



PRESS RELEASE

World Scouting Leadership to Convene in Baku for the 41st World Scout Conference

10 August 2017, Baku, Azerbaijan: Leadership from 167 National Scout Organizations representing over 40 million Scouts will convene on Monday for the World Scouting's 'general assembly', the World Scout Conference in Baku, Azerbaijan. The Conference will take place from 14-18 August 2017 at the Baku Congress Centre.

The triennial event will draw the largest delegations yet – 167 National Scout Organizations (NSOs) across the Scout Movement's Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, European and Interamerican Scout Regions.

"This particular World Scout Conference comes in a critical moment to position the Movement in the current global context, and to reinforce its educational profile and unity," said João Armando Gonçalves, Chairperson of the World Scout Committee.

Themed 'Together for Positive Change', the Conference will provide delegations the opportunity to consider the policy and standards of the Movement, and decide on issues of concern to the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). The Conference will also review the progress made towards achieving the Movement's Vision 2023.

The Conference will also witness a record number of young delegates who are currently attending the 13th World Scout Youth Forum in Gabala. They will join the Conference and present the outcomes of the Forum which will conclude today.

The previous World Scout Conference took place in 2014 in Ljubljana, Slovenia where Vision 2023 for Scouting was adopted. The Vision aims to accelerate the growth of the Movement and deepen its impact and influence by empowering 100 million Scouts.

WOSM Secretary General, Ahmad Alhendawi said, "as the world's leading educational youth movement, the World Scout Conference offers the platform for our Movement to review the progress made in the past triennium and discuss current trends affecting Scouting worldwide. As our governing body, the Conference is expected to decide on various issues and deliberate on our collective effort to achieve Vision 2023".

The Conference will also include the election of the 2017-2020 World Scout Committee, which is the executive body of WOSM. Functions of the Conference also includes the admission of new member countries, and the selection of the venues of forthcoming World Scout Events, namely the World Scout Jamboree, World Scout Conference and the World Scout Youth Forum.

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About the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)

Scouting is one of the world's leading educational youth movements, engaging millions of young people around the world to be active citizens to create positive changes in the communities they live in. Founded by Lord Baden-Powell in 1907, WOSM is a confederation of 167 National Scout Organizations in a network of over 40 million Scouts in at least 224 countries and territories worldwide. As it has been doing for more than a century – creating a better world – it will continue to do so, and even better with the many Messengers of Peace across the globe.

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