



### 40 Million Scouts Receive Youth Leadership Award for the Environment



On 6 October 2015 in Geneva, Switzerland all 40 million Scouts worldwide were honoured with a “*Youth Leadership Award for the Environment*” for their dedication to environmental protection at the Green Cross International Conference for a Green and Inclusive Economy.

Six Scouts, representing the 40 million in 220 countries and territories, received the award on from the Founding President of Green Cross International, Mikhail Gorbachev, together with Corinne Lepage, Chair of CAP21 and Advisor to French President François Hollande on the Rights of Humanity.

The Secretary General of WOSM, Scott A. Teare, *observed that: “Since the inception of World Scouting, Scouts around the world have been taking action to address environmental and natural disaster issues in their communities and countries – from disaster response efforts in Haiti, Madagascar, Nepal and the Philippines, to initiating the Trees For The World campaign in Ecuador, Canada and Kenya, coral reef restoration and mangrove tree planting in Indonesia. The list is endless. This Award will serve as an impetus to Scouts to do even more for the environment and I am convinced they will respond with a vibrant “You can count on us!”*

“Thank you very much; Merci Beaucoup; Danke Schön; and Asante Sana! On behalf of the global movement of 40 million Scouts, whether it be: A six-year old Cub Scout in Bangkok clearing litter in his school; or the Scouts in Ecuador being the drivers behind the planting of 600,000 trees in just one day! — which broke a world record, by the way; or the Scouts of Sudan re-integrating child soldiers through environment projects; or any of you in the audience who used to be active in Scouting.... Thank you!!! We are grateful for this recognition of all our efforts. This is the first time 40 million certificates have been handed out. It’s a record and proof that #YouCanCountOnUs to create a better world! Merci!”, reads the acceptance speech by Josephine Zana from Germany, one of the six Scouts who represented all 40 million Scouts worldwide to receive the Youth Leadership Award for the Environment at the the Green Cross International Conference for a Green and Inclusive Economy.

All 40 million Scouts around the world and the 500 million former Scouts will be able to download this personal award via a dedicated page on scout.org ([www.scout.org/youcancountonus](http://www.scout.org/youcancountonus)). Read more at <http://scout.org/node/109901>

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## FOCUS ON NATIONAL SCOUT ORGANIZATIONS

## Kenya Scouts Hold its 9<sup>th</sup> National Scout Youth Forum



Over 60 young people from more than 25 counties in Kenya gathered at the Rowallan Scouts Camp in Nairobi for the 9<sup>th</sup> National Scouts Youth Forum. Held between 24 and 26 September, under theme of “Youth a force for peace and development”, the forum also brought attracted participation from the Scouts of Uganda, the Kenya Girl Guides Association and the Kenya Red Cross Society.

The National Youth Forum is an annual event of Kenya Scouts Association that seeks to provide an avenue for young people to participate in decision making processes in the Association. It is also a platform for learning and sharing of experiences.

During the forum, the young people addressed themselves to topics such as youth empowerment and sustainability, entrepreneurship, peace building, interreligious and interethnic dialogue and the youth programme. They also had an opportunity to understand the Africa Scout Regional Triennial plan and the contributions that NSOs and Scouts can make to ensure its success. The forum also reviewed and commented on certain policies of the Association. A number of resolutions and recommendations on what the youth would wish to see done were adopted.

Various speakers who attended the forum impressed on the youth to identify the little contribution they can make towards creating a better world and work at it persistently. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Moses Mpuuga, a Director at Uganda Scouts Association. Also in attendance were Ms. Lydia Kiburu, Chairperson of KSA Management Committee; Moses Danda, KSA National Executive Commissioner; Josephat Gitonga, KSA National Programme Executive; Jonathan Omondi, the Youth Programme Manager at World Scout Bureau – Africa and Nelson Opany, Communications & Public Relations Officer at World Scout Bureau – Africa. The forum was also attended by Ahimbiswe Fred, one of the Youth Advisors to the Africa Scout Committee.

Youth Engagement and participation remains a core priority for Scouting and the regional and world levels. The forum, and many other programmes serve as avenues for mainstreaming the involvement and contribution of young people into the action of the movement. It is a commitment the movement has made on the path towards reaching out to 100 million young people by 2023.

See photos here  
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10153642526664161.1073741847.173091289160&type=3>

## You Can Count On Us!



Monbolade Urchelle Pamela Akplogan, from the Republic of Benin, was one of the six Scouts selected to receive the Youth Leadership Award for the Environment on behalf of all 40 million Scouts who are making the world a better place through their unwavering environmental and humanitarian commitment. Here is what she had to say:

“I believe that we can create a better world if we help to improve the lives of young people; educating them on the importance of protecting the environment is the first step.”

