Amplifying Scouting’s Work on Environment and Sustainable Development

The World Scout Bureau Africa Support Centre of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) hosted an exhibition at the 2nd United Nations Environmental Assembly that was held at the United Nations Office in Nairobi from Monday 23 to Friday 27 May 2016. The exhibition titled, “youth-led environmental conservation for sustainable development” focused on promoting WOSM’s environmental related youth educational programmes as well as highlighting the movement’s contribution to sustainable development. It was also a platform for interaction, networking and developing collaborations with various people and organizations attending the assembly and the different side events.

The need for the exhibition came from the fact that WOSM places environmental education at the core of its work. Through programmes such as the World Scout Environment Programme, Scouts of the World Award Programme, Scouts Go Solar Programme and the Messengers of Peace Initiative, Scouting works with young people to help create healthy environments for their communities.

The exhibit therefore was an ideal opportunity to showcase some of WOSM’s programmes and initiatives that seek to promote environment conservation and protection towards sustainable development. This was a chance to advance the concept of a youth-led approach to education and action on sustainable development based on the programmes, practices and lessons from WOSM’s youth education programmes.

It was also an opportunity to discuss collaborations with potential and existing partners with the aim of supporting the further development and implementation of these educational programmes.

The main objectives of the exhibition were:

• To enable participants to gain a better understanding of the work done by WOSM and especially the transformative and empowering youth-led sustainable development education programmes.
• To support the work of UNEP, a key partner of WOSM, in contributing to advancing the need to achieve healthy environments for healthy people
• To gain greater understanding and develop further commitment on WOSM’s role and contribution in helping to deliver on the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
• To create contacts and networks that can lead to mutually beneficial partnerships in the areas of environment, climate and sustainable development in general.

The main target for the exhibit were civil society, business, private sector, academic community and government representatives with the aim of advancing knowledge and developing partnerships to support Scouting’s youth educational programmes. The general public was also welcome to visit the exhibit so as to gain better understanding of Scouting’s work and programmes in influencing behaviour change and promoting youth education.

The 7th Africa Scout Jamboree will take place from 1-10 August 2016 in Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast. The theme is “Empowered Youth in and Emerging Africa”.

Donations are vital in helping Scouts help others. Your contributions will go towards ensuring the sustainability of a wide variety of programmes and projects that enable millions of young people in Africa to learn and develop skills useful for personal growth and community service. For more information on becoming a member of the Africa Scout Foundation, visit www.scout.org/africascoutfoundation or email africa@scout.org.
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Many of these members of the public who visited the stand we found out to be former Scouts, friends or parents of Scouts.

The programmes that were showcased at the exhibition include: Food for Life, Scouts go Solar, Scouts of the World Award, World Scout Environmental Programme, U-Report, Messengers of Peace, Scout Centres for Excellence in Nature and Environment and Youth Leadership Award for the Environment. These were delivered in three ways through mounted displays, online showcasing and question and answer.

Isaac Makinya, a Rover Scout from the University of Nairobi, who volunteered to help in running the exhibition had this to say: “I was involved in the World Organization of the Scout Movement’s exhibition at the 2nd United Nations Environmental Assembly from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th May 2016 and for sure I learnt and experienced a lot. I had a chance to interact and network with many people from different walks of life, some of whom were Scouts and shared with us their experiences about Scouting.

I was also very happy to learn that a majority of the people who visited our exhibition desk are informed about Scouting so they came to encourage us. They were pleased to learn that young people, through Scouting are taking action on environmental conservation and sustainable development. Others also challenged us to focus more on working with people in marginalized areas.

The exhibition was a very good avenue for people to air their views about Scouting and also getting more information on the same. I thank the World Scout Bureau Africa Support Centre for the opportunity to share with the world about Scouting and our role in achieving our vision of creating a better world.”

Kyle Cato Receives the Scouts South Africa Messenger of Peace award

Kyle Cato from the 3rd Pinelands Scout Troop in Cape Town, South Africa is the first recipient of the Scouts South Africa Messengers of Peace Award. He has been running his Bottle Tops for Wheelchairs project since August 2015 to raise money to buy wheelchairs for handicapped children. By April 2016 he had over two tonnes (2,000kgs) of bottle tops. With this he got enough funds for 8 wheelchairs for children in need. Kyle is starting a new bottle top project, this time with Operation Smile as the beneficiary. Operation Smile helps to provide surgery for children born with cleft palate. Congratulations Kyle, for being a true Messenger of Peace.

Gone Home: AMINAT BULAMA (Nigeria)

With deep sense of loss, but total submission to the wills of God, The Scout Association of Nigeria, announces the demise of our Sister, Aminat Bulama which occurred on 17 May 2016. (Popularly called Amina Borno). Until her death, Aminat was the Assistant National Commissioner for Gender Balance in Scouting overseeing North-East Zone. Aminat has since been buried in accordance with the Islamic rites. We would like to pray for the repose of her Soul.

