Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi made his maiden trip to the Africa Scout Region since assuming office as the Secretary General (SG) of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) when he visited Kenya between 15-17 May 2017.

His visit was informed by the fact that Kenya also hosts the Africa Regional Office of the World Scout Bureau (WSB), which is the Secretariat of the World Organization of the Scout Movement in the Sub Saharan Africa for the last 25 years at Rowallan National Scout Camp in Nairobi. Kenya holds a special place in the history of the Movement by being the last resting place of the Founder, Lord Baden Powell, and his wife Lady Olave Powell. The Kenya Scouts Association is also the largest National Scout Organization in Africa and the sixth largest in the world with over 1.4 million members.

On his arrival, he was received by the Regional Director for Africa, Frederic Kama-Kama. He then proceeded to a meeting with all the staff members of the WSB Africa Support Centre. With the staff, he shared his agenda for the revitalization of the One World Scout Bureau and gave highlights of the seven operational objectives and 50 actions contained in the agenda.

On the second day of his visit, the Secretary General visited the Kenya Scouts Association (KSA) headquarters at Rowallan Camp. There, he held a meeting with the Chief Commissioner of KSA, Mr. Ray Charles Musau; the Deputy Chief Commissioner of KSA, Ms. Lydiah Kiburu and the Deputy National Executive Commissioner of KSA, Mr. Josephat Gitonga. He was accompanied by the Regional Director.

In the meeting, the Chief Commissioner welcomed the SG and thanked him for choosing to visit Kenya as his first destination in Africa. He also took the opportunity to highlight some of KSA’s achievements over the last 5 years and the plans for the coming years. Ray pointed out that of the 1.4 million Scouts in Kenya 40% are girls although the NSO still faces challenges with attracting and retaining women into various positions of leadership. “With the rich Scouting history Kenya has, we do owe it to the movement to be a good NSO. Even with all the progress we have made, we will continue challenging ourselves to become even better,” he concluded.

In Nyeri, Ahmad was received by the Office of the Governor of Nyeri County, where Baden Powell spent the last years of his life and chose to be buried. After a meeting with the representatives of the County Government, that focused majorly on protecting and promoting the great Scout heritage that exists in Nyeri, the Secretary General addressed members of the press from different media houses that had come to cover his historic visit.

He also had the opportunity to visit and have lunch at Baden Powell’s House “Paxtu” located within the grounds of Outspan Hotel. He came face-to-face with the rich history of Scouting housed there, both from Baden Powell himself and from thousands of Scouts who visit the house every year from all parts of the world.

The 15th World Scout Moot will be held in Iceland 25th July to 2nd August 2017. It is an official event of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), hosted and organized by the Icelandic Boy and Girl Scout Association, for young people aged between 18 and 25 inclusive.

The purpose of the World Scout Moot is to provide an international and intercultural learning opportunity for young adults that share Scouting’s values.

For more information please visit: http://worldscoutmoot.is/en/ or write to info@worldscoutmoot.is.
A visit to Nyeri would not be complete without paying homage to Founder of the Scout movement, Lord Baden Powell and his wife Lady Olave Powell. In a brief ceremony held at their graves at St. Peter’s Cemetery, the Secretary General paid his respects to the man and woman to whom we owe the Scout movement as we know it today. He laid a wreath and re-affirmed his promise, while facing Mt. Kenya. He also took that opportunity to share a few words with the Scouts who had come to join him at the graveside.

One of the key messages of the Secretary General during his entire visit was a challenge on how Scouting is unlocking the potential of young people in Africa. “Our responsibility today is how we can connect Scouting in Africa to become part of the solution for this continent’s massive potential that is called young people - and which is the biggest asset Africa has,” he said. Ahmad however remains optimistic saying that thanks to strong leadership and commitment - of both staff and volunteers - it is possible for us to offer Scouting as the solution for youth development.

The Secretary General concluded his visit with a promise of continued support and collaboration among the World Scout Bureau Support Centres across the globe towards supporting National Scout Organizations to innovate, grow and make Scouting available to many more young people across Africa.

Read more about his visit at [https://www.scout.org/node/347806](https://www.scout.org/node/347806)

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for young people in your country to benefit from the life-changing educational experiences, leadership and community service opportunities that the Scout Movement offers. We are committed to continue working with and supporting you to further grow and develop the movement in the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe,” said Frederic Kama-Kama the Regional Director for Africa in his congratulatory message,

Bravo and welcome to the worldwide brotherhood of Scouting!

**Senegalese Scouting: Towards Organizational Compliance**

The two Associations that form the Confederation of Senegalese Scouting (CSS) (i.e. Scouts and Scouts of Senegal and Scouts of Senegal) met to draw a roadmap towards conformity with World Scouting’s global Support Assessment Tool (GSAT) standard for Quality Scouting.