Pamela, was our representative from the Africa Scout Region. She started Scouting in 1999 at age nine, the same year her father passed away. Scouting taught her to be strong and independent, and to face and conquer life’s difficulties.

“I try my best to become a role model for children, especially orphans. Educating them on environment was my first step to help them become a better person,” shared Pamela who believes that it is possible to change attitudes with a little help from Mother Nature.

Pamela supports the “Oun Do Atche” (“I have rights”) project, which teaches parents/guardians and children about their rights through the process of planting a tree. By nurturing the growth of the tree together, both parents/guardians and child learn to recognise that the patience required to educate a child is equivalent to nurturing a growing tree.

Pamela is a law graduate who is now pursuing a master’s degree in Social and Educational Sciences. She remains committed to Scouting in the Africa Region and is currently the assistant coordinator of the Messengers of Peace programme in her country, aside from other roles she plays in the movement.

Read more at <http://scout.org/node/109481>

## SCOUTING IN THE COMMUNITY

### Partnerships for Peace – Dignity for All



On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September each year, people from all walks of life join in marking International Day of Peace. This year, the World Scout Bureau Africa Support Centre joined Kenya Scouts Association at an event organized by the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) alongside a host of other stakeholders in marking the day in the capital, Nairobi.

This year's theme "Partnerships for Peace – Dignity for All" aims to highlight the importance of all segments of society to work together to strive for peace. It calls upon all stakeholders – governments, civil society, the private sector, faith-based groups, other non-governmental organizations and individuals to be actively involved in supporting and promoting the attainment and preservation of a peace culture.

Speaking at the event, Hon. Francis Ole Kaparo, Chief Scout of Kenya Scouts Association and Chair of National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC), urged all nations to make the dialogue for peace a daily one stating that it is the responsibility of every citizen to protect the peace experience in their countries.

He appreciated the young people at the gathering saying it made him proud to see crowds of young men and women taking up the responsibility to secure their future by advocating for peaceful coexistence in Kenya. He further urged the youth of this nation to join Scouting and join the over 1 million Scouts carrying the banner of peace around the country as become ambassadors of peace.

The guest of honor, Cabinet Secretary Hon. Dr. Hassan Wario, made a call to young people to reflect on the importance and ideals of peace and asked stakeholders to engage the youth in the dialogue for peace. "70% of Africa is made up of young men and women and no meaningful agenda can be realized if we do not engage the youth", he said.



Rukia Abdulahi, the president of the children government in the country, urged all stakeholders to spread the message of peace to the children of today and not tomorrow, stating that they are the leaders of today and that they determine the destiny of their generation and generations to come.

This message was echoed by Nelson Opany, Communications and Public Relations Officer at the World Scout Bureau Africa Support Centre saying, "If we do not teach our children peace, someone else may teach them war."

"The Scout Movement, has since inception in 1907, continued to play a critical role in educating young people to play a constructive role in society. Through our global flagship Messengers of Peace initiative, Scouts from over 162 countries and territories are creating and implementing innovative solutions to local pressing issues that undermine peace – in the areas of skills development, environmental protection, conflict resolution, poverty reduction and creation of opportunities for the less fortunate among others. Interreligious and intercultural dialogue training is a core component of the initiative that reinforces our values of diversity and inclusion for all", reads a joint peace message by Kenya Scouts Association and the Africa Scout Region.

The message reiterated the fact that there is no group better placed to realize the dream of a peaceful world than the young people. Young peace-builders have a collective responsibility to demand and create space for lasting peace and a more just world. With greater support, young people can make massive contributions to a peaceful world.

This is why the World Scout Movement has made a commitment to contribute to this cause one billion hours of community service by 2023 through projects and activities that promote the social well being of our communities. Visit our website [www.scout.org](http://www.scout.org) to learn more about what Scouts are doing around the world. You can also read the full message here.



The celebrations culminated with the official launch of Amani Clubs Guidelines in learning institutions in Kenya. The clubs so far have over 200 members in various counties in the country and aims at targeting young people in schools and equipping them with the right values and virtues to mould their character before they exit in the larger community. This will enable the students have a sense of national values that enhance cohesion, tolerance and integration.

Other activities that the Scouts were involved in to celebrate this important day included volunteering and Community Service Day on Friday 18th September, Peace Symposium for Students on Saturday 19th September, Sports for Peace Tournament on Sunday 20th September and a peace procession starting at Uhuru Park from to Nyayo National Stadium where the main event took place.

