



**THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA**  
**NATIONAL SCOUT COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2017 HELD AT WOMEN DEVELOPMENT**  
**CENTRE, FCT, ABUJA**  
**COMMUNIQUE**

The Scout Association of Nigeria held its Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 at the Women Development Centre, Abuja between on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.

In attendance at the meeting were the outgoing Chief Scout of Nigeria, Engr. Ahmad Rufai Muhammad, MON; the Deputy Chief Scout, Rev. Fr. Matthias Opara, ALT; thirty-three (33) Assistant Chief Commissioners, National Headquarters Commissioners and State Scout Commissioners together with delegates from twenty-seven (27) States of the Federation and fourteen (14) observers. A total of 166 delegates attended the meeting. At the end of the meeting the following resolutions were made:

- 1) The A.G.M. appreciated the reports and valedictory speech of the former Chief Scout, Engr. Ahmad Rufai Muhammad, MON whose tenure ended on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 and who at this meeting graciously stepped down by handing over to his Deputy Chief Scout, Rev. Fr. Matthias Opara,ALT;
- 2) The Deputy Chief Scout, Rev. Fr. Matthias Opara, ALT re affirmed his promise as Ag. Chief Scout to steer the Association until the formal nomination and appointment of a substantive Chief Scout;
- 3) The meeting condemned the recent meeting of Scouts held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 in Lagos which was termed Annual General Meeting (AGM). The meeting was declared illegal, unconstitutional and therefore all decisions taken at the meeting are hereby declared null and void;
- 4) The purported appointment of the Emir of Kano, His Royal Highness, Alhaji Sanusi Lamido Sanusi II CON as the Chief Scout at the purported Lagos meeting above is also declared false, untrue, misleading and therefore declared null and void;
- 5) Following the reports of grave misconducts, unaccountability and abuse of office received on the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Olusoga Sofolahan, the meeting passed a vote of “No Confidence” on him and was therefore suspended with immediate effect while Chief Adewuyi Kusimo, LT, Assistant Chief Commissioner (South-West) was appointed Ag. Chief Commissioner as provided for in the Constitution of the Association;
- 6) The investigation and recommendation on issues leveled against the former Chief Commissioner is referred to the Disciplinary Committee;

- 7) The Ag. Chief Commissioner, Chief Adewuyi Kusimo, LT call on all members to give him their supports and cooperation to move the Association forward.
- 8) The 7-man Global Strategies Assessment Tool (GSAT) committee report was received and adopted, under which eighteen (18) documents were submitted to the Council. The Secretariat was immediately mandated to forward digital copies of the reports to the official emails of all State Scout Commissioners present at the meeting;
- 9) The meeting also elected the following principal officers of the Association:
  - a) Honorary National Secretary in person of Dr. Chukwujekwu Sunday Ibe, ALT
  - b) Honorary National Treasurer in person of Mrs. Bridget Nyameh, WB
  - c) Mallam. Zubairu Sambo Faruq, a chartered Accountant was accepted as Auditor (in line with GSAT requirement).
- 10) The meeting also resolved that the Scout Association's Bank Accounts be frozen until the appropriate channels of operating it is put in place;

The Annual General Meeting ended with decoration of Wood badge Parchments and words of encouragement to the newly elected and appointed principal officers to continue to run the Association to enable the boys and girls get maximal benefits of the Association.

**Communique Committee:**

1. Alhaji Gambo Ado : Assistant Chief Commissioner, Youth Development
2. Barrister C.I. Ihemedu : National Headquarters Commissioner Scout properties I
3. Barrister S.A. Umar : National Headquarters Commissioner Scout properties II
4. Dr. Philip Soneye : National Headquarters Commissioner Scouts in Diaspora
5. Alhaji Saka Abdulazeez : National Training Commissioner