Initiated by the World Scout Bureau in its 2014 - 2017 triennial plan, the project “Organizational Compliance of the CSS” is part of the Capacity Building and Structures project funded by the World Organization of the Scout Movement through the Messenger of Peace project. According to Dr. Marie Sabara, “this project aims to bring the CSS into conformity. Member associations will also be subject to international standards and practices of good governance and Scouting. This will be done through the GSAT.

GSAT is a quality standard belonging to the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). It assesses the conformity of a Scout National Scout Organization with international good governance and Scouting practices ”. The tool is based on the consolidation of requirements specific to the Scout movement. It also appreciates best practices in management and good governance. The Confederation of Senegalese Scouting gathering spent two days at its headquarters in the Fahd building to develop an organizational compliance plan.

“The purpose of the GSAT Standard is to serve as a reference point of good practice for National Scout Organizations. Its application will enable the CSS to assess its strengths and opportunities, and thus increase its accountability to its stakeholders,” said Serge Badji, Commissioner-General of Scouts and Guides of Senegal.

Three major committees were created during the workshop for the success of this new mission. They are the “Institutional Development, Strategic Framework, Communication and Finance and Human Resources” clusters.

Read more at [http://www.senlibaar.com/actualite/scoutisme-senegalais-vers-conformite-organisationnelle7utm_source=Media+Brief+recipients&utm_campaign=bf-691b5a6-EMAIL-CAMPAIGN_2017_04_03&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3d11fac2d54-b691b5a6-17379629](http://www.senlibaar.com/actualite/scoutisme-senegalais-vers-conformite-organisationnelle7utm_source=Media+Brief+recipients&utm_campaign=bf-691b5a6-EMAIL-CAMPAIGN_2017_04_03&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3d11fac2d54-b691b5a6-17379629)

**Associação dos Escuteiros de São Tomé e Príncipe declared a Member of WOSM**

Associação dos Escuteiros de São Tomé e Príncipe is declared a Member Organization of WOSM, effective as of 8 May 2017.

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) welcomes Associação dos Escuteiros de São Tomé e Príncipe, the National Scout Organization (NSO) of the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe. WOSM currently has a total of 165 NSOs in more than 220 countries and territories in the world.

Scouting was introduced in São Tomé and Príncipe in 1970, following the initiative of a local priest Manuel Casinha. Unfortunately, this initial experiment did not continue since the people involved had to leave to study abroad. After the country’s independence, there was no place for Scouting. It was not until March 1993 when Scouting was revived through the initiative of the Catholic Church (and Bishop Dom Abílio Ribas). In this initial phase, it benefited from the knowledge and action of a young French Scout (Christophe Desmet) who was working in the island.

Associação dos Escuteiros de São Tomé e Príncipe (AESTP) has been legally registered since December 2011. Their initial constitution has been approved by the government and they are now in process of recognition of a new version, as approved by the WOSM Constitution Committee.

"On behalf of the Africa Scout Committee, the World Scout Bureau Africa Support Centre and Scouts from the Africa Region, I wish to extend our congratulations to the entire leadership of Associação dos Escuteiros de São Tomé e Príncipe for achieving this important milestone. Your commitment and dedication has resulted in the opening of doors..."
Scouts in Togo met from 19-21 May 2017 at the headquarters of Association des Scouts du Togo (AST) to review the Youth Programme with some 30 participants drawn from the Messengers of Peace national patrol, Scout leaders, regional program officers, youth representatives and the Chief Commissioner. This effort is to ensure that the Programme stays relevant and meets the needs and aspirations of the young person in the movement.

The aim of this workshop was to assess the work carried out and to make the necessary updates for the extension of the program and its implementation in the regions and districts of Togo. The workshop also assessed Scout and Togolese values and the challenges the being faced by young people with a view to harmonize pedagogical techniques and activities into a document entitled “Educational Program or Youth Progress of the AST.” The program aims at making the young people, responsible and active citizens in accordance with Scouting’s vision.

Read more at https://www.scout.org/node/348601

The Scouts of Niger recently established an English Club to help bridge the language gap among its members. The aim of the club is to provide a platform for Scouts and non Scouts to learn, improve and master English language skills.

The first meeting held on 24th May 2017 brought together 26 young people from four Scout Groups in Niamey. Among the items covered in this inaugural session include - Scouting terms, greetings, self introduction, vocabulary and some practice activities.

"Hopefully, we expect to attract more non Scout young people so as to increase the NSOs membership to contribute towards the attainment of WOSM’s Vision 2023," said one of the Club leaders. Beyond this, the club also seeks to enable the Scouts to effectively take part in international Scout gatherings as well as to help them become better learners at School.

The opening session was honored by the presence of a guest speaker from the American English Language Programme English Club, Mr. Youssouf Malika.

