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YOUTH FORUM**



Forum Report

13th WSYF Planning Committee



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Foreword

As a symbolic link between the 13th World Scout Youth Forum (WSYF) and the 41st World Scout Conference, the themes "Dream ... Believe ... Act!" and "Together for positive change", confirm the Forum's important role as an event that empowers and inspires young people by developing their skills in the decision-making process.

This Forum was, with 116 participant countries and 236 participants, the biggest ever organised. We would like here to commend the Association of Scouts of Azerbaijan (ASA) for the solidarity operation they organised that contributed greatly to this success.

With a usage of around four million, #ScoutForum demonstrated the success of the digital commitment of young people across the Movement. In this sense, the use of a dedicated platform on scout.org, the WSYF mobile application and e-voting have been important tools to maximise the engagement in and around the Forum.

In the same vein, the formation of a planning committee for the very first time in its current format, eased the workload of the Youth Advisors and helped them to focus on their role within the World Scout Committee (WSC). This Planning Committee, which had a balanced gender and Regional representation, allowed for more young people to engage with the work of WOSM.

Having International Teams have been instrumental in providing global views and impartial decisions during plenary and group deliberations. We sought to promote each participant's leadership and unlock their potential to be global active citizens.

We have worked to make this Forum a real educational tool by giving participants opportunities to debate on the 2017-2020 Triennial Plan, the draft resolutions proposed by the WSC and the Member Organizations as well as by providing skill-focused trainings and reflective sessions on the topic of active citizenship, leadership and sustainability.

We would like to thank all the participants of the 13th WSYF who fostered a positive and exciting dynamic at this event. We also must highlight the fruitful experience of working with professionals from the World Scout Bureau, and having intergenerational dialogues with the members of the WSC. It is also important to thank KAICIID Dialogue Centre and WOSM dialogue facilitators for organising a Dialogue for Peace training before the Forum.

Last but not least, we would also like to thank the Host team who spared no effort to make this Forum truly incredible and magical.

Yours in Scouting,

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Executive Summary

This 13th edition of the World Scout Youth Forum (WSYF) was a real roller coaster ride, full of thrills and fun, in the true spirit of Scouting: to have fun with a purpose!

During the four days, participants not only engaged in training activities, policy-making processes but also had a unique opportunity to come together as one big Scout family, forging links among one another that will last forever.

Building on the growing expertise of the WOSM Communications team, particular efforts were made to use the latest technology available to ensure the best engagement possible with participants, through an event app and an online discussion platform, and original video content.

Besides this internal focus, livestreaming and constant social media interactions also allowed us to reach the biggest number of people in the history of the Forum with about four million people reached through social media, giving us yet another reason to be extremely proud of the outcomes of the Forum.

Considering the challenges of our time and the need to take aggressive actions to limit the impact of human activities on our environment, special efforts were made to adopt sustainable behaviours.

A sustainability challenge badge, special agreements with the hotel to limit the amount of cleaning and sheet changes in the rooms as well as organising one fully vegetarian meal were among some of the efforts made to limit the carbon footprint of the event. A tree planting activity was cancelled due to arid weather conditions in the summer. It would have allowed us to set another milestone by having a carbon-neutral event for the first time in World Scouting's history.

Building on the good practices from the 12th WSYF, participants were grouped in international teams of up to ten people based on several criteria such as regional balance, experience of attending a WSYF and gender balance to ensure diversity. Through these teams and because of the more educational atmosphere of the Forum, an incredible unity was created among participants, bridging people across different cultures and nationalities.

It is also our utmost pleasure to report that new Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee were elected and that the following six people will take over for the 2017-2020 triennium:

- **Diana Carrillo, Mexico**
- **Mori Cheng, Hong Kong**
- **Julius Kramer, Sweden**
- **Edgar Marumbu, Kenya**
- **Martin Meier, Lichtenstein**
- **Amal Ridene, Tunisia**

The Forum concluded on a serious note with the voting of the amendment proposals to draft resolutions and the 2017-2020 Triennial Plan.

We are excited to see how the high-quality proposals will fare at the World Scout Conference, further reinforcing what we have been knowing all along, that young people are fully capable, and deserve, to be equal partners in the decision-making of our Movement.

