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# FOREWORD

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## Dear friends in Scouting,

The past period has been extraordinary for World Scouting. On one hand, we have made a significant progress to deliver on the objectives of the World Triennial Plan and support National Scout Organizations (NSOs), continued to innovate and engage young people in Scouting's transformative educational program, while creating a notable impact around us. On the other hand, we faced a unique challenge during the World Scout Jamboree that showed the best of Scouting resilience during the event and a culture committed to continuous learning as evident in the actions announced after the event.

During this period, we have continued to mobilise young people and Adult Leaders through Scouts for SDGs around a shared vision to make the world's largest youth-led

contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), delivering nearly 3 billion hours of community service and raising awareness through educational initiatives such as the Earth Tribe and Messengers of Peace to tackle the most critical global issues of our time.

These educational initiatives are now being implemented by NSOs across all Scouting regions and we are working on two new initiatives in the areas of health and well-being, and life skills, that will be available for Member Organizations to complement their Youth Programmes by the end of the triennium. We also released a new version of the Scouts for SDGs hub which now offers more than 100 educational activities to engage young people and volunteers in learning about how to take action for the Global Goals.

Around the globe, we continue to deliver direct support to NSOs through WOSM Services and have now trained more than 100 new WOSM Consultants to offer even more expertise and services directly to Member Organizations, and have made further upgrades to the WOSM Services area on the Treehouse member community. These services are supporting NSOs to strengthen their Youth Programmes, rebrand their organisations, adopt new Safe from Harm policies, and implement growth strategies.

Child and youth safeguarding remains one of our highest priorities as a Movement, and through a new Safe from Harm Self-Assessment tool released in the first half of 2023 we are making it even easier for NSO leadership to assess their organisations against international standards for child and youth safety, and request support where needed. An upgraded version of the Global Support Assessment Tool (GSAT) was also released to empower NSOs to meet global standards for quality Scouting and accountability.

Together with the World Scout Foundation, we launched an upgraded version of the Scout Donation Platform to support Scouts to fundraise for community service projects and to enable NSOs to raise donations for large-scale humanitarian response and relief efforts. This past period we supported NSOs in Türkiye, Syria, Madagascar, Morocco, and Libya with their humanitarian relief efforts in response to environmental disasters which devastated these countries.

To continue to support NSOs with funding opportunities, with the World Scout Foundation we also created World Scouting Grants as a new and improved model for managing and overseeing grants management, providing more support to NSOs, and better reflecting the diversity of partners and funders that collaborate with us.

The 25th World Scout Jamboree, which was our key world event over the past period, faced a number of significant challenges related to organisational issues, as well as extreme weather events, which made the delivery of the Jamboree exceptionally difficult. It was a challenging experience for everyone involved, but throughout the event NSO leadership, adult volunteers, and Scouts show remarkable resilience, strength and determination to cope with the adversity.

WOSM has now moved swiftly to establish a Panel of Experts to conduct a thorough review into the 25th World Scout Jamboree and provide a comprehensive report detailing the learnings from the event and propose a series of recommendations to further strengthen the requirements and structures for bidding, hosting, planning, delivering, and evaluating future World Scout Events.

Our partnerships and advocacy work took centre stage during the United Nations General Assembly where World Scouting's leadership and a group of Youth Representatives were on hand to call for urgent action and accountability from decision-makers to make meaningful progress on the SDGs.

Following an exhaustive research phase and an engaging workshop in Germany with more than 60 participants from NSOs and WOSM structures, the World Scout Committee released the first draft of the next Strategy for Scouting, inviting feedback from Member Organizations through a variety of mechanisms to gather input.

Finally, we welcomed Scoutisme Congolais into the Scout Movement as our 174th Member Organization, and took the necessary steps to finalise the transition of NSOs from the Eurasia Region to the European and Asia-Pacific Regions.

We look forward to engaging and connecting with NSO leadership at upcoming events including the 4th World Scout Education Congress later this year, and sharing more details about the 43rd World Scout Conference in Egypt next year.

