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New Resource Available: Good Governance in National Boards

Dear Friends,

The 2017-2020 Working Group on Good Governance in National Boards recently finalised a new toolkit to support the work of the National Boards across our National Scout Organizations (NSOs). This toolkit brings together a comprehensive overview of the principles and practices of national boards that contribute to good governance.

Helping national boards to understand how they can lead effectively through good governance is vital, and the tools within this guidance can enable the board to utilise processes and actions that will support the national board in their leadership development.

This resource is aimed to assist NSOs in preparing their national boards to effectively and efficiently perform their mandate, and provide quality leadership based on the principles of good governance. It is designed for aspiring, current and newly elected members of national boards and other leadership positions, and can also be used by committees and staff in the preparation of their boards.

As such, this toolkit is fully aligned with World Scouting’s Quality Standard principles and provides a wide range of best practices and approaches on good governance coming from diverse non-profit and public sector organisations over the last decade.

I hope this will be a valuable resource in preparing your National Board and will assist you in building strong foundations for good governance in your NSO.

While it can be applied independently, we invite you to use the opportunity and request for further assistance via WOSM Services, where a trained consultant may also be able to help you further.

If you have any further questions regarding this toolkit or on good governance within the Scouting context, please contact Karin Noike Grubbstrom, Global Director of Organisational Development at the World Scout Bureau, at karin.nolke@scout.org.

Yours in Scouting,

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Annex: GGinNB toolkit (English version)