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Volunteers from the Region Receive the Coveted Messengers of Peace Hero Award



On 23 November 2016, a select group of Scouts, Scout leaders and teams from around the world received the coveted Messengers of Peace Hero Award, an accolade bestowed by the government of Saudi Arabia on behalf of His Majesty King Salman bin Abdulaziz al Saud of Saudi Arabia. The Award was first introduced in 2012 to recognize Scouts, volunteers and professionals as heroes in their communities for their outstanding work towards creating a better world.

The 18 Scouts gathered in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, to receive the award at a significant ceremony in the distinguished presence of His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden Honorary Chairman of the World Scout Foundation, high authorities of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and members of the World Scout Foundation (WSF). A total of 24 Scouts and Scout groups from 23 countries from the six regions of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) were recognized as Messengers of Peace Heroes.

Throughout the world, Scouts work towards creating positive change and establishing peace in their communities in many different ways such as assisting in relief

operations after devastating natural disasters; helping displaced communities in conflict areas; preventing bullying in schools; encouraging interactions, integrating communities and working with refugees; and leading social mobilization initiatives – and the recipients of the Award have significantly contributed to raising the profile of Scouting in these areas.

The 2016 recipients of the Award from the Africa Region are:

Aster Fiker Asbe (Ethiopia)

Aster is an empowered young woman and Messenger of Peace leading 180 Scouts involved in the Food For Life Programme in her country. Under her guidance and leadership, the Scouts learned to cultivate the land and run small businesses.

Bako Almoctar (Niger)

Bako has been very instrumental in leading numerous local initiatives that are geared towards creating positive change in his community. As a doctor, he commits his time to support local communities in need, spreading the message of peace.

Jemima Nartey (Ghana)

The Vice Chairperson of the World Scout



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Africa Scout Day 2017

8 - 11 March 2017

Arusha, Tanzania



Journée Africaine du Scoutisme

8 - 11 March / Mars 2017

The purpose of the annual Africa Scout Day is to celebrate the Scout Movement's contribution to the development of Africa. This year's celebration will be held under the theme of "Engaging youth for active and responsible citizenship" with the goal of promoting peace culture, shared values and sustainable development for better world.

Find out more at: scout.org/africascoutday



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FOCUS ON NATIONAL SCOUT ORGANIZATIONS

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...Committee (WSC) and liaison for the Messengers of Peace Initiative, Jemima has contributed her experience and perspective towards the development of strategies and content of the programme. She is always dedicating time to support National Scout Organizations (NSO) and all Scout Regions in the development of training experiences related to Messengers of Peace. In her personal time, she advocates the empowerment of young women, raising the leadership level of woman Scout leaders in the Africa Region.

Prior to the event, these exemplary Scouts also shared their experiences and presented their stories to honourable guests interested in learning more about the impact of Scouting. The Africa Region is proud of these heroes and encourage other Scouts to continue doing their best to impact their communities and contribute towards creating a better world in any way they can. Read more at www.scout.org/node/292536 and www.scout.org/node/294556

The Seychelles Scouts Association declared a Full Member of WOSM

The Seychelles Scouts Association is declared a full member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). Therefore, as of 14 December 2016, The Seychelles Scouts Association, as the National Scout Organization of the Republic of Seychelles, was declared a Full Member of WOSM in accordance with Article VI.2 of the WOSM Constitution. TSSA will receive its membership certificate at the 41st World Scout Conference to be held from 14-18 August 2017 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

"On behalf of the Africa Scout Committee, my colleagues at the World Scout Bureau Africa Support Centre and on my own behalf, I wish to take this early opportunity to congratulate the entire membership of Seychelles Scouts Association for this achievement," said the Regional Director, Frederic Tutu Kama-Kama.

The World Scout Committee also congratulated TSSA for achieving this important milestone and wished them all the best in the further expansion of Scouting in the Republic of Seychelles.

East Africa Zone Holds Annual Zonal Activities in Arusha, Tanzania



From 11-16 December 2016, Scouts from the East African countries of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda gathered in Arusha, Tanzania for the annual zonal events. The events that took place included Inter Patrol Scout Competitions, Zonal Scout Youth Forum and Zonal Scout Conference which are hosted on a rotational basis.

The activities were organized under the joint-theme: Scouting for Peace, Innovation and Leadership for Regional Integration. The Africa Scout Committee was represented by Mr. Mathias Wanyela and his counterpart Mr. Rasoamahenina Sanda who came on the invitation the Tanzania Scout Association. South Sudan was unable to attend due to the current political situation in the country, while Ethiopia also sent an apology due to travel difficulties.

The zonal events enable Scouts from the different NSOs to come together to take part in common activities and interact and discuss issues that affect them. Uganda scouts Association will host the 2017 edition of the zonal events in December in Kampala.

