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The Interamerican Scout Committee proposes to the 2018 Interamerican Scout Conference to adopt the Draft Resolutions contained in this Conference Document 11A.

These proposed Draft Resolutions are proposed by the Interamerican Scout Committee in accordance with the approved Rules of Procedure for the 2018 Interamerican Scout Conference, previously approved by the Member Organizations. A brief explanation or justification, the text of the Draft Resolution, and Background Information provided by the World Scout Bureau – Interamerican Support Centre are included for each proposed Draft Resolution.

This document should be studied and discussed by your Member Organization and brought to the Conference by your delegation. Amendments to Draft Resolutions can be submitted, in accordance with Rules of Procedure for the 2018 Interamerican Scout Conference, until 28 November 2018 15h00 local time at the Conference. Each amendment needs to be proposed and seconded by different Member Organizations.

For historical reference to the 1920-2014 Conference Resolutions of the World Organization of the Scout Movement please visit: [www.scout.org/resolutions](http://www.scout.org/resolutions). All adopted resolutions from this period can be downloaded from the indicated website.

For historical reference to the 1998-2016 Conference Resolutions of the Interamerican Scout Region please visit: <http://www.iarconference2018.org>. All adopted resolutions from this period can be downloaded from the indicated website.

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### Languages

*The official languages of the Interamerican Scout Region are English and Spanish. The World Scout Bureau, Interamerica Support Centre will make all Conference Documents available in both languages. In the event of a conflict arising out of the interpretation of this Conference Document or any other official document of the World Organization, the English text shall prevail.*

## 2018-A Commitments of the Regional Plan 2018-2021 "*Common Vision, Individual Commitment*"

### Conference Document 5 - Regional Plan 2018-2021

Brief explanation or justification for the Draft Resolution:

- Approve the commitment objectives of the 2018-2021 Regional Plan.

The Conference,

- Appreciating the contributions made by the 85 participants from 24 NSOs of the Interamerican Region during the IX Interamerican Scout Summit, held in Cusco, Peru, in November 2017, which began the process of creation of the Regional Plan 2018-2021 "*Common Vision, Individual Commitment*". As well as the commitments assumed by the NSOs present on that occasion after obtaining the statements of the objectives in its first version.
- Recognizing the work developed by the regional organs, following the IX Interamerican Scout Summit, to comply with the necessary steps to obtain the final version of the Regional Plan 2018-2021 "*Common Vision, Individual Commitment*". Adding their own commitments with the new Regional Plan.
- Considering that Article 11 of the Regional Constitution sets forth the functions of the Interamerican Scout Committee, including the approval of the Regional Plan.
- Considering that Article 40 of the Regional Constitution sets forth the obligations of the NSOs of the Region, including reporting their contribution to compliance with the Regional Plan.
- Identifying the importance for this Regional Plan 2018-2021 "*Common Vision, Individual Commitment*" of assuming the commitments that each level has established for this Regional Plan in order to achieve that the Interamerican Scout Region contributes significantly to the Vision 2023 of the World Organization of the Scout Movement,
- urges the Member Organizations, the Interamerican Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau - Interamerican Support Centre to responsibly assume the commitments established in the Regional Plan 2018-2021 "*Common Vision, Individual Commitment*".
- invites Member Organizations to disseminate the contents of Regional Plan 2018-2021 "*Common Vision, Individual Commitment*" within their own organizations to achieve the commitment of their adult leaders.
- requests the Interamerican Scout Committee,
  - to monitor and constantly evaluate the execution of the Regional Plan 2018-2021 "*Common Vision, Individual Commitment*";
  - to share regular progress reports with Member Organizations;
  - to develop the Regional Plan 2022-2025 using a similar approach, incorporating lessons learned during this process;
- requests the World Scout Bureau – Interamerica Support Centre,
  - to carry out the necessary actions so that the key performance indicators (KPI) established in the Regional Plan 2018-2021 "*Common Vision, Individual Commitment*" reach an optimal level of compliance during the triennium;
  - to make these measurements regularly available to the Interamerican Scout Committee, enabling it to guide the implementation of the Regional Plan across the Interamerican Region.

