



Participants

Each National Scout Organization is invited to send a delegation to the World Scout Youth Forum. The participants must be between their 18th and 26th birthdays in the year of the Forum (2008); in other words, have been born between 1st January 1982 and 31st December 1990. Participants may attend as either a *Delegate* or an *Observer*.

In Resolution 4/96 adopted by the 1996 World Conference in Oslo, the Conference recommends that each National Scout Organization send **at least one delegate** to World Scout Youth Forums.

Each delegation may however include more members. It may be composed of a maximum of **two delegates** (participants with right to speak and vote) and **three observers** (participants with right to speak but not to vote). Only individuals who are members of WOSM can be delegates to the World Scout Youth Forum.

PROFILE

World Scout Youth Forum participants should have:

- Experience in decision making at the institutional level within their National Scout Association and/or at Regional level
- Experience in, or knowledge of, current issues under consideration at world level in the World Organization of the Scout Movement
- Experience in, or knowledge of, conference participation, techniques of recommendation development
- Experience in, or knowledge of, representation of young people

DELEGATES AND OBSERVERS

There are two kinds of participants at World Scout Youth Forums: *delegates* and *observers*.

At the time of registration each delegate and observer will be required to produce an official letter of appointment clearly indicating their participation as either delegate or observer, signed by the President, International Commissioner or other responsible official of his or her National Scout Organization, unless his or her name is listed on the appointment of delegates form filed with the World Scout Bureau in advance.

Each delegation may cast two votes, irrespective of the number of delegates representing a National Scout Organization at the Forum.

SELECTION

National Scout Organizations are responsible for ensuring the selection of appropriate participants at World Scout Youth Forums, in accordance with the aforementioned profile.

Gender, social, ethnic and geographical background should be taken into consideration when the participants are selected. Organizations with both female and male members should try to ensure gender-balance in the selection process.

Participants must be selected in advance of the event. The selection process should take into consideration the participants capacity to contribute to the World Scout Youth Forum topics. Participants should be appointed or elected by their peers according to democratic principles, and they should represent the young members of their association. To achieve a truly democratic process, it is of importance to involve young members in the process.

PARTICIPATION

Whenever possible, National Scout Organizations should, in the selection of their participants, attempt to achieve an equitable representation of their membership (geographical, ethnic and social background, etc.). Specifically, where a National Scout Organization includes both male and female young members it is recommended that there be balanced participation of both.

PREPARATION

National Scout Organizations are responsible for providing support to World Scout Youth Forum participants in their preparation for the event. Participants should be selected, or provided with training, in accordance with the criteria listed above. Adequate information about the topics to be discussed by a World Scout Youth Forum should be given to National Scout Organizations early enough to allow them to pass it on to their participants to prepare for the Forum.

The World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee should provide support through ScOutPost.

ELECTIONS OF YOUTH ADVISORS TO THE WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE

According to the WSYF Guidelines, the World Scout Youth Forum, at the end of its meeting, shall elect six Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee. Youth Advisors should be able to help the World Scout Committee whenever requested by the Committee.

For further information, please refer to the circular N° 41/December 2007 - Call for nominations for Youth Advisors: http://www.scout.org/en/content/download/9974/84514/file/C0741CallforYAs_e.pdf