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Africa Scout Region at the World Scout Conference



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SLOVENIA - The 40th World Scout Conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia was full of colour and pomp. Delegates met to discuss, draft resolutions, amendments and counter amendments addressing a number of matters that will impact the work of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. Africa Scout Region was equally represented at the 12th World Scout Youth Forum that preceded the Conference by among others, Grace Michuki, the Chair of Africa Scout Region Youth Advisors.

The Conference elected a new World Scout Committee where two of the twelve new members of the supreme executive organ of WOSM are from NSOs in the Africa Scout Region: Jemima Nartey (from the Ghana Scout Association) and Ledjou Marcel Blaguet (from Scout Federation of Côte d'Ivoire)

The Africa Scout Committee took the opportunity to hold their meeting. This was held after the World Scout Conference on 16th and 17th August. Among the matters discussed was looking into how to implement the Conference resolutions in the Africa Scout Region. The Committee also discussed the upcoming regional events and will be sending out a circular to all NSOs in due course.

At the margin of the meeting, the ASC held a joint meeting with the European Region Committee where among other important issues discussed was strengthening the existing partnerships and looking into more potential areas of partnership between the two regions.

João Armando Gonçalves first official engagement, as newly elected Chairperson of the World Scout Committee, was to attend the meeting of the Africa Regional Committee just 14 hours after taking office. Mr. Joao Armando expressed his commitment that the World Scout Committee would be ready to provide the required support to ensure the growth of Scouting in Africa.



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FOCUS ON NSOs

Track 4 Mandela

SOUTH AFRICA - On the 18th of July Chief Scout Sibusiso Vilane summited Kilimanjaro for the 18th time. The Chief of the South African Scouting Movement summited the highest peak on the African continent in a bid to raise funds for 'Track 4 Mandela' an initiative of the Imbumba Foundation, a charity that strives to support girls in poor rural communities.



"In our country many girls who live in very poor circumstances miss school on a monthly basis as they do not have access to sanitary towels", he explains. "In 2012 I was approached by an old friend of mine, Richard Mabaso, to support him in raising funds to purchase packets of sanitary towels that can be handed out for free so that girls do not miss out on school.

Education is very important and I really want to empower girls to embrace their own futures and seize the opportunity of being educated. Our aim was to summit Kilimanjaro on Mandela Day and raise funds to purchase 67 000 packets of sanitary towels. In reality we raised over 100 000 packets, so I am very grateful."

As for the Kilimanjaro climb itself, it seems that the adventurous mountaineer had a blast! "There were ten people in our expedition and it took us 6 days from entering the gate to summit and return down. We took the less travelled route and it was a terrific climb! The weather was lovely, the enthusiasm in the group was good, I had fun with a purpose and did my best to serve, like a good Scout should," he chuckles. Chief Scout Sibusiso Vilane will be running the Cape Town Marathon in September 2014 to raise funds for SCOUTS South Africa.



SCOUTS South Africa is an independent, non-profit educational Movement dedicated to the development of young people in achieving their full potential as individuals and responsible citizens. Central in this programme is a continuous transference of values such as honesty, loyalty, responsibility, respect; all aimed at governing individual behaviour and the development of strong leadership skills that will equip members to be of service to others and to their communities.

From Natasha Kayle, SCOUTS South Africa PR Manager: pr@scouting.org.za

600 Cubs celebrate Independence Day

COTE D'IVOIRE - From the 1st to 10th August 2014 in the city of Tiassalé the 4th edition of Carnaloup, which is a large national gathering of Cubs and Brownies, was held under the theme, "a world of peace for the rights of children".



More than 600 Cub Scouts and leaders from all regions in the country were housed in mixed Eco-Dens where activities were conducted under difference focus areas among them, Peace, Social Cohesion, the Rights and Duties of Children, Sustainable Development, Environment and Intercultural Dialogue.

The most significant activity of this gathering was the participation of the Cubs and Brownies in celebration of the 54th anniversary since the country attained independence. This was on 7th August 2014 where the public was also sensitized on child rights and peace through parades, skits, songs and lectures.

The Cubs and their leaders took the opportunity to showcase the Messengers of Peace project and how it's changing lives and specifically how the people in their communities can join and be involved.

The little ones along with their teachers also participated in cooking activities and sports as a way of public awareness on the need to maintain peace and natural duty to recognize and respect the rights of children.

The Scouts collaborated with a local Non Governmental Organization, Childhood In Action which defends and promotes children's rights.



Don Bosco Scout Group duty to others

CONGO - A Scout group from Goma, Scouts Don Bosco, embraced the fundamental principles of Scouting, duty to God, duty to others and duty to self by organizing activities in memory of their deceased.



On 10th August 2014, they met in the chambers of the Industrial Technical Institute in Goma (ITIG) to commemorate the passing of their brother Scouts namely Cosmas Kizungu who died in July 2014, Wimana Innocent who died in 2010, Pascal who died in July 2014 and Miki Lukanga who died August 8, 2014.