Read more at https://www.scout.org/node/349731

Regional Leader Trainers Workshop Held in Embu

Thirty-five leaders (28 male and 7 female) from 10 National Scout Organizations (NSOs) attended the 1st ever Africa Regional Course for Leaders Trainers at the Embu Scouts Centre in Kenya. The week-long course was organized by the World Scout Bureau Africa Support Centre and hosted by Kenya Scouts Association. The NSOs represented were: Botswana, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania and Uganda.

The participants of this course were adults who have completed their Assistant Leader Training course and are currently actively supporting leader training within their NSOs.

Scouting offers young people the opportunity to develop their full emotional, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible global citizens, and as members of their local, national and international communities. Young people are the main players in this non-formal educational process that also requires adequate adult support, which is usually provided by adult volunteers. The course, therefore aims at equipping the leaders with skills and competencies to deliver training for adult Scout leaders in their NSOs to support delivery of youth programme to young people.

Although young people are at the very centre of Scouting activities (choosing, planning, executing and evaluating), the support of adults is key. These adult volunteers play a central role in the delivery of the Scout Programme. This support can take different forms (educational, organizational, etc.) and varies according to the age range of the Scouts.

In accordance with the Adults in Scouting Policy, one of the key roles of the World Scout Bureau is to support NSOs in their efforts to recruit, train and retain adult leaders. As the youth membership of the movement continues to grow, so should the number of adult volunteers. The participants of this course were therefore expected to go back as resource persons who would help their respective NSOs in building capacity for more adult volunteers to support the young people in Scouting.

The course which ended on Saturday 27th May 2017 was also graced by the new Chief Scout of Kenya, Prof. Jacob Kaimenyi. The Chief Scout appreciated the leaders for leaving their day-to-day activities to further their knowledge in Scouting so as to contribute to the quality of Scouting in their countries. He further urged the leaders to use the knowledge and skills gained to train more adult volunteers to ensure that young people are well supported to enjoy the Scout programme. “Trainers are critical stakeholders in Scouting - they are the gatekeepers of Scouting ideals and values,” he concluded.

Read more at https://www.scout.org/node/349761
Donate a Brick Campaign for the Nyeri International Scout Centre Project

About 150 kilometres from Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya stands PAXTU, the last residence of the founder of Scouting, Lord Baden Powell. Towards the sunset of his fulfilled life, The Chief Scout of the World had chosen to retire at the foot of Mount Kenya, in the area of the Central Highlands region in Nyeri. It is also here that he and his wife, Lady Olave Powell, Chief Guide of the World, chose to be buried.

In 1989, the 7th Africa Scout Conference meeting in Lome, Togo resolved to establish an International Scout Centre in Nyeri, in honour of the founder and offer Scouts from all over the world an opportunity to experience the peace and tranquility with nature that the founder experienced there.

At long last, the Government of Kenya has allocated a 2.02 hectare pieces of land for the establishment of the Nyeri International Scout Centre. Now we need your support in realizing this long overdue project.

Any special contribution you make towards it, individually or as a group, organization or company, will also be acknowledged in a special manner with a certificate and/or by naming one of the facilities after you. Your support counts!

This support could be channeled through the Africa Scout Foundation. To join the Foundation, please write to the Regional Director/Secretary to the Africa Scout Foundation Board at africa@scout.org and we will get back to follow up in processing your membership. More information about the Foundation can be found at www.scout.org/africascoutfoundation. You can also interact with us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AfricaScoutFoundation.

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Staff Changes

We are pleased to announce that our colleague Mercyline Bussolo has successfully completed her 3-month probation period and has been appointed as the substantive Manager of the Administration and Finance Department of our Africa Support Centre. Please join us in congratulating Mercyline for this new appointment and wishing her every success.

Africa Support Centre Welcomes French Volunteers

This is to introduce to you Ms. Camille-Maylis Meunier and Ms. Fanny Hugou who have joined the World Scout Bureau Africa Support Centre as volunteers effective 8th May 2017 within the framework of the partnership between the Africa Support Centre and Scouts et Guides de France (SGDF). They will be working with us for a period of 11 and 10 months respectively, to offer support mainly to Development Support, Strategic Engagements, and Communications Departments.

Ms. Camille-Maylis has a Master’s degree in Geopolitics and International Security from the Institut Catholique de Paris and did an internship at the French National Assembly as a parliamentary attaché. She also did another internship as project manager at the Lobby Européen des Femmes.

Ms. Fanny has a Master’s degree in Social Politics and a Bachelor’s Degree in Economic and Social Administration. She has worked with Association Benenova as an intern with the desk officer in charge of Partnerships and Development and as research fellow at Défenseur des Droits.

Please join us in welcoming Camille-Maylis and Fanny, and in and wishing them every success in their new work.

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