Summary of Forum Discussions

Active Citizenship

As it is the main topic of our event, we planned several activities to get participants to reflect on diverse aspects connected to active engagement in the community. To provide a context and a frame bigger than that of our Movement, emphasising the mission of Scouting to interact with the world to make it a better place, we decided to use the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by the United Nations in 2015.

The use of the Better World Framework that gathers all WOSM programmes at all levels as well as programmes with partners toward one goal, is essential to achieve what we promised – creating a better world.

Through some sessions and side activities, participants were asked to reflect on how they can help to achieve some of these goals in the hope that these ambitious objectives might provide an inspiration and encourage participants to act.

On a more personal level, we also wanted to allow participants to reflect on whether their everyday actions might contradict with their values. Building on the principle that small actions, on an everyday basis can lead to great change, as introduced during the opening speech of the World Scout Committee Chairperson, João Armando Gonçalves.

Participants who ranked the protection of the environment as one of their top priority were asked, for example, to reflect on whether they were making a conscious effort, in their everyday life and their consumption habits, to limit their impact on the environment.

Specific training sessions on important skills required to equip leaders to realise their dreams also completed this process, and participants were given basic trainings on topics such as fundraising, project management, partnerships, negotiation, etc.

Sustainability

Considering that limiting the negative consequences of organising our event on our environment was of the highest priority for the planning committee, as well as a moral duty required to 'walk the talk' and align our actions with our Scouting values, an ambitious plan was put in place to organise a Forum that would be as green as possible.

The milestone that was set to carbon neutrality and plans were made to both limit our pollution production and compensate for the unavoidable footprint of our activities, especially the flights of participants. A tree planting was decided as the best way to compensate for our footprint while allowing yet an additional educational element to the Forum, in support of our transversal topic: sustainability.

We also negotiated with the hotel to limit the amount of disposable items used for coffee breaks and lunches but also took more unconventional measures like limiting the amount of cleaning and sheet changes in the rooms during the event. A checklist of potential actions was created by the sustainability team recruited from former participants of the 12th World Scout Youth Forum (WSYF) and the Host team did everything they could to implement all of them.



A final noticeable action was the decision to have one fully vegetarian meal during that Forum as meat has a very high carbon footprint compared to vegetables, and this would therefore have a relatively significant impact.

To use all opportunities to provide additional learning opportunities to participants, a sustainability challenge badge was created to raise awareness and support our plans to limit our energy and waste production.

A real badge was specifically designed by yet another participant from the 12th WSYF and we are happy to report that a sizeable number of participants engaged in this challenge and strove to among other things, limit the time they would spend in the shower, turn off appliances not in use, prevent food waste, calculate the carbon footprint of their flights and post about some of our initiatives on social networks to inspire more people to do similar initiatives in the future.

However, we must report that we did not manage to organise all the activities we planned, including the most important one to achieve our ambitious target: tree planting. Our plans to organise it during the interevent were thwarted by no other than mother nature herself as we were advised that the summer weather conditions in Azerbaijan would prevent the seeds or small trees from growing. To inspire future

World events in Scouting, we felt it was however still important to mention our original plans in this report.

Leadership

In society at large, explicit leadership development programmes often reach people who are already interested in leadership. Scouting stands out because it encourages all its members to develop leadership knowledge, skills and attitudes, through the correct application of the Scout Method. By having leadership skills, Scouts become active citizen and hence make social impact.

There are four dimensions in Leadership in Scouting Model – Visionary Skill, Management Skill, People Skill and Self-management Skill. In this Forum, participants have learned about the model. By recognising their leadership experiences throughout their life as a Scout, they could identify what leadership skills they have already acquired.

By posting their already acquired skills on the leadership in Scouting Model banner, they realised their strengths and weaknesses, and the actions they can take to improve and nurture their abilities.

Another important aspect of this work is to share their stories with others. During the session participants shared their stories with others in small group. Not only that, by using social media participants were asked to continuously share their leadership experience to wider audience with #leadership.