*Proposed by: The Interamerican Scout Committee*

# Background Information Document

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**Draft  
Resolution  
Background  
Information**

**2018-A**

Draft Resolution Title:	Commitments of the Regional Plan 2018-2021 <i>"Common Vision, Individual Commitment"</i>
Proposed by:	Interamerican Scout Committee

## Policy Implications

This Draft Resolution has an impact on the following policies or issues in WOSM/Interamerican Region/MOs:

1. Regional Constitution, Article 11, "b" and "m".
2. Regional Constitution, Article 35, "c" and "d".
3. Regional Constitution, Article 39, "d".

## Historical Background

The following historical resolutions, decisions or proposals are relevant when considering this Draft Resolution:

1. Regional Conference Resolution 13/05 General Objectives of the Region for the Triennium 2014-2016

## Resource Implications

To successfully carry out the Draft Resolution, the following estimated resources would be needed:

Human

Financial (Describe main costs in USD)

<i>Volunteers:</i> Active participation of adult volunteers in NSOs and regional teams.	Budget of the WSB-IASC dedicated to operations (salaries, travel and activities) 446,000 USD per year.
<i>Staff:</i> Staff of the WSB-IASC dedicated to execute the actions contained in the annual operating plans that arise from the Regional Plan 2018-2021.	
<i>External Resources (experts, consultants, etc.):</i> This was integrated under financial resources during the resource/reality check of the proposed objectives by the WSB-IASC.	

## 2018-B Interamerican Regional Networks Policy

### Conference Document 13– Interamerican Regional Networks Policy

Brief explanation or justification for the Draft Resolution:

- In the 26<sup>th</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference celebrated in Houston in 2016 was approved the resolution 02/16 that advise to the regional team the making of a policy that provide a framework for the strengthening of the Interamerican Networks.
- In pursuant of that resolution the Interamerican Scout Committee created by open call the Working Group of Networks Framework.
- The Working Group of Networks Framework revised the prevailing terms of reference of the different Regional Networks, regarding their importance, pertinence, operation, obtained results and improvement opportunities, with the purpose of maintaining and expanding the Regional Networks, as a strategy to strengthen growth and development of the region, which gave origin to a report and a document containing a proposal of Regional Networks Policy, which was presented to the Interamerican Scout Committee.
- During the IX Interamerican Scout Summit celebrated in Cusco in 2017, The Interamerican Scout Committee presented the referenced report and document with the Regional Network Policy to the representatives of the NSOs present at this event, and it was well received, providing some comments to adjust and improve the policy, of which the office staff took note.
- The Regional Network Policy proposal was presented in the Regional Network Meeting held in Panama City in March of 2018, where it was approved by the representatives of the NSOs members of the Regional Networks.
- The Working Group of the Networks Framework incorporated several observations and comments in the document of the Network Regional Policy Proposal sharing a new version in June of 2018 to the different NSOs with the purpose to get feedback.
- As result of this process some new adjustments were made and the final version of the Network Regional Policy, will be submitted for approval to the 27<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference Panama 2018.

The Conference,

- Considering that the 26<sup>th</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference in the resolution 02/16, recommended the elaboration of a policy that offers an institutional strong reference framework for the strengthening of the Interamerican Scout Region Networks.
- Considering that the Interamerican Scout Committee considers it important to generate the Interamerican Regional Networks Policy with the purpose to institutionalize the work of the Regional Networks, which attends topics of technical nature linked directly with the strategic areas of: Youth Program, Adults in the Scout Movement and Institutional Development; and with cross topics of the tasks of the organization as Youth Engagement and Communications, among others. And recognize and appraise the work in networks as a learning process and collective construction of knowledge between the NSOs.
- Approves the Interamerican Regional Networks Policy.
- Requests the Interamerican Scout Committee to take the necessary measures to promote the implementation of the dispositions of the Interamerican Regional Networks Policy through the WSB-IASC.
- Invites NSOs of the Region to implement the dispositions of the Interamerican Regional Networks Policy and to participate actively in them through the representatives that they have to designate.

