your Africa Scouting Hero (A Scout or a friend of Scouting who has made significant contribution to Scouting in Africa) for recognition/mention during the main celebrations
- Identify and reach out to "celebrity" Scouts in your country who would endorse Scouts as active citizens. The "celebrity" Scouts could be captains of industries (e.g. successful entrepreneurs, leading businessmen, national leaders) who are former Scouts and who could speak from experience how Scouts have contributed to the betterment of the community/country through their efforts, etc.
- Create awareness on the African Youth Charter
- Undertake Community Service activities with the aim of showcasing the social impact of Scouting.
- Organize meetings, workshops and discussions with national leaders to promote the ideals and spirit of the OAU Resolution on Africa Scout Day - CM Res 1607 (LXII)

### Purpose, Goal and Theme

The **purpose** of the annual Africa Scout Day is to **celebrate the Scout Movement's contribution to the development of Africa**. This year's celebration will be held under the **theme** of **"Africa Scouting: Vector of Peace and Justice."**

### ASD Logo Design



**Journée Africaine du Scoutisme**  
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The generic Africa Scout Day logo embodies the spirit of African Unity through Scouting. It consists of a section of the reef knot cutting across the continent of Africa. The name of the event is presented in both English and French- which are the official languages used in the region. The colours orange and red signify youthfulness and vibrancy of the Scout movement in Africa and its readiness to impact the continent through Scout values. Since it is a regional event, the WOSM emblem is also featured.

Every year, the logo is slightly edited to include the official National Scout symbol and name of the country hosting the main celebrations.

### Participants

While the All Africa Scout Day celebrations are open to all Scouts and Scouters from all over Africa as well as to their partners from across the world, it is recommended that participants from outside Niger should be at least 14 years old.

### Participation Fees

Participation fees are as follows;

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| • <b>Assistant Leaders Training (ALT):</b> | March 8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> 2019  | Cost: <b>100</b> | <b>\$ USD</b> |
| • <b>West Africa Youth Forum:</b>          | March 10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> 2019  | Cost: <b>50</b>  | <b>\$ USD</b> |
| • <b>West Africa Zonal Conference:</b>     | March 13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> 2019 | Cost: <b>75</b>  | <b>\$ USD</b> |
| • <b>ASD Celebrations:</b>                 | March 16 <sup>th</sup> 2019                    |                  |               |
| ○ <b>Africa Zone:</b>                      |  | Cost: <b>50</b>  | <b>\$ USD</b> |
| ○ <b>Other Zones:</b>                      |  | Cost <b>75</b>   | <b>\$ USD</b> |

In addition, for the purpose of clarity and allowing better participation, those who wish to participate in more than one event will have the following advantages;

- Participation in all events:
  - **Participants from Africa:** **USD 175**

- **Participants from outside Africa:** USD **250**
- Participation in Zonal Conference and Youth Forum:
  - **Participants from African Zone:**
    - Adult: USD **100**
    - Youth: USD **75**
  - **Participants from other Zones:** USD **150**

The participation fees will cover the following:

- A participant's kit comprising of a booklet, a pen, a badge and a scarf
- Provisions for the duration of the Africa Scout Day International Camp
- Transportation from the Diori Hamani International Airport to the event site and back.
- Medical care in case of illness, accidents, minor surgery, first aid and emergency medication during the event.
- Transportation to and from all off-site event activities.

The participation fee does not include:

- Treatment of pre-existing illnesses
- Long term medication
- Costs related to hospitalization
- Medical evacuation of the participants in their country of origin
- Tents and sleeping bags

All international participants should procure their own travel insurance to cover the entire duration of the event.

**NOTE:** All contingents traveling by road are expected to go straight to the event site in Niamey.

## Registration and Payments

Those interested to take part in this celebration should duly complete the attached Intent of Attendance Form and return to the Association des Scouts du Niger's International Commissioner Raphael Dade on [raphaeldad@rocketmail.com](mailto:raphaeldad@rocketmail.com) with a copy to [scoutsniger@yahoo.fr](mailto:scoutsniger@yahoo.fr) and to [africa@scout.org](mailto:africa@scout.org) before **15 February 2019**. Please find the Event Registration Form attached.

## Currency

The official currency in Niger is the FCFA (XOF). The organizing committee will make provisions for the facilitation of currency exchange. VISA, Mastercard and other cards are valid for any withdrawal of money. Please arrive in Niger with a minimum of liquidity in FCFA to deal with any unforeseen events.

## Welcome to Niger

**Niger**, officially the **Republic of the Niger**, is a landlocked country in West Africa named after the Niger River. Niger is bordered by Libya to the northeast, Chad to the east, Nigeria to the south, Benin to the southwest, Burkina Faso and Mali to the west, and Algeria to the northwest. Niger covers a land area of almost 1,270,000 km<sup>2</sup>, making it the largest country in West Africa. Over 80% of its land area lies in the Sahara Desert. The country's predominantly Islamic population of about 21 million live mostly in clusters in the far south and west of the country. The capital city is Niamey, located in Niger's southwest corner. French, inherited from the colonial period, is the official language.

## Travel and Visa Information

Kindly ensure that the host team is duly informed of the exact travel plans of your contingents including, arrival date and times, means of travel, flight numbers for those traveling by air, port of entry and number of the contingent.