Digital Engagement

Social media

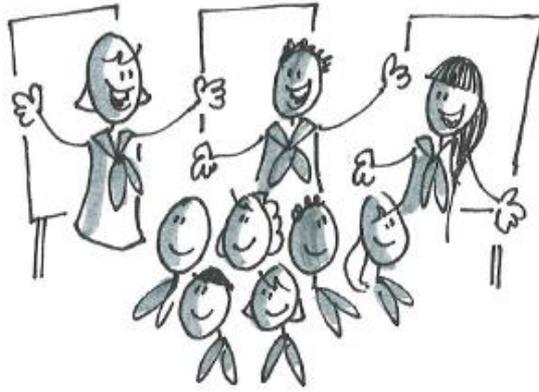
The Forum was present all over social media with the official campaign hashtag: #ScoutForum, 1.5 million posts in more than 10 languages were generated by participants, stake holders and promoters of youth involvement using the hashtag, generating over 5 million impressions on users of Instagram, Twitter and Facebook channels from all over the world.

As well, official content generated by the Forum media team including daily report videos, photographs and articles, generated over 3 million impressions on the official WSYF and World Scouting channels in Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Flickr.

WSYF mobile app

The engagement achieved throughout the Forum totalled 11.5k. This figure included the total number of actions across all users, including engagement with sessions, speakers, exhibitors, attendees, social networks, and more.

The User Contributions amounted to 1.84k social shares, attendee messages, and more across the event. Total number of minutes all attendees have spent using the app is 2.75 million whereas the total number of unique users across IOS, Android and web totalled 241.



Impact

Institutional

As the main means of youth involvement in the highest decision-making body of our Movement, the impact that the work of the Forum participants will potentially have at the World Scout Conference (WScnf) is of paramount significance, to ensure that the highest steps on the ladder of participation that can be reached.

The WSYF has been gaining influence for several cycles now and we tried our best to build on the progress and strengthen the perception that the Forum is not a tokenistic tool but a meaningful contributor to the governance of our Movement.

While it is impossible to say at the moment of writing this report, which amendment proposals from the WSYF will be presented and adopted at the WScnf, we are confident that the quality of the proposals that were discussed and approved during the WSYF will allow for most of them to be presented, and hopefully adopted by the WScnf and our Member Organizations.

The Final Declaration of the WSYF is a complex document to analyse. It has little space to be presented at the WScnf and is not even a stand-alone document as it is presented only in the context of this report.

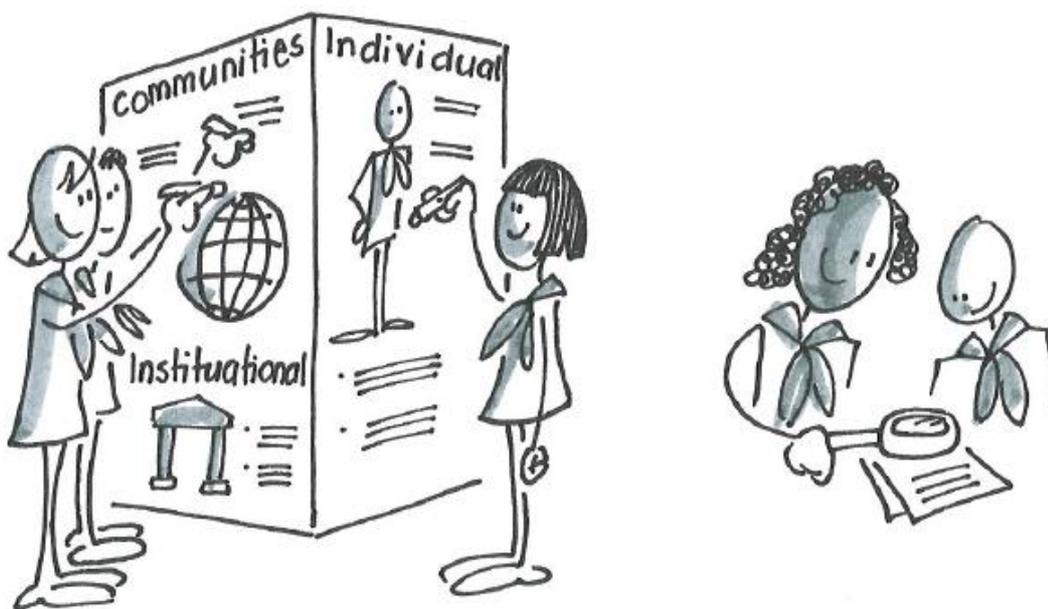
Furthermore, and given the changes in the Rules of Procedure of the WScnf, which forbade the WSYF from proposing draft resolutions as was previous the case for the 12th WSYF, it was almost unavoidable for the Final Declaration not to become the only space where symbolic declarations could be done. Structured to follow the different Strategic Priorities, the final document expresses an important number of messages that young people wanted to share with the Movement.