Read more at <http://www.cohesion.or.ke/media-centre/latest-activities/376-celebration-of-international-day-of-peace-2015.html>

FROM THE REGIONAL OFFICE

**Azerbaijan Gets Ready to Host the 41<sup>st</sup> World Scout Conference & 13<sup>th</sup> World Scout Youth Forum**

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and the Association of the Scouts of Azerbaijan (ASA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the hosting of the 41st World Scout Conference and the 13th World Scout Youth Forum in Baku, Azerbaijan in 2017.

Signing on behalf of WOSM was its Secretary General, Scott A. Teare, while ASA was represented by its President, Ilyas Ismayilli. The signing ceremony, witnessed by the Chairperson of the World Scout Committee, João Armando, was held in Baku, Azerbaijan on 1 October 2015, ahead of the three-day World Scout Committee meeting.

The World Scout Conference is the governing body, the "general assembly" of Scouting, and is composed of all the members of the World Organization – the National Scout Organizations (NSOs). The function of the Conference is to consider the policy and standards of the Scout Movement throughout the world, formulate the general policy of the World Organization, and take the action required to further the purpose of the Movement. The Conference takes place every three years.

The World Scout Youth Forum takes place in conjunction with the World Scout Conference. The event provides an opportunity for youth members of World Scouting to discuss different issues. It is also considered as an interim measure to improve youth involvement in decision making at world level.

**Visit by the Delegation from International Tchoukball Federation (FITB)**

While on a tour of Africa, a delegation from the International Tchoukball Federation (FITB) led by its President, Huang Chin Chen (Chris), a Taiwanese Scout, paid a visit to the Regional Director on 8<sup>th</sup> October.

The FITB President expressed his delight at visiting Rowallan Scout Camp, where they had come to conduct a regional training for Tchoukball coaches and referees. The Regional Director on the other hand welcomed the team and mentioned that Scouting in Africa is open to working with the federation in using sports like Tchoukball and others as avenues for promoting peace and coexistence among communities in the region.

Tchoukball is the fastest hand ball sport in the world today. Invented in the late 1960s, tchoukball is a team sport of 7 players that unites all key sporting skills; athleticism, concentration, respect for oneself and the opposition and teamwork. Since its inception in the 1960s the sport has been slowly introduced to Africa.

"As a new game, not well known to many, Tchoukball can offer a new opportunity and experience for young people to play and learn together as compared to say soccer - which is the most popular game in the world," said the Regional Director. Visit <http://www.tchoukball.org/> to learn more about the sport.

**Accessing the Intranet on Scout.org**

The World Scouting website has an inbuilt intranet <http://scout.org/intranet>. Here you can find various announcements, resources and services that WOSM offers to all its member organizations.

Though still under development and with more features yet to be added, the goal of the Intranet is to improve communications and information exchange between WOSM and the NSOs, and be a "one-stop-shop" for NSOs when looking for resources.

Access to the Intranet is limited to NSO representatives, WOSM volunteers and staff. If you want to give representatives from your NSO access, please email [africa@scout.org](mailto:africa@scout.org) or [nopany@scout.org](mailto:nopany@scout.org) for assistance

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

EVENT	DATES	COUNTRY
11 <sup>th</sup> Africa-Europe Training Course for Youth Organizations	8 – 15 November 2015	Kenya
Eastern Africa Zonal Scout Competitions, Youth Forum & Conference	December 2015	Kenya
Founder's Day	22 February 2016	Worldwide
Africa Scout Day Celebrations	13 March 2016	Ghana
Southern Africa Zonal Scout Conference & Youth Forum	April 2016	Zambia
7 <sup>th</sup> Africa Scout Jamboree	July/August 2016	Cote D'Ivoire
West Africa Zonal Scout Conference & Youth Forum	To be Confirmed	To be Confirmed
2 <sup>nd</sup> World Scout Education Congress	To be Confirmed	To be Confirmed

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**Memorable Quotes**

**"If we do not teach our children peace, someone else will teach them war."** *Anonymous*

**This Award (Youth Leadership for Award for the Environment) will serve as an impetus to Scouts to do even more for the environment and I am convinced they will respond with a vibrant "You can count on us!"** *Scott Teare, WOSM Secretary General*

**"I believe that we can create a better world if we help to improve the lives of young people; educating them on the importance of protecting the environment is the first step."** *Pamela Akplogan, Chairperson Africa Scout Youth Advisors*

**"70% of Africa is made up of young men and women and no meaningful agenda can be realized if we do not engage the youth."** *Dr. Hassan Wario, Minister for Sports, Culture and Arts, Republic of Kenya.*

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