### **Yours in Scouting,**



**Ahmad Alhendawi**  
Secretary General  
WOSM



# EDUCATIONAL METHODS

## EDUCATIONAL METHODS

### At the Regional Level

# GLOBAL

Over the past six months, concerted effort was made to prepare and deliver more than 60 hours of training for new Consultants who will support National Scout Organizations (NSOs) through WOSM Services. Complementing these efforts was the development of a new e-learning course for Adults in Scouting. We are also reviewing our assessment tools platform, which will be followed by a review of educational methods assessment tools. This process will also involve preparations for a pilot of the Adults in Scouting assessment tool.

Significant progress was made in strengthening the [Scouts for SDGs](#) Initiatives, including by finalising the educational programme concept for the Life Skills as well as Health and Well-Being initiatives. Two challenging proposals were also developed for each initiative.

We are actively forging partnerships with influential entities, such as the World Health Organization and World Largest Lesson, paving the way for establishing educational challenges that align with the priorities highlighted in the 2022 Scouts for SDGs baseline assessment.

Underscoring our commitment to continuous improvement was a revamp of the Scouts for SDGs hub, as well as progress made towards digitalising the activities of the educational challenges for Earth Tribe and Messengers of Peace. These advancements were vital in

ensuring that the hub was ready for testing at the 25th World Scout Jamboree. Celebrations to mark the achievements of Scouts for SDGs have been planned for during the 2023 United Nations General Assembly.

Looking ahead, the diversity and inclusion data project team, dedicated consultants, and educational methods staff plan to conduct guided interviews with NSOs to gather data on membership demographics that will advance diversity and inclusion within the Scout Movement.

Earlier this year, we worked with the World Scout Foundation to raise over USD 160,000 for relief efforts by Scouts following deadly earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria. Elsewhere in Humanitarian Action, we concluded a global project that supported nine NSOs across Africa and Asia-Pacific in capacity building and the development of humanitarian action policies. Plans for a new global project to strengthen NSO capacities and deliver Scouting activities in humanitarian settings will see us work with 15 NSOs in Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, and Interamerica, delivered through WOSM services.

The educational methods team continues to focus on providing comprehensive support for the organisation and execute World Events, including the 25th World Scout Jamboree, JOTA-JOTI, and the 4th World Scout Education Congress.

**EDUCATIONAL METHODS**

**At the Regional Level**



**SCOUTING ENGAGES YOUNG PEOPLE IN MALAWI REFUGEE CAMP**

Just outside of Malawi’s capital of Lilongwe, Scout Leaders and the Scout Association of Malawi are working together to create a sense of community and offer Scouting activities to hundreds of children and youth living in the Dzaleka refugee camp.

The Scouting activities, run by passionate volunteers who were Scouts in their home countries, are enabling young people to develop the leadership skills and resilience to thrive within the camp, and eventually beyond. The Scouting experience is also offering children and youth a place where they can connect, be part of a community, and have fun despite the refugee camp’s challenging conditions.

**Africa**

The Africa Support Centre delivered the 1st Africa Rover Moot in Kenya, which was attended by over 1,000 participants from 30 NSOs. Other key events in the Region included training on Scouts Go Solar in which 15 NSOs took part to explore sustainable energy options, a programme development workshop on Health and Wellbeing, and the 1st Africa Inter-religious Symposium in Bangui, the capital of the Central Africa Republic, a potential WOSM member.

Despite these achievements, mixed responses from governments, particularly for large events, remained a challenge with NSOs relying heavily on them for financial support. This situation is compounded by limited financial resources available in many countries.

Looking ahead, the Region plans to conduct regional sustainability training for camp managers and wardens, expand the Ticket to Life project in additional NSOs, and support NSOs with Safe from Harm policy development and compliance initiatives.



## EDUCATIONAL METHODS

### At the Regional Level



### Arab

The Arab Region conducted a series of activities to advance diversity and inclusion. Among them was the 2nd Arab Scout Jamboree, which integrated youth with special needs into Scouting; the Arab Forum, a literacy project for refugees and displaced persons; a safe migration project in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration; and the launch of an Arab Scout encyclopaedia of sign language.