Individual

One of the things that make the WSYF such a special event is the incredible environment it creates, through notably the system of International Teams and the training sessions, that brings participants from all over the world together. Our global community never expresses itself so well in other more institutional events than at the WSYF.

By asking participants to work in International Teams to propose amendments and points for a vote, it breaks the national-centred logic that can be seen at the World Scout Conference and helps bring about a fantastic experience for all the participants.

Topics get discussed among people from different cultures that would otherwise never be possible, intercultural exchanges strengthen the open-mindedness and the sense of global citizenship of all attending. It is, therefore, safe to say that participants develop or further an incredible number of skills and competences and become better leaders, better communicators and therefore better Scouts.



Conclusion

Dream, believe, act. A simple, yet very powerful message. A call to action, because actions are the only thing that bring about change and yet linked to two fundamental principles as well. Because the world would be a sorry place if we did not have dreams, because dreams would never amount to anything if people did not find the courage to believe in them, to try and make them happen.

In that sense, leading and dreaming are so very complementary, often very lonely. Once applied, they benefit everyone and yet before people are willing to accept the change they offer, their bearers must confront a swirl of negativity, convince and lobby, face ignorance and fear, soldier on and achieve, a necessary but difficult exercise against a skeptical humanity that judges.

For four days, surrounded by the beauties of nature, more than 200 young people from around the world, came together and pursued this amazing adventure. Seeds were planted, friendships were started, one step at a time.

Towards a better world we ran, inspired and exhilarated, convince that our actions, done together, would provide some change, to a Movement and a planet that will otherwise never be able to sustain the harsh conditions of human existence, the evolution of society and the world, that blindly keeps on moving, careless about our ability to follow, the path in which God or destiny simply mellows.

A word of thanks

The 13th WSYF Planning Committee would like to express its gratitude to the volunteers and staff from the ASA Host team and WOSM team for their efforts to make this forum a great success. It would like also to thank the drafting committee and the tellers of the Forum for their commitment and performance.

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Appendix

Draft resolutions by the World Scout Committee

Inclusive Decision-making – Developing the World Scout Conference and the World Scout Youth Forum (2017-G)

CONFDOC4A2017G-AMENDMENT01 [Addition]

- Calls upon the World Scout Committee to explore the future composition of NSO delegations particularly as to how Youth Participation (under 30) can be increased;

CONFDOC4A2017G-AMENDMENT02 [Addition]

- Recommends to the organisers of the event that a group of young volunteers, beyond the Youth Advisors, representing the WOSM Regions and realities are fully involved in the planning process of the new event model that is bound to replace the World Scout Youth Forum and the World Scout Conference;

CONFDOC4A2017G-AMENDMENT03 [Addition]

- Requests the World Scout Committee to develop a set of measures to ensure meaningful participation and effective youth contribution to any potential new event;
- Calls upon the World Scout Committee to ensure that any possible new event in 2023 retains an educational element for the development of participants, in order to promote more effective participation in decision-making processes;

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2017-H)

CONFDOC4A2017H-AMENDMENT01 [Additions and Amendment]

- Reaffirming WOSM's Vision 2023 and World Scouting's long-term commitment to advancing sustainable development and offering transformative non-formal education for young people,
- Reaffirming WOSM's Communication and Strategic Engagements Strategy and World Scouting's commitment to advocate for a better world for young people and future generations and empowering young people to become active citizens,
- Recalling Conference Resolution 2005-18: Scouting and Environment, Conference Resolution 2005-20: Sustainable Development, and Conference Resolution 2014-14: Advocating for a better world,
- Welcoming the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2015, calling for a global call of action for people, planet and prosperity, with 17 goals and 169 targets,
- Acknowledging the long-standing partnership between World Scouting and the United Nations, and WOSM's status as an accredited observer organization to the United Nations,
- Acknowledging the strong relevance to WOSM of several Sustainable Development Goals to World Scouting, in particular Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education, Goal 5: Gender Equality, Goal 13: Climate Change, Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals,
- noting the draft objectives related to WOSM's contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals proposed for the Triennial Plan 2017-2020,
- Acknowledging the strong relevance to WOSM of the entire 2030 Agenda,
- Recognising SDG 4: 'Ensure inclusive and quality education and lifelong learning' as being of particular relevance to the Mission of Scouting and as WOSM's primary means of contributing to the 2030 Agenda
- Acknowledging the Paris Agreement, Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development and the UN Security Council Resolution 2250 as complementary frameworks to the 2030 Agenda;
- Acknowledging that the interconnected and indivisible nature of the Sustainable Development Goals demands a holistic approach that integrates the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development.
- Strongly urges Member Organizations to play an active role in promoting the Sustainable Development Goals and showcasing the contributions of World Scouting to the realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

