28 May 2015

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the Asia-Pacific Regional Office!

Further to our Circular No. 15/14 on the 25th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference, we are pleased to inform you that the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee has confirmed the breakout group topics during the conference.

The objective of the breakout group is to gather participants in groups to discuss extensively any one of the eight pre-selected topics, which are considered focal issues in the Asia-Pacific Region. Below are the eight pre-selected topics with brief description of each topic:


This breakout group will present the draft APR Plan 2015–2018 prepared by the APR sub-committees and approved by the Regional Scout Committee. Participants to this breakout group will take part in enriching the goals envisaged in the next triennial plan. Outcomes of the breakout group discussion will be presented to the conference plenary for approval.

2] Spirituality (as element of Educational Method of Scouting)

Based on World Scout Conference resolution 5/14, every human person has a need for the development of their spiritual dimension in life and recognises that Scouting is in a good position to address this need. This breakout group will discuss how young people, in a globalised world, should be equipped with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to help them recognise the significance of spirituality in their lives and to respect the spirituality of others. This will also be an opportunity to discuss how we interpret “Duty to God,” as a fundamental principle of Scouting.


The World Scout Conference, though Conference Resolution No. 6/14, approved a new Strategy for Scouting, including a renewed Vision Statement for 2023 and its 6 Strategic Priorities. The World Scout Conference also strongly encourages National Scout Organisations to incorporate the Strategy for Scouting into their own national strategy, taking different local realities and cultures into account. This strategic framework will be presented in this breakout group including the WOSM Triennial Plan 2014-2017, which was also approved by the World Scout Conference though the Conference Resolution No. 7/14, as the overall strategic guideline for the work to be carried out during the next Triennium.
4) Global Support

This breakout group will discuss on the “Global Support System,” where the Global Support Assessment Tool (GSAT) will be highlighted as the primary tool to support the development of and capacity building in national Scout organisations. Key Scout Leaders responsible for Organisational Development and Good Governance in the organisation are the best suited to attend this breakout group.

5) WS Youth Programme Policy

This breakout group will introduce and explain the renewed World Scout Youth Programme Policy, which was adopted as a Conference Resolution (No. 8/14) by the 40th World Scout Conference. The World Scout Conference strongly urges National Scout Organisations to take the necessary steps to reflect this Policy in their own policies and procedures and to dedicate adequate resources to the development and delivery of their Youth Programme.

6) WS Youth Involvement Policy

This breakout group will introduce the renewed World Scout Youth Involvement Policy, which was adopted as a Conference Resolution (No. 9/14) by the 40th World Scout Conference. The World Scout Conference strongly urges National Scout Organisations to implement the policy at all levels within their own organisations by putting a supporting framework in place.

7) Validating Scouting as an educational movement

This breakout group will discuss on how to revisit the Scout Method to accurately reflect 21st Century developments and the World Programme Policy. This is also a good opportunity to clarify concerns on the result of the 1st World Scout Education Congress.

8) Service Excellence

In March 2012, a concept paper on services from NSOs was released to underscore that NSOs are service providers. This breakout group will present the concept of “customer service” among NSOs. Discussions will be organised to exchange ideas on enhancing customer satisfaction.

All your delegates and observers are welcome to participate in any one of the above sessions. Please divide your delegates and observers into these eight pre-selected topics based on their interest and/or the position they hold in your NSO to prepare for the topic of their choice.

We would also like to request your Chief Delegate to fill-up the attached reply slip and send it back to us by 11 September 2015.

Thank you and best regards.

With best regards,

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