In Humanitarian Action, support was provided in Syria following an earthquake and in Sudan due to the ongoing war. Meanwhile, for Youth Engagement, the Region implemented leadership training to empower Arab youth and prepare a new generation of leaders. Other events included a regional programme on digital transformation for youth was run in cooperation with the Arab Planning Institute, Kuwait. Workshops held included on the Scouting Method during Scouting activities, and a leaders training programme in Mauritania.

The Region also published a guide for parents to learn more about Scouting.

### Asia-Pacific

The Asia-Pacific Region (APR) held its first APR Youth Mobilization Summit in collaboration with WAGGGS, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, YMCA, and the Duke of Edinburgh International Award in Kuala Lumpur. Over 150 youth representatives from 22 countries took part, exploring opportunities to establish a collaborative, multi-stakeholder project among the young people focused on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Another key event was the first sub-regional online youth forum, which kicked off in April with six NSOs from northeast Asia. The event defined the importance of Scouting as a provider of non-formal education based on the Rio Declaration, provided a learning environment for participants, and enhanced their competencies around education for sustainable development in their communities.

Seventeen NSOs participated in the APR Awareness Workshop on Wellness and Safety in Scouting, which was held virtually and engaged Scouts on topics related to mental health, wellbeing, and safety.

## EDUCATIONAL METHODS

### At the Regional Level

#### Europe

In Europe, the Earth Tribe Project kicked off with the European Youth Agora in Portugal. More than 60 Rovers from 23 countries gathered to discuss issues around sustainability, challenges facing the Rover age section, and implementing projects for the second phase of Earth Tribe activities.



The WeAct Forum concluded a regional partnership between UNICEF and the Scout Movement, bringing together over 150 Scouts and representatives from humanitarian organisations to redefine youth-led humanitarian action and strengthen how organisations collaborate and engage young people in humanitarian aid and response.

Looking ahead, the European Educational Methods Forum will see European NSOs receive support to develop and implement education policies, strategies, projects, and initiatives to deliver quality learning opportunities to more young people.

#### Eurasia

Key developments in the Region over the past period included the translation and layout of the Russian version of Logbooks for Scouts.

For the Youth Programme, progress was made in adapting educational proposals to meet local needs. In 2019, all NSOs were provided with Youth Programme materials, including a general educational proposal. In recent months, customised versions of these educational proposals were finalised for NSOs in Azerbaijan and Moldova, as well as the potential Scout organisation in Kyrgyzstan. All identified the age ranges, competencies, and educational goals of their NSO for all stakeholders in their respective countries.

Showcasing the Region’s commitment to Safe from Harm, a compliance pilot was completed in Moldova.



**EDUCATIONAL METHODS**

**At the Regional Level**

**Interamerica**

The Interamerica Region saw almost 4,000 members aged seven to 29 years old respond to surveys on the Youth Programme at the local level. The Region is also requesting that members participate in youth dialogues to share their experiences.

More than 80 members of national Youth Programme and Adulting in Scouting teams from 18 NSOs took part in a workshop aimed at helping participants identify and develop the competencies of adults involved in the Youth Programme. Eleven NSOs took part in a separate workshop in the Dominican Republic on integrating humanitarian action in the Youth Programme that provided tools and educational activities at the unit level.

Among the challenges faced by the Region were in progressing issues around environmental sustainability, flexible volunteering, and strengthening youth leadership.

In the coming months, the Region will continue to focus on increasing the impact of the educational methods services in NSOs.



**SCOUTS UNITE FOR OCEAN CONSERVATION AND BEACH CLEAN UPS IN BRAZIL**

Amidst a global climate emergency, Scouting is engaging young people in actively promoting environmental conservation and encouraging sustainable practices. By protecting oceans and marine ecosystems we can mitigate the effects of climate change, ensuring the livelihoods of coastal communities, and safeguarding the health of our precious planet.

In celebration of the International Day of the Oceans on 8 June a crowd of enthusiastic volunteers in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, including more than two hundred Scouts, joined in an inspiring day of beach cleanups, followed by an emotional symbolic hug known as "Aquele Abraço" ("The Hug") on the beach of São Conrado.