- *Requests the World Scout Bureau to further develop and monitor the contributions of World Scouting to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to report on the progress of this work to the World Scout Conference;*
- *Requests the World Scout Committee to ensure future WOSM Triennial Plans continue contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals.*
- Requests the World Scout Bureau to develop tools to help Member Organizations monitor and showcase their contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Requests the World Scout Bureau to support Member Organizations in the integration of the Sustainable Development Goals into the Youth Programme;
- Requests the World Scout Committee to review the Better World Framework to incorporate the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Encourages Member Organizations to engage in partnerships with other stakeholders and sectors, to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;
- Urges the World Scout Committee to adopt the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals as a transversal topic, to be addressed as a cross-cutting framework throughout all strategic priorities and decisions;

Draft resolutions by Member Organizations

Review of World Scout Committee Size for Improved Efficiency, Accountability, and Effectiveness (2017-K)

CONFDOC4B2017K-AMENDMENT01 [Addition]

Preamble:

- reaffirming its commitment to increase youth involvement in decision-making;

CONFDOC4B2017K-AMENDMENT02 [Addition]

- Calls upon the World Scout Committee to review the membership size and structure of the World Scout Committee for the most effective membership to carry out its responsibilities in an efficient manner, including young people in the decision-making process;

Youth Advisor Functions and Responsibilities (2017-L)

CONFDOC4B2017L-AMENDMENT01 [Addition]

Preamble:

- Noting the proposed resolution 2017-G "Inclusive Decision Making – Developing the World Scout Conference and Youth Forum" in reference to the future status of the World Scout Youth Forum;

CONFDOC4B2017L-AMENDMENT02 [Addition and Amendment]

Preamble: [Addition]

- Emphasising the dynamic nature of the content of circulars and the need for a set list of roles and responsibilities for Youth Advisors;

Recommendations: [Amendment]

Requests the World Scout Committee, in partnership with the newly elected and former Youth Advisors, to allocate resources and establish a team tasked with,

- developing a list of functions for Youth Advisors that improves upon and further specifies the defined role of the Youth Advisors stated in Circular N°5/2017;
- reviewing the responsibilities to the World Scout Committee and to WOSM defined in Roles of the Youth Advisor;

Amendments to the Triennial Plan - CONFDOC6A

CONFDOC6A-Amendment01 [Addition]

3.2. "Emerging key priorities" for the Triennial Plan 2017-2020

The current World Scout Committee deems it important to highlight to the Conference those key priorities it has seen emerging on a high strategic level from the analysis phase:
(...)

- Leverage strategic engagements and partnerships
 - To position WOSM as the leading educational youth Movement, a selective and focused approach on engagements and partnerships is required, targeting those with the highest mutual benefit in the public and private sectors as well as in civil society.
 - A key priority in this context should be put on showcasing and measuring our contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals throughout the Movement.
 - NSOs should create and promote partnerships on a local level with NGOs and other relevant stakeholders, working to achieve the SDGs and ensuring that young people is involved in solving challenges and issues within their community.

Educational Methods

CONFDOC6A-Amendment02 [Edit]

General

Increase the effectiveness of the Youth Programme and Adults in Scouting systems in NSOs by supporting the implementation of World policies, World programmes, initiatives, frameworks, platforms and world events.

CONFDOC6A-Amendment03 [Addition]

Youth Programme and Adults in Scouting

Investigate and report on the use of technology as an educational tool and on its potential implementation throughout the Scout Movement.

CONFDOC6A-Amendment04 [Addition]

Youth Programme and Adults in Scouting

Increase the level of technological integration in the Scouting programme.