*Proposed by: The Interamerican Scout Committee*

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**Draft  
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**2018-B**

Draft Resolution Title:	Interamerican Regional Networks Policy
Proposed by:	Interamerican Scout Committee

## Policy Implications

This Draft Resolution has an impact on the following policies or issues in WOSM/Interamerican Region/MOs:

1. In the management of the three medullary policies of the Region: Youth Program, Adults in Scouting and Institutional Development, besides to transversal policy of: Youth Engagement and Diversity and Inclusion, the Regional Networks are a mechanism to impulse the diffusion and implementation of these policies within the NSOs.
2. This Policy serves the purpose to institutionalize the work of the Regional Networks, which attend topics of technical nature linked directly with the strategic areas and link with another strategies, plans, policies and programs of the WOSM for their implementation inside the NSOs.

## Historical Background

The following historical resolutions, decisions or proposals are relevant when considering this Draft Resolution:

1. The Interamerican Scout Region was the first Region to constitute itself in the panorama of the World Organization of Scout Movement (WOSM). Founded in 1946 as result of a clear awareness of the leaders from the NSOs that it was necessary to establish a close collaboration between them to be able to extend with a higher force the Scout Movement in their own countries.
2. In that way the first step was taken in the evolution process of integration in the Region on the political level. The Regional Constitution was formulated, and the regional organisms were created and regulated, which have gone updating themselves and today still working with greater attachment on the values of the Scout Movement, driven through a democratic and pacific clear awareness. This model was reproduced before by the others Regions of the Organization.
3. The regional integration process continued its evolution and in the decade of the 90's the necessity to generate integration spaces to attend topics of technical and operative nature of common interest emerges, some of them are actually considerate as strategic areas and others as cross topics of the work in our Region.  
This requirement was attended by the Interamerican Scout Committee who adopted the agreements to create the first Regionals Networks and their reference terms, defining their nature, objectives, reach and operating mode. Since then the Regional Networks have worked in an uninterrupted way, doing work and contributing to the formulation of the regional policies, the making and validation of educative materials, as well as instruments to assess the performance of the NSOs, just like the Route to Excellence was, that later helped to make the actual GSAT.
4. The positive valuation of the NSOs of the regional integration process in a technical level, expressed in the work of the Regional Networks, brought in consequence the promotion and approbation of the resolution 02/16 of the 26<sup>th</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference of Houston 2016, that requires to the regional organism the making of a regional policy that provides a strong reference frame and institutionalize them as a collaborative space of information and experiences sharing between the NSOs and the regional organism, for the approach and treatment of the topics linked with the strategic areas or that are crossed with the tasks of the Region; which has been fulfilled with this instrument.

**Resource Implications**

To successfully carry out the Draft Resolution, the following estimated resources would be needed:

Human	Financial <i>(Describe main costs in USD)</i>
<p><i>Volunteers:</i></p> <p>Volunteer and/or professional scout services representatives of the NSOs that incorporate in each network.</p>	<p>All resources necessary to guarantee the right logistic functioning of the networks when they meet and work in a remote way (Technological Platforms) and when they have face-to-face meetings (Air transport costs, lodging, eating, etc.).</p>
<p><i>Staff:</i></p> <p>Professionals of the WSB-IASC responsible of the different strategic areas and/or the attention of cross topics.</p>	
<p><i>External Resources (experts, consultants, etc.):</i></p> <p>According to the necessities given in function of the objectives or products which the networks embark upon.</p>	

## 2018-C Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women in the Interamerican Region

Brief explanation or justification for the Draft Resolution:

- The 41st World Scout Conference in Baku, Azerbaijan adopted Resolution 8/17 Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development establishing commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at all levels, priorities and strategic decisions of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM).
- In August 2017, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) and WOSM signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that provides a framework for cooperation in the global HeForShe campaign which focuses primarily on educational and communicational aspects to inspire young people to take measures to increase gender equality and women's empowerment.
- Although the number of women in Scouting is increasing and the current proportion is almost the same as that of men, it is still lower in leadership positions of the different levels of the Organization, which deserves an analysis of their causes for taking actions against equal opportunities.