The initiative was organised by Route Brasil and Salvemos São Conrado, in close collaboration with União dos Escoteiros do Brasil, who have become valuable partners in raising awareness and making these issues visible in the community.





# ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

# GLOBAL

**T**he organisational development team continued to support NSOs in the areas of governance, capacity strengthening, growth, and Safe from Harm through WOSM Services.

Since April, more than 100 new WOSM Consultants were receiving training in consultancy and technical skills. Three scheduled training events were held, in addition to online training in each of the 12 service areas. Furthermore, development sessions were provided to the more than 280 volunteer consultants who already support NSOs that request a service.

Enhancements were made to the WOSM Services space on Treehouse, which was debuted in February, as well as to the directory and data portal. The launch of a new Safe from Harm compliance feature on the data portal will further support NSOs in their annual reporting.

The GSAT standard underwent an extensive review, leading to the launch of GSAT 3.0 and accompanying guidelines to support NSOs in completing a self-assessment and WOSM

Assessment. The new GSAT standard will be available digitally later this year. Additionally, GSAT consultants were upskilled, enabling better support to NSOs.

Keeping children safe remains a key priority for the Movement, as supported by the launch of a new Safe from Harm assessment tool in February. All members are required to complete a Safe from Harm Self-Assessment every two years to assess their safeguarding structures, policies, and procedures, and identify areas for improvement.

The team also supported several NSO membership applications, including the Republic of Congo, who were officially welcomed to the Movement during the World Scout Jamboree.

Looking ahead, the team will continue to promote the support offered to NSOs in the areas of growth and good governance, as well as the new GSAT standard, the implementation of Safe from Harm, and planning for the World Scout Conference 2024.

**ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**At the Regional Level**

**APR YOUTH MOBILIZATION**

Over 150 participants across 22 countries worked together on community projects and engaged the youth in their organisations. The Summit was hosted by Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia (Scout Association of Malaysia) in partnership with Persatuan Pandu Puteri (Girl Guides Association of Malaysia), Malaysian Red Crescent, YMCA Malaysia, and MySDG Academy.

See full story in this link: <https://scout.org/news/over-150-participants-big-youth-organisations-join>



**Africa**

Among the highlights from the past period was the Africa Scout Committee meeting and a pre-conference visit to Madagascar to assist in the preparations for the 19th Africa Scout Conference in 2025.

At the NSO level, the Region championed growth by providing support to potential members towards WOSM recognition, including to the NSO in Congo, which joined the Movement in August. In Mali, meanwhile, Safe from Harm training was completed, and approval given to its Safe from Harm policy. Constitutional reviews were conducted for the Democratic

Republic of Congo, Angola, Lesotho, and South Africa, while support was given to Chad to address governance issues.

The Region assisted in the delivery of the Southern Africa and Indian Zonal Youth Forums and Conferences and the induction of the newly elected Zonal and Youth Forum Committees. Support for constitutional and institutional processes was also provided through these events. Alongside this work, support was given to new projects in Tanzania, Seychelles, Angola, and Cape Verde focusing on national growth planning.



## ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### At the Regional Level

#### Arab

The Region provided support to four NSOs on GSAT, including in developing self-assessment reporting and processes. NSOs also received support for growth-related services and funded projects with the Region conducting a virtual event on growth and diversity and inclusion. Fourteen NSOs took part, during which a growth guidelines and survey were launched in Arabic.

A “Future of Work” project was supported by the Region and a number of projects were implemented. Support was provided on an operational model - mainly for commissioners and consultants - on the effective use of WOSM platforms, and to assist NSOs in completing their annual reporting requirements.

Other activities included a workshop on Safe from Harm for national commissioners, a seminar on the Safe from Harm assessment tool, and an orientation session on Safe from Harm to World Scout Bureau staff.



#### Asia-Pacific

In Asia-Pacific, an extensive review was held of the six NSOs in Eurasia due to join the Region. A roadmap was prepared to integrate NSOs in Kazakhstan, Russia, and Tajikistan and provide support to Scouting in Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

Scouts of China became the first NSO to use GSAT 3.0, while action planning remained ongoing for Nepal Scouts following a WOSM Assessment.