All those traveling to the event should be in possession of valid travel documents like national IDs and passports. Please note that on arrival at Diori Hamani International Airport, a team will be at the reception to ensure your transport to the place of activities. Shuttle costs are borne by the host country.

VISA is compulsory for all foreigners entering Niger except those of the ECOWAS zone. VISA is taken on arrival at Diori Hamani International Airport. To start the process of obtaining the entry VISA, please go to the Niger consulates in your country. In the absence of a Niger consulate in your country, please notify us so that the organizing committee can take the necessary measures with the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to facilitate the entry VISAS' process.

### **Weather/Time in Niamey**

Weather patterns across Africa are becoming increasingly unpredictable, probably due to global warming. The events will take place in March 2019. The season is hot from March to May, often accompanied by sandstorms. The country enjoys a very good sunshine of 9 hours a day with an estimated number of rainy days for this month being 0. The weather is dry and the temperatures are variable:

- Morning at 7am = 27 °C, Afternoon at 1pm = 40 °C, evening at 7pm = 34 °C, with 90% to 93% of the cleared / sunny weather;
- It does not rain, the average temperature is 34 °C - Maximum temperature being 42 °C;
- In this month, the sun rises at 6:59am and sets at 7:02pm;
- Due to climate change, temperatures can exceed 42 °C;
- Time Zone Offset is + 01:00 UTC / GMT;
- Please provide sun protection for this purpose.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.accuweather.com/>

### **Accommodation**

Each contingent should ensure that its members have adequate tentage (tents and sleeping bags). Participants including members of the International Service Team will be accommodated in tents.

Participants should also carry along personal effects including change of clothes, warm clothing, sleeping bag, toiletry, spoon, cup, plate, spotlight, sports shoes, a pair of Scout Uniform. Each contingent is also required to carry two (2) national flags.

Those who wish to stay in hotels and guest houses will be provided with a list of available options by the organizers upon request. If you will be arriving in Niamey before the event and wish to stay on after the event, please make special arrangements for your accommodation and meals during this pre and post event period. You can consult the hosts for assistance.

### **Health and Security**

Please fill in the medical form attached to this circular to facilitate the medical organization. A medical team will be permanently present on the sites of the activities for the management of ordinary emergency medical cases.

Participants are primarily responsible for the security and safety of their property. The fact remains that security of the site, people and property will be ensured. A security system is designed by the organization in close collaboration with the competent authorities and in line with our Scouting policies and practices.

### **Programme**

The event will bring together Scouts from different countries in Africa and beyond for a 9-day camp; during which they will undertake numerous learning and community service activities. The tentative programme for the celebrations will be as follows:

Day & Date	Activities
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Arrivals, registration of participants and camp set up
8 – 12 March 2019	Training of Assistant Leader Trainers (ALT)
11 – 12 March 2019	West African Youth Forum
13 – 15 March 2019	West Africa Conference
14 – 15 March 2019	Africa Scout Day International Camp
12 – 17 March 2019	BWF and Dialogue for Peace Training
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Scout Vigil & Launching - Arrival (morning) & vigil (evening)
Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASD Celebration</li> <li>• Spiritual Conference</li> <li>• Gala Night</li> </ul>
Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Departure

Those who wish to take part in any pre or post event programme should get in touch with the hosts for assistance.

### Africa Scout Day Essay Challenge 2019

We invite all Scouts and Scout Leaders from across the Africa Scout Region to submit essays for the 2019 Africa Scout Day Essay challenge. The essay should be on the thematic topic of **"Role of Scouts in Eradicating Conflicts and Violent Extremism"**. Be sure to capture clearly how Scouts are contributing to the achievement of **SDG 16 on Peace, Justice and Strong institutions**. Provide real life examples and case studies where possible. The essay should not be more than 500 words.

All essays must be submitted to [africa@scout.org](mailto:africa@scout.org) by **Friday 15 March 2019 with the title of the email as {Africa Scout Day Essay Challenge 2019-YourName-YourCountry}**. We will publish the best essays on Kudumail and on [www.scout.org/africa](http://www.scout.org/africa). All top five essays will also be published on the website. Please include your photo, age and name of your NSO.

### Telling Your Story

We have many open channels through which you can share with Scouts around the world what you are doing to mark this day. The primary channel is on our website where we have a dedicated page ([www.scout.org/africascoutday](http://www.scout.org/africascoutday)) to celebrate this day. If you have not signed up yet, please visit [www.scout.org](http://www.scout.org), create a profile and start sharing.

You can also post on your social media platforms using the hash-tag **#AfricaScoutDay**. We also invite you to like our Facebook page (**Scouting in the Africa Region**) or tweet us **@ScoutingAfrica**. You may also send stories and photos of your activities to [africa@scout.org](mailto:africa@scout.org). We shall compile and share the stories, photos and videos on [www.scout.org/africa](http://www.scout.org/africa). For any information on telling your story please contact Nelson ([nopany@scout.org](mailto:nopany@scout.org))

## Contact Information

For all enquiries about the 2019 All Africa Scout Day celebrations, please contact us through the addresses below:

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**Twitter:** @ScoutingAfrica

Feel free to share with us the plans on how you will mark Africa Scout Day. We wish you a happy and successful Africa Scout Day 2019 and, for those celebrating in Niamey, we look forward to seeing you there.