The Conference,

- Considering that the Resolution 8/17 of the 41st World Scout Conference recommended the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at all levels of the Organization and build alliances to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in all priorities and strategic decisions.
- Considering that, the 26th Interamerican Scout Conference approved the Regional Policy on Diversity and Inclusion, of which, gender equity and the empowerment of women is an important part of its processes and is one of the emphases of Goal 6 of the Regional Plan.
- Recognizing the importance of the role of women in the leadership and decision-making spaces of WOSM and the need to promote their participation in them in an equitable manner.
- Requests the Interamerican Scout Committee to take the necessary measures to generate strategies that strengthen gender equity and the empowerment of women in the different levels of the Interamerican Scout Region.
- Requests the Interamerican Scout Committee to conduct a study on the participation of women in leadership and decision-making positions at the different levels of the Interamerican Scout Region.
- Invites NSOs to commit themselves to the implementation of the HeforShe program, through the use, translation and distribution of the generated educational material and to establish projects that reinforce gender equity and the empowerment of women at their national, intermediate and local levels.

*Proposed by: The Interamerican Scout Committee*

# Background Information Document

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**Draft  
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Information**

**2018-C**

Draft Resolution Title:	Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women in the Interamerican Region
Proposed by:	Interamerican Scout Committee

## Policy Implications

This Draft Resolution has an impact on the following policies or issues in WOSM/Interamerican Region/MOs:

1. Each of the Regional Policies of Youth Program, Adults in the Scout Movement, Institutional Development, Youth Participation and Diversity and Inclusion offers participation spaces where women and men must be present in conditions of equality as a human right, for the benefit of sustainable development, social justice, peace and security and quality education.
2. In the processes of adult education as a need for training and development of competencies that promote gender equality in an integral manner in terms of the elements that make it up and in terms of the spaces in which it is present (all the levels of the organization).
3. In the decisions of the governing bodies at all levels of the organization, affirming the importance of equality, non-discrimination, respect for girls and women, and the recognition and respect of diversity; guaranteeing representation and participation in equal conditions and opportunities for men and women.

## Historical Background

The following historical resolutions, decisions or proposals are relevant when considering this Draft Resolution:

1. The World Scout Conference in Bangkok, Thailand in its Resolution 6/93 on Coeducation, encourages NSOs (NSOs) to offer their programs to both boys and girls, men and young women, considering the importance of equality of opportunities. It also encourages to ensure that training opportunities for adult leaders reflect the same purpose.
2. At the same World Scout Conference in Bangkok, Thailand in its Resolution 8/93 on Adults in Scouting: Equal Opportunities requests the World Scout Committee and the NSOs to ensure equal opportunities for both genders as an element important in the implementation of the World Adult Movement Policy.
3. The World Scout Conference in Oslo, Norway in its resolution 5/96 Women and Men in WOSM, reaffirms resolutions 6/93 and 8/93 recommend the World Scout Committee to ensure that in all activities especially the Youth Program and Adult Training meet the different needs of both men and women and recommends that NSOs work for a more equal representation of men and women at all levels.
4. The World Scout Conference in Durban, South Africa, in its resolution 4/99, adopts the Policy on Girls and Boys, Women and Men in Scouting inviting NSOs to consider politics as part of the implementation work of the movement's mission and requests the World Scout Committee and the Interamerican Scout Committees to implement the policy at their own levels and generate tools that support this implementation at all levels of the organization.
5. The World Scout Conference in Baku, Azerbaijan in its resolution 8/17 on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, among other things, invites NSOs to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and build alliances to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the World Scout Committee to integrate the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs as a transversal and intersectoral framework through all strategic priorities and decisions.

6. The Agreement signed during the World Scout Conference in Baku, Azerbaijan in 2017 between the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and the United Nations HeforShe Initiative for the advancement of gender equality.