Substantial membership growth was recorded in two NSOs. Bhutan reported more than 60% increase while Philippines reported a jump of 238%, follow a significant slump due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Elsewhere in the Region, Chief Scout Executives and key leaders from 21 NSOs met online to learn about the latest developments in Safe from Harm, GSAT, Strategy for Scouting, WOSM Services, grant management, and Treehouse.

Looking ahead, a preparatory meeting is slated for the APR Scout Leaders Summit in Thailand in April 2024.

## ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### At the Regional Level



### Europe

The Region is pioneering a new organisational resilience framework to support NSOs in framing their development strategies. Meanwhile, the measuring impact of youth organisations project has progressed through a first round of pilot testing in three European NSOs.

A flagship operational development project involving ten NSOs was successfully implemented, strengthening the capacities of NSOs in the Western Balkans. It enables young people to engage in activities that promote active

citizenship, including among minorities and marginalised youth. Elsewhere, membership development began preparing for a growth event expected in 2024.

In the next six months, the Region will expand a growth potential project into more countries, disseminate a new resilience framework, and support the induction of new national boards and Scouting in Albania. Preparations are also underway for a social impact consultancy training and dissemination conference, leading to the development of a new WOSM Service on social impact.

## ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### At the Regional Level



### Eurasia

The Eurasia Support Centre continued working with the NSOs of Ukraine and Moldova, supported through UAct, to strengthen governance, especially on matters relating to staffing.

The final meeting of the Eurasia Scout Committee took place, where the Committee held discussions on developments related to the transition of Eurasian NSOs to the Europe Region and Asia-Pacific Region. This included the completion of tasks related to the phasing out of the Eurasia Region, including on legal and compliance related aspects, and the wrap up of the Region and WSB Eurasia Support Centre, an evaluation of the work of the Eurasia Committee, and a celebration of the Region's successes and legacy.

### Interamerica

The Region focused on providing services to NSOs through the service model platform, including ten services in good governance on a range of topics, including the induction of national boards, financial management, strategic planning, review and adaptation of national constitutions, and risk management. Support was given through a further three services in GSAT and six in growth.

Representatives from 26 NSOs gathered for a Regional workshop on understanding the Safe from Harm Self-Assessment, supporting NSOs in carrying out a first Self-Assessment to meet WOSM's new compliance requirements.

The Regional also held a financial development workshop to support NSOs carry out a diagnosis of their financial model and develop an action plan to improve their sources of income and the efficiency of current and investment spending. The event gathered representatives from 17 NSOs.



# COMMUNICATIONS

## GLOBAL

**I**n the past period, the communications team was active in supporting a number of key projects and areas of work. Our major focus was on communications, marketing, and storytelling to highlight the impact of the [25th World Scout Jamboree](#). We supported the Host around the promotion of the World Jamboree Metaverse and introduced a new “ScoutPass” wallet to enable Scouts collect digital badges and tokens throughout their Ban Ki-moon village experience. We also highlighted countless stories about Contingent journeys to the Jamboree, Scouting adventure activities, cultural celebration, and welcomed Scoutisme Congolais into the Movement as our 174th Member Organisation.

Together with the World Scout Foundation, we launched an upgraded version of the [Scout Donation Platform](#) to support Scouts to fundraise for community service projects and to enable NSOs to raise donations for large-scale humanitarian response and relief efforts. We also released an improved version of the [Scouts for SDGs](#) hub with educational activities and resources for young people and volunteers to learn about sustainable development and take action for the global goals.

Another focus was in promoting the ongoing development of the next [Strategy for Scouting](#), including opportunities for NSO leadership and other key stakeholders to be involved in the process of shaping the next strategy, and future vision for the Movement. Alongside this work, we also began the process to refresh the World Scout brand, including our narrative and visual identity, by engaging a world-class creative agency who will help us create a more bold, modern, youthful, and digital brand that will better position us as the world’s leading educational youth movement in line with the priorities of the next Strategy for Scouting.