Reminder: Jamboree Registration Closes on 30 June

With only less than 2 months remaining to the 7th Africa Scout Jamboeree. We wish to remind you that the Registration to attend either as a participant or a member of the International Service Team closes on 30th June 2016. Applications can be submitted online at:

Contingent Summary
www.scout.org/eform/submit/7asj2016-contingent-summary-override-context=eform/submit/

Participants
www.scout.org/eform/submit/7asj-participants-registration-f-override-context=eform/submit/

Contingent Staff & IST members
www.scout.org/eform/submit/7th-africa-scout-jamboree-contin-override-context=eform/submit

Don’t be left out! We look forward to seeing you in Yamoussoukro in August.
You are kindly reminded that the only Heads of Contingent visit for the 15th World Scout Moot will be this summer from 21st to 24th of July. Information about the meeting can be found in Moot bulletin 3 here: world scoutmoot.is/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/wsm2017-bulletin-3.pdf. The direct link to registration: www.cvent.com/d/bfqsls. If you need more information please do not hesitate to contact the Moot Organizers directly at info@worldscoutmoot.is.

**15th World Scout Moot Heads of Contingent Meeting**

**8th General Assembly of the World Scout Parliamentary Union**

The Parliamentary Scout Union of Sweden and The Guides and Scouts of Sweden are hosting the 8th General Assembly of the World Scout Parliamentary Union in Stockholm, Sweden, at the end of next summer, from 31 August to 2 September 2016. WSPU is an international organisation that unites the National Scout Parliamentary Associations that exist in almost 100 countries worldwide and which include members of national parliaments, deputies and senators. The object of the WSPU is to strengthen National Scout Organizations and World Scouting through the influence of parliamentarians who believe that Scouting is an effective educational method. For more information visit: www.wspu.info/

**Consolidated Financial Statements as at 30 September 2015**

The audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the World Scout Bureau for the financial year ended 30 September 2015 are available for your review on scout.org, under About Scouting >> Governance >> Financial Statements. Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ooi Soon San, Global Director, Finance and Administration (ooisoonsan@scout.org). For more information visit: https://www.scout.org/system/files/circulars/FinclRep_2015%283%29.pdf.

**Organization and Location Review - Closure**

The Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and the World Scout Committee Chairperson provide a summary of the costs and financial impact of the location review process of the World Scout Bureau, especially now that the entire process has been completed. For more information visit: https://www.scout.org/system/files/circulars/C2716_MoveCosts_e.pdf

**Global Support Assessment Tool Review**

National Scout Organizations are invited to answer a survey (https://www.scout.org/gsat-review) to review the Global Support Assessment Tool (GSAT), our WOSM Quality Standard. Whether you have already used the Standard or are just learning about it (read more on scout.org/gsat), your point of view is important. We invite you to reflect on it and send your feedback on 31 July 2016 at the latest. For more information visit: https://www.scout.org/system/files/circulars/C2516_GSATReview_e.pdf
**Africa Scout Youth Forum Strategy 2015-2018**

The Scout Youth forum was created by WOSM to encourage youth participation in the decision-making processes of the movement. The forum allows young people: to share their experiences, to understand the process of decision-making at world and regional level, to discuss about challenges facing young people and recommend solutions and to learn from experts.

Based on the recommendations of the 7th Africa Scout Youth Forum held in Kampala, Uganda in August 2015, The Youth Advisors to the Africa Scout Committee, working with the Youth Programme Unit at the World Scout Bureau Africa Support Centre and in consultation with the Africa Scout Committee have developed a youth strategy 2015-2018. The aim of the strategy is to mainstream youth contribution towards the achievement of Africa Scout Region Youth Engagement Priority Area. The strategy will guide the functions of the Africa Scout Youth Advisors and will be the basis for reporting to the 8th Africa Scout Youth Forum in 2018. The strategy can be accessed at www.scout.org/node/193111. For further information please contact Pamela Akplogan, Chairperson of the Africa Scout Youth Advisors (pamela@scout.org).

**Dissemination of World Scout Brand Identity Guide and Branding Guidelines**

We have shared with all NSOs various documents relating to branding and use of the WOSM brand at global, regional and NSO levels. The aim of this information is to enhance awareness on the consistent use, protection and adaptation of the WOSM brand and the Messengers of Peace programme identity. By so doing we hope that you can help us monitor how WOSM brands are used in your NSOs so that we can collectively protect them. Kindly let us know if you notice any breach in the use of the brands and we shall follow up. These documents can also be accessed on the online library at www.scout.org/library. For more information please contact Nelson (nopany@scout.org) and we shall be happy to assist you.

**Piloting NSO Dedicated Webpages on scout.org**

Based on the realization of the challenges many of our NSOs face in relation to the lack of capacity to create and maintain their own websites, we are piloting to support NSOs with dedicated webpages on www.scout.org. The 8 NSOs selected for this pilot phase are from the following countries: Cote d’Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Seychelles, Tanzania and Zambia. If your NSO is interested in taking up this offer, please send an email request to Nelson (nopany@scout.org) and we shall be happy to assist you.

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Emmanuella Ayisi-Lartey (Ella) from Ghana has joined the World Scout Bureau Africa Support Centre on a two-months internship period from 7th June to 29th July 2016, on her own initiative. She is a student at Zenith University - Ghana pursuing a Bachelors degree in Business Administration (Management option). Ella is very passionate about Scouting and its developments and loves working alongside Scouts from around the world. She was among the volunteers who supported hosting of the Africa Scout Day celebrations that were held in Accra, Ghana in March 2016. During this internship she hopes to acquire more knowledge and skills in Scouting, gain on-the-job understanding of management and other office functions as well to develop personally. We wish her a successful and fruitful internship at the World Scout Bureau.