### Resource Implications

To successfully carry out the Draft Resolution, the following estimated resources would be needed:

Human	Financial <i>(Describe main costs in USD)</i>
<p><i>Volunteers:</i></p> <p>Working group of Volunteers of the NSOs and the Interamerican Scout Committee that develop strategies for the study, strengthening and communication of issues related to gender equity.</p>	<p>Financial resources necessary for the implementation of the strategies proposed.</p>
<p><i>Staff:</i></p> <p>WSB-ISC that support and operationalize the strategies that are designed for the study, strengthening and communication of issues related to gender equity.</p>	
<p><i>External Resources (experts, consultants, etc.):</i></p> <p>Organizations that are dedicated to studies and development of topics related to Gender in the different countries of the Region in which WOSM is present.</p>	

## 2018-D Support to the Regional Communications Strategy

Brief explanation or justification for the Draft Resolution:

- The communications area is the link between human relationships. Today more than ever is an area that allows NSOs to grow, both in their brand positioning in front of other organizations and in communication within its structure to adapt to the changes in the best way.
- Communications area was defined as one of the key priorities for Scouting since the adoption of the 2023 Strategy, through the 2014-2017 and 2017-2020 Triennial Plans. It has also been adopted as a main objective in the Triennial Plan of the Interamerican Region, Creating a Better World: Mission Possible, 2016-2018.
- World Strategy for Communications and Strategic Alliances were adopted in February 2017 from the global level. Likewise, in September 2017, the Communications Strategy for the Interamerican Region was adopted.

The Conference,

- Recognizing Communications Area as support for development of Scouting in the Interamerican Region.
- Been aware of the benefits of the common actions proposed by the 2018-2021 Regional Plan and therefore, of the actions proposed by the 2018-2021 Communications Strategy where joint actions are prioritized by NSOs from the Interamerican Region together.
- Recognizing the value of NSOs as main actors in the execution of the Communications Strategy defined by the 2018-2021 Regional Plan.
- Invites NSOs from Interamerican Region to implement the proposed actions by the Regional Plan in the Communications Area and consequently by the 2018-2021 Communications Strategy [Those actions may include implementation of regional campaigns, actively participate in the Communications Network, appointment of responsible for the Communications Area at their NSOs, proper use of the Scout Brand].

*Proposed by: The Interamerican Scout Committee*

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**Draft  
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**2018-D**

Draft Resolution Title:	Support to the Regional Communications Strategy
Proposed by:	Interamerican Scout Committee

## Policy Implications

This Draft Resolution has an impact on the following policies or issues in WOSM/NSOs:

1. It is directly related to the fulfilment of the objectives Regional Plan 2018-2021 in the communications area. Which in turn helps to meet the objectives of the triennial Plan 2018-2020 of the World Organization of the Scout Movement.
2. The World Strategy for Communications and Strategic Alliances was adopted in February 2017. Likewise, in September 2017, the Communications Strategy for the Interamerican Region was adopted.

## Historical Background

The following historical resolutions, decisions or proposals are relevant when considering this Draft Resolution:

1. Regional Conference Resolution 9/10: Image

## Resource Implications

To successfully carry out the Draft Resolution, the following estimated resources would be needed:

Human	Financial <i>(Describe main costs in USD)</i>
<p><i>Volunteers:</i></p> <p>Each National Scout Organization must appoint a liaison person for the dissemination of the actions described in the Communications Strategy.</p> <p>A person in charge of the Regional Scout Committee to monitor the proposal.</p>	<p><i>One annual meeting:</i></p> <p>\$8,000</p> <p>Online Monitoring for social network profiles: \$2,800</p> <p>Promotional Material for the Communications Strategy: \$1000</p>
<p><i>Staff:</i></p> <p>A person in charge of the WSB-IASC to execute actions and follow up on the proposal.</p>	
<p><i>External Resources (experts, consultants, etc.):</i></p> <p>Online Monitoring for social network profiles.</p>	

Online calendar of publications to support the actions defined in the Regional Communications Strategy.	
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