Lastly, we conducted training for a new group of WOSM Consultants to support service delivery in communications, supported NSOs through crisis communications workshops, opened a call to invite translators and interpreters to join the WOSM Languages Team, and announced the tendering process to find a new vendor to manage the licensing of the World Scout brand and operate the World Scout Shop. WOSM’s [Annual Report 2021- 2022](#) and consolidated financial statements were also published for the Movement.

Looking ahead, the focus for the Communications Team will be on supporting the planning, communications, and delivery of upcoming World and Regional Scout events.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### At the Regional Level



### Africa

Among key improvements to the Africa Support Centre was the upgrading of the office's internet connectivity to enhance efficiency. Other digital developments for the Region included a digital transformation survey, conducted to identify areas of support for NSOs.

The team provided support throughout a series of events, including Africa Scout Day celebrations, 1st Africa Scout Inter-religious Symposium, 1st Africa Rover Moot, Indian Ocean and Southern Africa Zonal conferences and youth forums, and Earth Hour. The Region also delivered four communication capacity building training events, developed two communications resources, and documented four NSO project case studies.

In terms of challenges, despite support being given by Scouts et Guides de France volunteers through the civic service, a notable turnover rate remains a concern.

In the coming months, the Region aims to finalise a revised internal communications plan and resources to streamline its engagement with NSOs and develop impact stories on funded projects and other NSO initiatives.

### Arab

Following the appointment of a project manager, the Arab Region was able to focus on several key areas, including finalising the translation of WOSM's website, building relations with journalists and contacts in television and

radio, producing impact stories, and enabling consultants to deliver services to NSOs. This resulted in a shift in the Region's narrative on social media with a greater focus on highlighting youth activities and achievements, particularly of Arab NSOs at the 25th World Scout Jamboree.

In addition, Scouting materials continue to be translated into Arabic to ensure that Scouts in the Region have access to the latest developments in Scouting at the world level. Preparations were also being made for a professional certificate in digital marketing in collaboration with the American University of Cairo.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### At the Regional Level

#### Asia-Pacific

Among the Region's highlights was a competition in which 15 video entries were received from NSOs that spotlighted the impact of Scouting on young people and their communities. After careful selection, these entries were declared the winners:

- **Gold prize:** Beyond Dreams, Philippines
- **Silver prize:** Mountain Trail Clearing Community Service, Malaysia; Family's Embrace, Philippines
- **Bronze prize:** Stop-by-Catch, Bangladesh; Prevention Campaign on Youth Violence, Indonesia; Medium Literacy Ranger Project, Indonesia

The theme of the 2023 photo contest was aligned with the Scout Movement's triennium theme of recovery, sustainability, and growth to spotlight the renewed spirit of Scouts to recover and advance sustainability through their projects. In this annual contest, photo entries are featured in regional publications and social media channels.



#### ARAB PARAJAMBOREE EVENT PROMOTES INCLUSIVITY AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEADERS

The second Arab Scout Inclusive Camp (ParaJamboree) took place from 29 April to 5 May, where Scouts from Arab countries came together in Morocco for an event that showcased the power of Scouting to create a more inclusive and welcoming world.

Organised by the Moroccan Scout Federation, in partnership with the Arab Region Support Centre the accessible and inclusive event was designed to be a safe space where everyone was respected and included. Scouts learned valuable life skills, explored the beauty of nature, and forged lifelong connections with fellow Scouts from a variety of cultures.

A unique feature of this ParaJamboree was the participation of a group of UNICEF-affiliated unaccompanied migrants living in Morocco which added new dimension to the event, highlighting the importance of creating a supportive environment for young people affected by conflict, poverty, and other factors leading to migration.



**COMMUNICATIONS**

**At the Regional Level**

**YOUTH-LED HUMANITARIAN ACTION TAKES CENTRE STAGE AT WEACT FORUM**

The European Scout Region coordinated a five-day WeAct Forum, which brought together over 150 Scouts and representatives from humanitarian organisations in Krakow, Poland to redefine youth-led humanitarian action and strengthen the way organisations collaborate and engage young people in humanitarian aid and response.