43 Scout Leaders in Ghana Undergo Basic Training



The Ghana Scout Association organized a three-day Basic Training Course from Friday 25-27 November, 2016 for its adult leaders at the Sam Wood Training Centre in Sakyikrom, Nsawam. The training was attended by forty-three (43) participants from five regions – Ashanti, Greater Accra, Western, Brong-Ahafo and Volta. Through an interactive, fun and educative methods, participants learnt new skills to help them better deliver the Scouting programme to young people. Prior to the training, an investiture ceremony was conducted for new adult leaders.

With the support of Trainers from Scouts UK, the training covered the mission of Scouting and Scouting strategy, leadership structure in GSA, Unit management, orienteering, camp craft, volunteering in Scouting and leadership among others. Upon completion, certificates and prizes were awarded. Each participant also received a package with a compass, Scout scarfs and badges to help them in their work as Adult leaders.

In her closing remarks, Jemima Nartey the Vice Chairperson of the World Scout Committee implored the participants to work hard and take advantage of what they had learnt to help the Ghana Scout Association achieve its target within the framework on the WOSM's triennium plan. The leader of the Scouts UK team, Jo Busby thanked participants for their discipline and cooperation during the training and urged them to create a positive impact through the knowledge and skills gained. The Chief Commissioner, Gregory Manful on his part thanked the training team for a good work and urged the participants to share the knowledge they have acquired with their fellow leaders in their regions and to become agents of peace.

Scouts Donate Water Treatment Kits to Curb Water-Borne Diseases



With the intention to make a positive impact in the community, the Scouts of Ashanti Region in Ghana led by the Regional Commissioner, Raihana Ibrahim presented basic water treatment kits to the Wawase community in the Kumasi. This was necessitated by the increasing cases of water-borne diseases being experienced in the areas. The water treatment kits were donated by Scouts of Inverness (UK) to Ghana Scout Association.

The Chief of Wawase, who was once a Scout thanked the Scouts for this kind gesture and promised his community's continued support for Scouting, saying that it builds young people into responsible adults. He further added that they would make good use of the water treatment kits for the benefit of the community, and especially children who were most affected by the water-borne disease.

SCOUTS IN ACTION

Building Capacity to Tell Scout Stories



Tanzania Scouts Association (TSA) in partnership with the Polish Scouting and Guiding Association (ZHP) conducted a week-long public relations capacity building workshop for 20 key staff and volunteers, youth and adults with basic and professional skills in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania from 26 November to 2nd December 2016. The training was facilitated by trainers from ZHP and TSA with the assistance of the Communications & Public Relations Officer from the World Scout Bureau Africa Support Centre.

The workshop dubbed "PR Lab", which was part of the ongoing partnership activities between the two National Scout Organizations (NSOs) was a training that aimed to improve participant's ability to communicate effectively and efficiently with the general public while furthering the organizations goals. It involved developing knowledge and skills in areas such as brand building, marketing theory, event promotion, social media, strategic communication, graphic design, photography, video making and web design.

The participants were able to acquire knowledge on basic marketing concepts in order to properly market various Scout events; develop skills to effectively and efficiently tell Scout stories through various forms of media and media tools; as well as learn about different aspects of brand development and management.

The training came at a time when the Tanzania Scouts Association was preparing to host different national, zonal and regional activities. From 11 to 16 December, the NSO hosted the East Africa Zonal Scout Conference, Youth Forum and Inter Patrol Scout Competitions in Arusha. 2017 will see the NSO host the annual Africa Scout Day celebrations from 8 - 11 March in Arusha. A series of other activities have been lined up for TSA's celebration of 100 years of Scouting in Tanzania, which will be marked from 28 June - 5 July 2017 in Arusha.

PR Lab provided an opportunity for TSA to relook at its own Scout brand, develop appropriate communication and marketing strategies in order to reach out to more young people and other stakeholders through various mediums of communication and delivery on its events and programmes. Read more at www.scout.org/node/293261

GONE HOME

We are saddened to share with you the news of the demise of the following four of our brothers and sister in Scouting.

1. André Ndoboul (Tchad)

Until his demise on 6 December 2016, André was a member of the national team of l'Association des Scouts du Tchad, one of the two NSAs forming the Fédération Tchadienne du Scoutisme. André was undergoing treatment in his hometown of Sarh (southern Chad) where he died and was buried on 7 December 2016.

2. Narivelo Rakotoniaina (Madagascar)

Before his death on 14 December 2016 in Paris at the age of 46 years, Narivelo was a distinguished member of the Tily ETO Madagasikara, National Commissioner for Rovers "Mpiandalana" Educational Program, and founder of the elder branch "Menafify" with the Tily Eto Madagasikara between 1998-2013. Narivelo was laid to rest on 26 December 2016 in his homeland in Andranovaky, Ambohimangakely - after a requiem service at the Temple Paroisse Internationale Andohalo.

3. Odutola Kabir Adekoya (Nigeria)

Until his demise, Odutola was the District Commissioner of Shomolu Local Association in the Lagos State Scout Council.