CONFDOC6A-Amendment05 [Defeated]

CONFDOC6A-Amendment06 [Edit]

Youth Programme and Adults in Scouting

Develop a strategy and resources to improve the recruitment, retention, succession, recognition and validation of Adults competencies in Scouting, taking in consideration demographic, technological and volunteering trends to enable further growth.

CONFDOC6A-Amendment07 [Edit]

World Events

Consolidate the World Scout Education Congress as the main World Scout Event, held once per triennium to discuss the educational profile of Scouting and to further position it as the world's leading educational youth movement.

CONFDOC6A-Amendment08 [Edit]

World Events

Increase the participation in and benefit of young people from World Scout Events by introducing innovative methods such as networked events and virtual engagement.

Diversity and Inclusion

CONFDOC6A-Amendment09 [Edit]

Support NSOs to increase their membership by better reflecting the youth and adult composition of local communities and society.

CONFDOC6A-Amendment10 [Addition]

[The vision of WOSM is to enable 100 million young people to be active citizens creating positive change in their communities and in the world. With this vision, we aim not just to grow our own movement, but to make an impact in the society reaching out to young people that are not and will not be a part of scouting. We do this, because we want to create a better world.]

The strategy - the Triennial Plan - is a step on the way to reach our vision. This should be reflected in the Triennial Plan. If we want to focus on reaching our vision, the first point in 'Diversity and inclusion' should not focus on only growing our own movement, but expanding the impact of our movement and thereby grow not just in number but in impact.

Furthermore, we want to highlight that the goal is to assist NSOs to better reflect the youth composition of their society, and as an effect of that, grow in reach, impact and number. We want to have an impact beyond our own members!]

Support NSOs to better reflect the youth composition of their local society to enable more young people to be active citizens.

Social Impact

CONFDOC6A-Amendment11 [Addition]

Increase impact by

Recognising and supporting NSOs inclusion of refugees in the Scouting Movement through the programme.

CONFDOC6A-Amendment12 [Defeated]

CONFDOC6A-Amendment13 [Addition]

Increase impact by

Supporting NSOs in the development of training tools that recognise the effect the social impact tool has on the communities' understanding of Scouting.

CONFDOC6A-Amendment14 [Amendment]

Increase impact by

~~Delivering Scouting to young people in areas affected by natural or human-induced disasters by providing support to concerned NSOs. Prioritising education, inclusion and humanitarian programs that target people in areas affected by natural or human-induced disasters through the provision of support to concerned NSOs.~~

Communications and External Relations

CONFDOC6A-Amendment15 [Addition]

Strategic Engagements

Engage with key entities to:

- Attract support for Scouting
- Create positive change through **advocacy** on core issues affecting Scouting based on the CSE Strategy
- Promote Scouting's contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Support NSOs to create and promote local partnerships to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

CONFDOC6A-Amendment16 [Addition]

Strategic Engagements

[Expressing its appreciation for all the work that has been done in the past with WAGGGS, Bearing in mind that as brother and sister Movements founded in the same period by the same persons we share common values;

Recognising all the work that WAGGGS has done in last few years together with other organisations to enable young women to be active citizen, in the same direction of our own vision.]

Establish a meaningful and fruitful collaboration with WAGGGS regarding:

- the creation of a positive change through advocacy on core issues affecting Scouting and Guiding
- the development of a World strategy through the SDGs

Governance

CONFDOC6A-Amendment17 [Addition]

Good Governance

Strive towards a more equitable representation of genders in WOSM governance bodies and throughout the Movement.

CONFDOC6A-Amendment18 [Addition]

Sustainability

Review all the World and Regional events to ensure better working methods and facilities in accordance to SDGs.

Final Declaration of the 13th World Scout Youth Forum

We, the young people of the Scouting Movement, delegates and observers, have gathered in Gabala, Azerbaijan, from 7-10 August 2017, at the 13th World Scout Youth Forum in order to become more empowered and inspired, and develop skills in decision-making which can be used within Scouting and society.

