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**« SCOUT MARGA 2019 »
INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF SCOUT ACTIONS**

NIAMEY – NIGER

08-17 MARCH 2019



**COMMEMORATION OF THE « AFRICAN SCOUT DAY »
(ASD) NIGER 2019**

Theme: "African Scouting, Vector of Peace and Justice"

**Niamey 2019, Capital of African Scouting to the dawn of
the 33rd African Union Conference.**

CONTEXTE

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, in its 72nd session in 1995, adopted a resolution on the dedication of the Scout Movement in Africa to celebrate 13 March of each year as Africa Scout Day, recognizing Scouting as the largest youth and educational movement with strong results; a fame to which Niger Scouting is faithful to the results achieved since its creation that have earned it international trust and solidarity to host events of international significance.

Indeed, at the 17th African Scout Conference, the "Association des Scouts du Niger" was selected to organize the celebration of the 2019 edition of the Africa Scout Day (ASD) in March 2019. This gathering is under the supervision of the Africa Regional Office of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM).

Niger was also selected to host the West Africa Zone Scout Conference and Forum in 2019, during the Zonal Conference held in February 2018 in Togo.

In addition, several activities will be organized on the sidelines of the ASD. This set of events will allow an exchange between NSOs/NSAs in Africa and also some countries outside the continent under the theme: **"African Scouting, Vector of Peace and Justice"**.

Niger, a Sahelian country with 99% of Muslim, is very tolerant of other religions through initiatives such as Scouting. The concept of dialogue is not new in Niger and the population coexists peacefully with mutual respect. In addition to these activities, ASN proposes to host a Scout Conference on Spirituality in order to strengthen friendship and interfaith fraternity among young people and to contribute effectively to the prevention of conflicts in our NSOs/NSAs, and more specifically to define policies to contain the radicalization of young people.

Scouting provides a framework for the development of young people without any distinction of race, sex or religion through their method of non-formal education. This conference will also mark the celebration of the ASD and is opened to all National Scout Organizations (NSOs) / NSAs worldwide. The initiative is supported by the Inter Religious National Committee of Niger, the West African Forum on Inter Religious Dialogue and the King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Center for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID). It will be during this event to create several frameworks for discussion and sharing around different religions for the promotion of peace and justice, including an inaugural high-level panel.

In addition, the activities of the ASD will focus on the discovery of religions with specific vigils by religious denomination and dialogue for common ground. Experts in violent extremism in the Sahel will also share their peacekeeping and peacebuilding initiatives through prevention against radicalism, especially as World Scouting has global initiatives such as the Messengers of Peace Program (MOP) which will be at the forefront of activities.

The ASD theme reflects the spirit of all activities and will inculcate the values and principles of justice and peace-related issues, in accordance with the mission, the law and the Scout Principles, and all our peace-building programs and policies, in order to contribute to equip participants with disparate means of combating violent extremism, means of consolidating peace and social fraternity through the promotion of diversity-inclusion for a better social impact in our respective communities.

OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

Main Objective

The overall goal is to contribute to the consolidation of the international scout brotherhood around the values of peace and justice in line with the 2023 vision of Scouting

It will specifically involve:

- Celebrating the ASD ;
- Fostering mutual learning and pooling of learning between participating countries to promote the meeting between the different religions
- Increasing the skills of adult ASN / NSO resources
- Organizing the West Africa Zone Conference and Forum in Niger
- Improving the image and credibility of Scouting in Niger and elsewhere
- Inspiring Niger leaders and Niger youth to become model citizens
- Impacting on life work dialogue and inspire positive change in behavior through the activities to be carried out
- Outfitting participants and third parties, knowledge and relationship-building skills and peace-building and social cohesion

Expected Results

- The African Day of Scouting is celebrated.
- The meeting between the different religions and the participating countries was favored.
- The skills of adult ASN / NSO resources have been improved.
- The forum and the conference of the West African zone were organized.
- Young people were inspired to become model citizens serving the community.
- Participants are equipped with peacebuilding and peacebuilding skills

ACTIVITIES

The activities will take place around a "**Marga**" camp, meaning "**Rally**" global village of development and celebration of activities. There will be several activities as hereby:

- **Scouting vigil** at the Blue Zone / **Friday, March 15, 2019** evening to celebrate Scouting at 6pm, at 8 PM speech + concert. It is a 100% Scout event and will be a setting for discovering stands and culinary specialties of Niger.
- **Inter-Religious Conference** (Launch) on **Saturday, March 16, 2019** at the Academy of Arts (Palace of Congress - Amir Sultan Center) also dedicating **the official ceremony** of celebration and **distinction**. It will allow guests and all participants to share around the role of Scouting through dialogue and spirituality. An inaugural panel will allow experts and personalities to contribute to the subject. This will promote the spiritual and religious dimension of NSOs (in line with the resolution voted at the last World Scout Conference) and interreligious dialogue.
- **The scout camp of the ASD**, from **March 15th to 16th** will be the opportunity for the participants to deepen the brewing around Spiritual and inter-religious workshops + community activities (planting, donating blood, health). Concurrent training sessions with KAICCID and other partners can be scheduled for campers.

The camp will be a safe space for networking and exchanging experiences between representatives of Scout Organizations and expert partners on the theme of peace education. The camp will be located in Siloam or Fenifoot Center for up to 200 scouts.

- **Training of Assistant Trainers:** International Training of Assistant Trainers, three jobs with 40 participants maximum and 10 trainers under the leadership of the Africa Office. It will take place from **March 8 to 12, 2019** on the Camp site.
- **The Conference and the Zonal Youth Forum for Scouting** (West Africa) with all the countries of West Africa. The youth forum will precede the conference, it will be organized on the sidelines of the camp from **11 to 12 March 2019** with the delegates of the member countries. The election of young councilors and recommendations from the forum will be presented at the conference. The conference will be held from March 13 to 15 under the guidance of the Zonal Committee. It will take place at the "Palais des Congrès", Niamey.
- **Dialogue For Peace Training and the Better World Framework:** From **12th to 17th March**, in the implementation of the ongoing MOP Project, to the benefit of Niger Scouts.
- **Gala Evening Welcome and Audiences:** A reception will be offered to the heads of delegations and other special guests at the rhythm of Niger in the presence of the sponsors of the event. It will take place **the night of March 16th** at the Grand Hotel Niamey. Hearings will be requested from the authorities of the country to enable Scout leaders (WOSM) to strengthen advocacy for recognition of the impact of Scouting in the education and development of the potential of young Nigerians in particular and young Africans in particular.
- **Optional tours of tourism and discovery:** A travel agency will be accredited to facilitate sightseeing including Kouré (Girafes), Park W and National Boubou Hama Museum of Niger for all those who wish during the stay and prior reservation.

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

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| | | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| ASD Celebration/ Spiritual Conference/ Gala Night | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Africa Committee Meeting & International Camp | | | | | | | | | | | |
| West Africa Conference | | | | | | | | | | | |
| West Africa Youth Forum | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wood Badge 3 Beads | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Scout Vigil & Launching Arriving (Morning) & Vigil (Evening) | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| BWF and Dialogue For Peace Training | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Departure | | | | | | | | | | | |

PARTICIPANTS

Participants are from different countries where National Scout Organizations exists. Mainly from Africa Region, we expect to welcome up to 200 to 300 participants. Les participants sont issus des différents pays où il existe des organisations scouts membres ou non de l'OMMS. Ils seront issus des états de l'Afrique principalement. Il est attendu un nombre vacillant entre 200 et 300 participants.

Probable number of countries participating: 35

- 22 NSOs from the Africa Region
- 5 NSOs from the Arab Region : Algeria, Liban, Marocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Emirats Arabes Unis
- 6 NSOs from the European Region : Germany, Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Switzerland
- 3 NSOs from the Interamérican Region : Haïti, Canada, Etats-Unis
- 3 NSOs from the Asian Region : Japon, Malaisya, Korea

VIP Guests: 20

The General Secretary of WOSM, the WSC Chairperson, Africa Regional Office Staff and honorary members of scouting.

Total number of expected participants: 300

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to the Camp site, the « HOTEL TENERE » of Niamey is maintained for the accommodation of participants at a special rate.

The events have their own specificity. Participants will contribute according to the length of stay. These fees take into account catering and accommodation.

VISAS

We will assist participants to obtain the Visa by issuing if necessary, letters of invitation. Possibilities are there to obtain the flying Visa. The team in charge of the organization will facilitate the process

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PARTNERS

- Niger Government
- Africa Regional Office
- Messengers of Peace (MOP)
- Other NSOs/ NSAs
- International Organizations