4. Hon. Lady Justice Gladys Olubunmi Olateru Olagbegi (Nigeria)

Until her death on 1 January 2017, Gladys was the President of the Ondo State Scout Council and Member of the National Board of Trustees of The Scout Association of Nigeria.

We sympathize with the families and friends of our departed brothers and sister as well as the entire Scouting fraternity in Tchad, Madagascar and Nigeria. We pray God to be their fortitude during this trying moment. May their souls rest in eternal peace!

WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS

Commonwealth Youth Council launches #IAMABLE Campaign



During the International Day of People with Disabilities marked on 3 December 2016, the Commonwealth Youth Council launched a campaign for youth with disabilities dubbed "I am Able" in Mombasa, Kenya. The Scout movement was represented at the launch by Victor Kambi, a Rover Scout from the Technical University of Mombasa.

The 18 months campaign seeks to contribute towards the development of a more inclusive society by addressing the marginalization and discrimination of people with disabilities in the Commonwealth. Through initiatives such as data collection, myth-busting and leadership training, the project will provide support and opportunities for young people with disabilities, including physical, mental and learning difficulties. In addition, I AM ABLE will feature an online platform to provide information on various disabilities.

If you are interested in supporting this campaign at national or international level, please contact the Commonwealth Youth Council at commonwealthyouthcouncilcyc@gmail.com. This is an opportunity to enhance collaboration in line with Scouting's priority on diversity and inclusion, which aims at making the Scout programme available to as many young people as possible.



AZERBAIJAN 2017

**41st WORLD SCOUT
CONFERENCE**

**13th WORLD SCOUT
YOUTH FORUM**



13th World Scout Youth Forum
Dates: **7 - 10 August 2017**
Venue: **Gabala, Azerbaijan**

41st World Scout Conference
Dates: **14-18 August 2017**
Venue: **Baku, Azerbaijan**

Theme:
"Together for Positive Change"

Official Event website:
www.wsc2017.az

FROM THE WORLD SCOUT BUREAU AFRICA SUPPORT CENTRE

Open Call - Best Practices of Peace and Human Rights Education in Scouting

The Innovating Scouting Work Stream of the World Scout Committee calls on National Scout Organizations to share their best practices in peace and human rights education. You are invited to submit any resources you find relevant to support their implementation in Scouting no later than 31 January 2017, in digital and/or hard copy format. Should you have any questions, please contact Cynthia Marquez, Manager, Messengers of Peace Network at cmarquez@scout.org.

41st World Scout Conference, 14-18 August 2017, Azerbaijan, Baku - Submission of Draft Resolutions on matters covered by Section 6.1.d of the proposed Conference Rules of Procedure

In preparation of the 41st World Scout Conference, all Draft Resolutions on matters covered by Rule 6.1.d of the Rules of Procedure must reach the World Scout Bureau at resolutions@scout.org prior to the deadline of **14 February 2017** 23:59 GMT. Please read the Circular for detailed information and visit scout.org/rop2017 for further guidance on how to develop and propose a Draft Resolution.

International Events List 2016-2021

You can find the list on the website, in the International Events sub-section of the World Events page (www.scout.org/worldevents)

World Scouting Directory

An update to the World Scouting Directory is available. This document is for internal use only and accessible on the Intranet (www.scout.org/intranet). Official NSO contacts can download it using their Intranet login and password.

WSB Africa Holds a Christmas Family Fun Day



In the spirit of Christmas, the staff of the World Scout Bureau Africa Support Centre together with their families gathered for a Christmas Family Fun day on 23 December 2016. This was in recognition of the role played by families of colleagues as an important support framework for workplace performance.

With lots of fun games and activities, the event provided an opportunity for the families to meet, interact and develop closer friendships that go beyond the working environment. It was also an opportunity to share gifts and the Christmas cheer and for children to play together.

From all of us here at the Africa Support Centre, we wish you a prosperous 2017 full of many happy Scouting adventures.

Job Opportunities at WSB in Kuala Lumpur

The World Scout Bureau Global Support Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia is currently recruiting for the following positions:

Junior Manager, Organisational Development,
World Scout Bureau Global Support Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

Intern, Social Impact,
World Scout Bureau Global Support Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

Further details and downloadable information packs can be found at <https://www.scout.org/jobs>. All applications should be submitted no later than 23:59 Malaysian time (GMT+8) on **21 January 2017**

You can also subscribe to our WOSM Jobs Opportunities Newsletter and be among the first to know about new job openings at WOSM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	DATES	VENUE
5th World Scout Inter-Religious Symposium	27-29 Jan 2017	United States of America
West Africa Zonal Scout Conference & Youth Forum	21-27 Feb 2017	Cotonou, Benin
Africa Scout Day Celebrations	8-11 Mar 2017	Arusha, Tanzania
2nd World Scout Education Congress	11-15 May 2017	Kandersteg International Scout Centre, Switzerland
15th World Scout Moot	July 25 - 2 August 2017	Iceland
41st World Scout Conference and 13th World Scout Youth Forum	7-18 August 2017	Baku, Azerbaijan

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