They visited the graves and laid flowers and held a thanksgiving memorial service where families and Scouts shared the good deeds of the deceased.

Courtesy of Pierrot MUVHIRI, Trainee Assistant trainer in the Federation of Scouts of Congo

FROM THE REGIONAL OFFICE

A lasting partnership between Africa and Arab Scout Region

EGYPT - Rover Scouts from Africa Scout Region have continued to benefit from sponsorship to participate in International Gathering for Cultural Exchange organized annually by the Arab Scout Region. Through this partnership, at least 6 Rover Scouts from Africa Scout Region benefit through generosity of the Arab Scout Region to attend each gathering.



Abubakar Masha Mohammed from Kenya presenting a gift from the Africa Scout Region to the Director, Arab Scout Region, Dr. Atif A. Abdelrahman during the Opening Ceremony of the 17th International Scout Gathering for Cultural Exchange running from 28th August to 9th September 2014.

This has over the years strengthened the ties between the two regions and contributed to the development of leadership qualities in all the participants making them better Scouts who understand and appreciate cultural diversity and give back to their respective communities.

As Africa Scout Region, we remain endowed to our brothers from the Arab Scout Region for this continued support and urge our NSOs to always take a proactive role in participating wherever chances arise.

1st Mataffin goes to Europe

SOUTH AFRICA - From the 7th till the 28th of July 14 SCOUTS from 1st Mataffin were invited by the DPSG group in Aachen to visit them in Germany. During their stay they attended a camp together.



They had a chance to learn about the German culture by staying and interacting with German families.

During their stay they made an initiative to build a campfire place for a local scout group.

The tour was successful and the partnership between the two countries and scout groups was well established and strengthened.

A space for the development of leadership and social engagement

BURKINA FASO - Through the Food For Life project, Scouts in four locations in Burkina Faso namely Saaba, Koudougou, Manga and Ziniaré produced vegetables for their own nutrition and that of their families. They created model gardens that served as school projects for each Scout to learn by doing the best cultural practices, which was to enable young people to maximize production.



Along with this, each home had to duplicate the farming techniques learned at school in a startup family project. This would be in a form of competition among the young Scouts to see who would achieve the best garden. At the end of each harvest the vegetables are used

for their own consumption and the parents are always excited to see their children providing food for their families.

During her last visit to Ziniaré, Mary Waweru the Partnership Support Officer, World Scout Bureau Africa Regional Office and the accompanying Scout team had lunch made from vegetables grown in the garden. This is a direct evidence of the positive impact from the project.

The Scouts agreed to use the surplus during their Camp activities or sell to the women from their communities who request it. Additionally in the towns of Manga and Ziniaré where fresh vegetables are scarce, inhabitants especially teachers and market women are depending on these garden run by the Scouts.



The young Scouts are so proud of these initiatives that they are recruiting their friends into Scouting and the Food For Life projects.

Clearly the project is changing lives and adding value to many young people in this country.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Many dialects, one family without ethnic bias.

CONGO - "A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout," says the Scout Law. Challenged by this law, Ruzizi Fast a Scout group from Goma visited the city of Kiwanja (75 kilometers from Goma) in Rutshuru Region where they camped from 14th to 19th August 2014 with the theme, "Many dialects, one family without ethnic bias."



According to Jack Makutano, the leader of the Scout group, the theme was motivated by the fact that young people participating in this activity were not necessarily speaking the same dialect, but were living in the same camp site and doing the same activities. In this region where effects of war have long plagued the people's co-existence it was perceived easier to experiment with a large number of the population, hence the relevance of this theme.



The camp was characterized by community activities and exploring nature. These community activities included visiting various strategic places of the city and its surroundings like the general hospital, the Alliance radio and Virunga National Park. In the evening, young people would gather to exchange their Scouting experiences and chanting songs of peace. At the end of the camp, a working relationship was forged between Ruzizi Scout group and two groups from the city namely Saint Joseph and Saint Paul Scout groups. The Scouts in these two groups vowed to continue collaboration that would encourage them to learn from each other and inculcate Scouting values.

Scout activities were no longer possible because of the war and insecurity hence this opportunity presented interaction and information exchange.

Courtesy of Pierrot MUVHIRI, Trainee Assistant trainer in the Federation of Scouts of Congo



UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	DATES	COUNTRY
Uganda Scout Association National Camp	8 th – 14 th August 2014	Uganda
Uganda Scout Association Centenary Celebrations	2015	Uganda
23 rd World Scout Jamboree	28 th July – 8 th August 2015	Yamaguchi City, Japan
16 th Africa Scout Conference & 7 th Youth Forum	2015	Mauritius

Memorable quote

"By 2023, Scouting will be the world's leading educational youth movement, enabling 100 million young people to be active citizens to create positive change in their communities based on shared values."

Simon Rhee, Former Chairperson, World Scout Committee

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