



## AFRICA SCOUT YOUTH FORUM STRATEGY 2015 - 2018

### “Contributing towards the achievement of Africa Scout Region Youth Engagement Priority Area”

#### INTRODUCTION

The Scout Youth forum was created by the World Organization of Scout Movement (WOSM) to encourage youth participation in the decision-making processes of the movement. The forum allows young people: to share their experiences, to understand the process of decision-making at world and regional level, to discuss about challenges facing young people and recommend solutions and to learn from experts.

The recommendations of the 7<sup>th</sup> Africa Scout Youth Forum held in Kampala, Uganda form the basis of this strategic plan (2015-2018). They are meant to motivate its execution and must be the reflection of its evaluation. In this regard, six priority areas were defined to guide the functions of the 8<sup>th</sup> Africa Scout Youth Forum Committee.

<b>OUR DRIVE</b>	<b>OUR AMBITION</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give young people the opportunity to develop their skills and knowledge</li> <li>• Empower young people to take an active part in the Movement and in their communities</li> <li>• Involvement, recognition and intergenerational exchange are key in providing a framework for our youth members.</li> </ul>	By 2018, at least 9 more NSOs will have been supported to develop youth involvement strategies that establish national frameworks and structures supporting active involvement of youth at all levels of decision making, favoring youth led interventions that create positive impact in their respective communities.
<b>OUR CHALLENGE</b>	<b>FOCUS AREAS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth involvement at the unit, community, and institutional levels continues to be restricted</li> <li>• Some NSOs have limited the engagement of young people to tokenism without clear roles and responsibilities being assigned to them</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Creation/Reinforcement of Zonal and National Youth Forums</li> <li>2. Valuing of MoP, Environment and Dialogue programs</li> <li>3. Communication and External Relations</li> <li>4. Youth Participation/Engagement</li> <li>5. Entrepreneurial development and women leadership</li> <li>6. Promotion of vision 2023</li> </ol>

FOCUS AREA 1	CREATION/REINFORCEMENT OF ZONAL AND NATIONAL YOUTH FORUMS		
PURPOSE	JUSTIFICATION	OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS
To set up/strengthen youth forum at national and zonal levels in targeted NSOs and zones	Youth engagement at the regional level would be highly dependent on the active involvement of youth at the NSOs and zonal levels. This is	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create Indian Ocean zone youth forum and strengthen all zonal youth forum;</li> <li>• Create/Strengthen national youth forum in an additional</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Census young scout leaders at national level;</li> <li>• Initiate and revive youth forum at all levels;</li> </ul>

	greatly enhanced by the setting up and revitalizing National and zonal youth forums.	9 NSOs to ensure improved participation to zonal and regional forum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote usage of regional forum directives/resolutions;</li> <li>Encourage real and virtual sharing experiences;</li> <li>Work for continuity of actions.</li> </ul>
<b>FOCUS AREA 2</b>	<b>VALUING OF MOP, ENVIRONNEMENT AND DIALOGUE PROGRAMS</b>		
Contribute to better promotion of MoP, Environment and Dialogue programs to more young people in the Region.	Promotion of peace, environmental protection and dialogue by community leaders guarantees conflicts reduction, improvement of social relations and achievement of sustainable development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Favour peace by promoting dialogue in all NSO/NSA;</li> <li>Increase Scouting social impact through environment protection related activities ;</li> <li>Improve youth-adult co-operation by integration of these programs in the Youth Programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize workshops for capacity strengthening for national/zonal youth Scout leaders</li> <li>Initiate activities and pleas in conflict areas;</li> <li>Institute youth educational day on peace, dialogue, environment and youth challenges;</li> <li>Fuse together MOP and Dialogue training workshops.</li> </ul>
<b>FOCUS AREA 3</b>	<b>COMMUNICATION AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS</b>		
Set up fluid and effective communication systems among Scouts in Africa and to improve on youth's external relations.	Communication enables dissemination of information and activities. It's a major asset to have massive involvement of youth in the region's actions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve visibility of Youth Scout activities</li> <li>Get greater impact and increase influence by encouraging communication among Scouts in Africa.</li> <li>Revitalize the Young Correspondence programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize monthly meetings between Youth Advisors on skype;</li> <li>Organize tweet-meets with young Scouts in order to collect their aspirations/needs</li> <li>Draw up a synthetic list of young Scouts Leaders per zone and regions;</li> <li>Set up a network platform with World Scout Youth Advisors</li> <li>Create a virtual newspaper on Africa Regional Office webpage;</li> <li>Motivate youth to spread information about their NSO/NSA activities.</li> </ul>
<b>FOCUS AREA 4</b>	<b>YOUTH ENGAGEMENT/PARTICIPATION</b>		
Recognize, Valorize and Encourage youth engagement/leadership.	A committed youth is the gauge of dynamic movement with a measurable positive social impact. Youth engagement at all levels of the movement is key to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce coaching, mentoring and job shadowing system in NSO/NSA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop strategies for youth involvement in institutional processes at national level</li> <li>Set up and ensure the effective functioning of national youth forum</li> </ul>

	Scouting's growth and and sustainable positive social impact.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Popularize the World Scout Youth Involvement Policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiply youth projects and community activities</li> <li>Encourage celebration of all international days;</li> <li>Organize seminars, workshops, camps, campaigns etc.</li> <li>Initiate Africa Scout Award in each NSO/NSA.</li> <li>Appoint youths to handle programs like MoP and Dialogue as coordinators with guidance from adults</li> </ul>
<b>FOCUS AREA 5</b>	<b>ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND WOMEN LEADERSHIP</b>		
Inspire young people to take up entrepreneurship and motivate more young women to take up leadership roles.	Leadership and entrepreneurship facilitate employment, autonomy and fulfilled development of one's potentials. They contribute to education of the youth and enable them to overcome social and economic, challenges.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop social entrepreneurship</li> <li>Contribute to valorize women leadership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage engagement in business to make profit for youth programs through NSO/NSA activities</li> <li>Initiate plea for granting subsidy to young coordinators of world Scouting projects</li> <li>Inspire young women to reach decision-making authority</li> <li>Initiate formations of peer educators</li> </ul>
<b>FOCUS AREA 6</b>	<b>PROMOTION OF VISION 2023</b>		
Valorize Scouting Vision 2023.	Vision 2023 is the best way to facilitate youth integration and extend social impact of Scouting through youth actions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take an active part in vision 2023 achievement</li> <li>Popularize the priority areas of Vision 2023</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiate community activities for Vision 2023 dissemination</li> <li>Develop strategies for massive integration of young people into Scouting</li> <li>Determine and reinforce Scout youth centers of interest</li> </ul>

## CONCLUSION

Youth is our priority and many are the challenges we have to overcome. To reach the objectives of this strategic plan, a progressive evaluation will be done. In the same way, an annual action plan will be worked out and followed.

Also, as youth advisors we will do our best to serve youth interests and to achieve these triennial goals for improvement of youth leadership in the Africa Scout region.