Through this Declaration, we:

- unite the voices of young people in Scouting;
- share the vision, wishes, decisions and principles that are most valued by youth members today in the hope of informing and guiding the development of the Scouting Movement;
- note the summary of discussions, dialogue, and debates that took place during the sessions of the Forum;
- celebrate the historic levels of participation, with 236 delegates from 116 Member Organizations participating in this Forum;
- draw attention to the fact that 96% (226 of 236 delegates) will also take part in the World Scout Conference in the week after this Forum;
- express our hope that the number of young people partaking in these global decision-making processes continues to increase;
- recognise that although it is non-binding, this declaration represents the views of Scouts around the world and thus deserves due attention and importance;
- emphasize that active citizenship is at the core of the vision and values we promote and that this declaration represents an expression of this vision.

On Youth Engagement...

Recognising the differences in the level of Youth Engagement and Youth Involvement throughout the Regions and;

Believing in the promotion of leadership development opportunities for both youth and adults, in line with the Triennial Plan, to be a critical component of strengthening the leaders of the Movement;

1.1 We call on the World Scout Committee to:

- seek assurance from Member Organizations that they are developing intergenerational partnerships
- pledge to continue Youth Involvement in global decision-making
- monitor Member Organizations to make sure that they have democratic structures that enable young people to be part of decision-making processes at all levels within the Member Organizations
- increase support structures to build the capacity of young people in various roles of responsibility and increase the inter-generational relationship and practical Youth Involvement
- continue emphasising, in both word and deed, leadership development as a core tenet of the Scouting programme

Considering that the current Youth Advisor and World Scout Committee system might discourage competent and visionary young people from putting themselves forward as fully equal voting members of the WSC.

1.2 We request the World Scout Committee and Youth Advisors to:

- critically assess the added value of the current system
- consider the possibility of, as a potential way forward in the spirit of meaningful Youth Involvement, reversing the current roles in the WSC by establishing an Elderly Advisors system for the young World Scout Committee

1.3 We recommend Member Organizations to:

- take steps that allow their representatives to have a sufficient level of preparation to ensure that they can actively contribute in all aspects of the Forum and Conference. Young people should be encouraged to attend these events and supported throughout the preparation and the events' activities.

Welcoming the proposal of the development of a new event in 2023;

Taking into account the different situations regarding Youth Empowerment in decision-making processes among the Member Organizations and Regions;

1.4 We also call on Member Organizations to:

- increase youth representation in the World Scout Conference, and to have youth members in their delegations as delegates

1.5 We call on the Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee to:

- work on establishing a network ideally consisting of at least one representative from every Member Organization that attended the Forum:
- ensure continued communication between the Youth Advisors and those they are representing
- act as a support mechanism for youths
- ensure the continuation of the work started at this forum
- find other easy access channel of communication besides the 'Youth Wall' to ensure that every scout is able to be fully informed
- promote the inclusion of young people in national delegations as delegates to the World Scout Conference

1.6 We invite those involved in the review process of the Forum to:

- develop a set of measures to ensure quality participation and youth contribution in the new event to ensure coherence
- strive forward to keep the educational value for the less experienced participants
- propose a pre-event for this new model focusing on less experienced participants, aiming to ensure their proper preparation for the conference
- establish one consolidated agenda for all participants

On Social Impact...

Recalling that Scouting is an educational movement that is constitutionally non-political.

Noting that Scouts take informed political actions on issues that are in conflict with the definition of non-political movement,

Declaring that as a part of society and as an organisation that has values, Scouting cannot avoid being political.

Considering Scouting as a political movement that is NON-PARTISAN-

Observing that the Scout Movement has taken and will continue to take stances on global social issues as it is the only way to reach its purpose of creating a better world as well as allowing NSOs to actively take part in developing their society and creating social impact.

3.1 We call on the World Scout Committee to:

- review and consider the concept of 'non-political' in the constitution in order to enable Scouts to be active citizens in contemporary times

3.2 We also call on the World Scout Committee to:

- further promote tools for the continuation of successful projects that create sustainable long term social impact on targeted beneficiaries including, but not limited to, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, processes for sharing best practices and coordinating large scale projects, etc.

On Diversity and Inclusion...

Recognising that each individual is unique and a member of a diverse society;

Recalling that the Scout Movement is open to everyone,

Emphasising that the Scout Movement is value-based;

Conscious of the existence of legal barriers in some countries concerning Diversity and Inclusion.

