



PROMOTION OF THE MOP INITIATIVE IN AFRICA: **Regional MoP Training for National Coordinators** 2nd– 6th July 2018, Nairobi Kenya

Background information

The Messengers of Peace initiative (MoP) continues to build on the cumulative gains made across the region in the lives of individual young people, their communities and National Scout Organizations (NSOs). Currently, over 30 NSOs have benefited from the MoP inputs into their programmes and the desire to grow the impact of Scouting is increasingly becoming more apparent. In spite of the significant inputs so far, the increase in the number of new projects driven by NSOs real needs only challenges us to become more intentional to continuously increase capacity in order to sustain this growth and impact for the benefit of more young people.

The specific activity aims at enhancing capacity and to inspire NSOs to operationalize the Better World Framework in their programmes across the structures for greater social impact and continue to tell the story. Participants will be expected to increase knowledge of the 3 elements of the MoP Initiative:

1. Support Fund: to support community development actions and capacity development
2. Educational Programme: provide contents and educate in alignment with the SDGs, with emphasis in the education of the Culture of Peace and Culture of Dialogue.
3. Global Network: to inspire and support what individuals are doing, amplify social impact of their activities and provide international experience. With emphasis in strengthening the existing local and online networks.

This programme intends to fill in the gaps through enhanced coordination, administration as well as better communication of the life changing story of Scouting. Participants not only will take stock of the last year in the context of the current action plan; but their skills in project management will be enhanced, they'll be introduced to the new MoP programme grant management tools and produced objectives for the triennium.

Aim of the training

The Africa Regional Better World - MoP training will take place from Monday the 2nd to Friday the 6th July 2018 in Nairobi, Kenya. The main goal of the activity is to increase capacity among National Coordinators to support National Scout Organizations to implement the MoP Initiative; as well as World Programmes, partner programmes and national initiatives. This activity also provided a strategic framework to inspire NSOs to improve their communications and operationalize the Better World Framework in their programmes across the structures for greater social impact.

Participants to this training will increase numbers and quality in the Regional MoP Core Team build the sense of ownership and leadership of the process by National Scout Organizations in Africa.

The specific objectives of this training course include to:

- Increase knowledge and skills on the MoP Initiative to support NSOs better. In this, to develop capacity of national coordinators and Regional Core team in their role of promoters of the Scouts Global Network in Africa.
- Strengthen the capacity of NSOs to develop relevant tools and integrate the outputs of this programme within their respective development plans (expansion of the MoP Initiative)
- Call to more action, encourage and empower young leaders to take on and lead more community based local initiatives to change the world into a Better as they inspire more to join Scouting.
- Increase capacity in measuring and reporting outcomes and impact.
- Conduct an evaluation of the 2017 MoP Initiative Action Plan that will feed in the development of an Action Plan for 2018
- Set goals for the next triennium ending in 2020 for the expansion of the MoP Initiative.

These are some key outcomes of the training:

- Increased knowledge on MoP Initiative (Support Fund, Programme and Network)
- Developed a harmonized regional plan to support NSOs for 2018.
- Understanding of the relation between MOP, BWF, SDG's and the agenda #2030.
- At least 6 Impact Stories per participating NSO for the special *Kudumail* Edition July 2018
- Teams of resource persons identified to enhance support to zones

Profile of Participants

A total of 20 selected participants will take part in the training. They include selected MoP coordinators/Ambassadors, Youth Leaders or Advisors, National executives and other new young leaders from each of the five zones. Collectively, all participants to this workshop will increase the existing Africa MoP Core Team expected to replicate the outputs of the training. All participants to this workshop are expected to:

1. Play the role of multipliers within their groups or NSOs
2. Have the capacity and be available to participate in the decision-making processes related to Youth Engagement and Education Programme at NSO level.
3. Have the capacity and be available to organize, support and lead local networking networks for the promotion of social action for SDGs.
4. Support Regional, Zonal and National training activities when called up on.

These are some growth areas the MoP Core Team should be intentional and consistent to support in the coming year:

1. Increase in the number of community service actions carried out by members of the NSO.
2. Increase in the number of scout actions (good turns, service actions and service projects) reported via scout.org and other communication channels.
3. Increase in the number of service done through a community project
4. Increase in the number of members from the NSO registered in scout.org
5. Establishment of Support structures for delivery: National and local support by Regional Team
6. To mentor at least 10 new young leaders among their local teams.

Working language and venue

Due to logistical and financial constraints, the working language will be English with support to French speaking participants.

The venue identified for the training *Kasarani Sportsview Hotel Ltd*
www.sportviewhotel.com

Travel details

Participants are expected to arrive by Sunday, the 1st and all depart by Saturday, by the 7th of July 2018. Full travel, accommodation and meals costs related to this activity will be covered by the World Scout Bureau, Africa Support Centre. Visa fees will be refunded in exchange with an original visa payment receipt where applicable. Invitation letters will be sent to participants to facilitate your travel plans.

Transport from the airport to the venue of the training course will be provided. We will coordinate that picking from/to the airport is done in small groups.

All other personal expenses not related to this activity will be covered by the participants. In case you may want to stay longer, this will be at your own cost for **ALL** related expenses as well as time.

Note: Alongside your passport, REMEMBER to carry your International Vaccination Card also known as a Yellow Fever Card.

What to bring?

Scout uniform, personal clothing, medicines, light jackets, personal toiletries, personal gadgets (esp. laptop or iPad/ tablet), universal electricity adaptor etc

Attire for this activity will include official Scout Uniform for the Opening and Closing Ceremony. Smart casual clothes may be worn for other sessions.

Weather

The rainfall across the whole month of July may be characterized by rain falling and an average maximum daytime temperature of 21°C and night-time usually a cool 11°C. *Note that it can get very cold this period!*

In short, ensure you bring warm clothes because it may get cold sometimes. Please see some general guide from this link <https://www.accuweather.com/en/ke/nairobi/224758/july-weather/224758>

Suggested reading and Useful links

- Messengers of Peace Dedicated Page <https://www.scout.org/messengersofpeace>
 - a. MoP Guidelines on Programme and Network
 - b. How to become a Messenger of Peace
 - c. Guidelines on Messengers of Peace Fund
- Scout donation Platform <https://www.scout.org/donate>
- The World Scout Bureau, Africa Regional Office (World Organisation of the Scout Movement): www.scout.org/africa/
- MoP Africa <https://www.facebook.com/groups/353684728061297/?fref=nf>
- We have a fully functional WhatsApp group for the MoP team Africa. Hence, participants who are not connected are advised to share their working WhatsApp phone numbers to receive other relevant updates.

HOW TO PREPARE?

COUNTRY/PARTICIPANTS PRESENTATION

Each participant is expected to prepare presentations and best practices that they will present during the meeting. This is the structure of the presentation for each participant:

1. [Submit 1 \(1\) impact story](#) and each story no more than **500 words** accompanied with high quality ACTION (2-3 photos)
2. Either the same or another impact story be prepared into a presentation -- [in good video](#) (max 3 minutes) or a [pictorial PowerPoint](#) presentation (max 10 slides – no more than 5 words caption per slide).

These are tips to help you identify good stories you should share; as you provide answers to these basic guidelines (Who, what, where, when, why and how), your stories should show one of more of the following;

1. Community service aspect
2. Inspire
3. Celebrate outcomes
4. Catch attention
5. Are memorable

As you prepare to attend this training, as a participant also be ready with details or statistics from your NSO/A on;

The Promotion of MoP Initiative in your country

- Volunteers reached in events: People who have received some information related to Messengers of Peace during any event you organized
- Promoters: People you've engaged promoting MOP at local level
- Training courses: Trainings on MoP organized at national level or local level
- Events: number of events where you have promoted MOP (plan)
- Scouts registered in FB: (your national FB page or group)
- Service Projects: ongoing service projects in your group/local/national levels
- Local coordinators: fully list people you appointed/work with as MOP Local Coordinator
- Service hours: Service hours you might have in different projects not yet registered in scout.org
- Promotional materials you have produced.
- Number of project funded or not uploaded on scout.org

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