We call on the World Scout Committee to:

- promote to NSOs and scouts all over the world to, when possible, be aware of the diversity of sexual orientations that exist in the world
- design a framework for concerned NSOs to use for the planning and implementation of activities that takes into consideration the diversity of sexual orientation and ensures equality without discrimination
- create a comfortable environment with support (financial and social) for Scouts with different backgrounds and socio-economic status

- ensure Scouts with different backgrounds and socio-economic status are able to participate within the delivery of World-level programmes
- create and promote the use of a more inclusive language in all Scouting environments
- discourage the funding which origins goes against Diversity and Inclusion standards of our Movement
- discourage the funding and promotion of events and programmes that go against Diversity and Inclusion
- ensure gender diversity is represented in all levels of Scouting
- ensure that all Scouting events are accessible and suitable for people with disabilities

On Communications and Strategic Engagements...

4.1 We request the World Organization of the Scout Movement to:

- effectively communicate messages and announcements through official online channels and work towards minimising unnecessary unofficial channels in order to streamline communications and reach out to all

4.2 We recommend Member Organizations to:

- ensure that leaders and young people are made aware of;
 - what World Scouting is
 - upcoming international events
 - the impact of Scouting as a global movement

On Governance and NSO Support...

Recalling the principles of youth engagement proposed in the Triennial Plan and the need for its application on an operational level.

5.1 We encourage the World Scout Conference to:

- commence a review and make recommendations regarding the possible full integration of the Youth Advisors into the World Scout Committee

5.2 We call on the World Scout Committee to:

- encourage Member Organizations to have younger people participating in all levels of their governance structure. It is fundamental that these young people are supported in these roles by the Member Organizations.
- provide guidance and training material to Member Organizations on how to:
 - prepare young people to participate in governance conversations;
 - select young people that will provide value at the national and World level;
 - ensure long term continuity as delegations change between Youth Forums.
- develop better governance practices relating to the fulfilment of Vision 2023 through methods such as, but not limited to, improving accountability and transparency of those we elect through increased communication on their progress
- create a space in the current online platforms (Facebook, WSYF app, scout.org, etc.) where Youth Advisors engage, consult and interact with young people around the world, generating dialogue by sharing and updating their work.

5.3 We request the Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee to:

- work for a greater involvement of young people in Vision 2023 through improved collaboration between WOSM Youth Advisors and Regional Youth Advisors and other young people

On the Sustainable Development Goals...

Referring to the Resolution 'Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development' adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015;

Noting the power of every individual to create significant change in the world through small, everyday actions as well as the ability of everybody to start actions;

Taking into consideration the proposed amendments made on the Draft Resolution on 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2017-H) at the 13th World Scout Youth Forum.

Deeply convinced that young people play an essential role in achieving the SDGs, and that the Youth Advisors are in a key position to utilise ideas from these young people and to act upon them also.

6.1 We:

- urge all Scouts of the world to take ownership of these goals and start actions to reach these goals by 2030
- encourage the Youth Advisors, as a part of the World Scout Committee, to continue their efforts in making World level meetings more sustainable

6.2 We recommend the World Organization of the Scout Movement to:

- help provide guidance on how to achieve the SDGs
- create a space at scout.org that showcases best practices of the implementation of SDGs in local communities with the aim of inspiring all NSOs to work actively on the implementation of the SDGs at all levels
 - take the SDGs in consideration of all parts of WOSM not only in program and as an educational subject, more, it should be regarded in all levels of decision-making on local, national, regional and international level as the SDGs does not concern one single decision-making group but all together.

And finally...

We encourage the World Organization of the Scout Movement to serve all the Young People of the movement, not just those who can attend the Forums and Conferences.

We encourage the World Organization of the Scout Movement to serve Scouts of all ages and backgrounds, not just those who can attend international events.

Conclusion

We draw attention to the fact that the statements in this Declaration were prepared by the young people representing their Member Organizations after discussions and deliberations in international teams that were composed of Scouts from diverse backgrounds and various nationalities. Thus, this declaration fully represents the ideas and opinions of the participants as a whole.

Recalling the fact that this is the largest World Scout Youth Forum both in the number of Member Organizations represented as well as Young People, we request the World Scout Conference, the World Scout Committee, all Member Organizations and the Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee to embrace the 13th World Scout Youth Forum Final Declaration and respect the views and needs of young people all over the world.

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