The WeAct Forum marked the conclusion of the regional partnership and project between UNICEF and the Scout Movement, solidifying our joint commitment to address the pressing humanitarian crisis in Ukraine and neighbouring countries. Through the project, Scout volunteers supported over 1,144,000 Ukrainian refugees in Poland, Czechia, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, and internally displaced persons in Ukraine.

By bringing together youth leaders, humanitarian organisations, and experts in the field, the WeAct Forum inspired new ways of thinking and encouraged collaborative action among organisations to give young people a leading role in humanitarian action and support them in the process.



**Eurasia**

The Region supported its NSOs in Ukraine and Moldova to address key issues related to the governance of projects and reporting requirements. The WeAct Forum also provided an opportunity to reflect on the recent successes and impact achieved by

these two NSOs in humanitarian action. The NSO of Ukraine also finalised its first ever full set of youth programme materials. Timely and regular Regional support provided to the NSOs also helped strengthened overall capacities, especially in the ethical governance of funds.



## COMMUNICATIONS

### At the Regional Level



### Europe

The Region achieved significant milestones, including the approval of a grant to organise the Communications Forum 2024, a platform for communication professionals and volunteers in the Region to gather and promote best practices. Further enhancing the Region's online presence was the launch of the official Scouting in Europe Instagram profile. Efforts also focused on content creation and media asset collection with the Region successfully achieving its target of featuring 50% of its NSOs on its social media platforms in the first half of 2023.

Looking ahead, the Region will begin assembling a dedicated planning team and identifying a suitable host for the Communications Forum 2024. It will also provide support by facilitating the European network of communicators, ensuring effective knowledge sharing and collaboration across the Region. It will also conduct a comprehensive review of its current communication strategies to refine its approach and develop a robust communications plan for 2024.

### Interamerica

As part of efforts to achieve its Regional Plan, virtual training was conducted in March to enhance the internal communication capabilities of NSOs. Nearly 300 participants from 15 NSOs in the Region took part. Support was also provided by communication consultants to NSOs in Honduras and Ecuador to strengthen the marketing and design skills of their communication teams.

The Region also support NSOs to enhance the external positioning of the 25th World Scout Jamboree and identify opportunities to share the extraordinary stories of young people in communities across the Region. Achieving external positioning remains the biggest challenge to overcome in this period.



# PARTNERSHIPS

## PARTNERSHIPS

## GLOBAL

**T**he business development unit focused on successfully delivering key projects and external advocacy moments, supporting key World Events, developing WOSM's new business development and resource mobilisation strategy and ensuring that we continue to build a pipeline of new funding opportunities..

A highlight was the partnership engagement and presence at the 25th World Scout Jamboree in the Republic of Korea. More than 70 representatives from nearly 20 partner organisations attended the event, with seven organisations taking exhibition space and many running engaging campfire dialogues on a range of issues and initiatives aligned with Scouting's educational methods and the SDGs. In addition, we successfully hosted the first-ever WSJ Ministerial Programme, featuring representatives from a range of countries, a high-level roundtable and series of engagements and receptions designed to raise the profile and impact of Scouting.

Together with the World Scout Foundation and with support from the partnerships thematic team, we were also able to develop new proposals, propositions, and engagement opportunities for a range of external partner organisations and institutional funders. This included by hosting roundtables in Luxembourg and New York with partner organisations to raise the profile and secure new investment in Scouting.

Through this work and other focused efforts, we are exploring exciting partnership and funding opportunities with the following organisations: Generation Unlimited (UNICEF), Giga, Ethereum Foundation, UN Environment Programme,

SolarAfrica, and Dove. We are also focused on renewing strategically important agreements with WWF and KAICIID.

Other areas of development included the delivery of new advocacy training and support on peace and sustainability for NSOs, the development or new and improved tracking and oversight methods to improve internal coordination and the launch of a new external relations consultancy training, including onboarding seven new consultants.

The period concluded with a series of external engagements, receptions, and events in New York at the United Nations (UN) General Assembly and UN SDG Summit. WOSM leadership, Youth Representatives, and staff were present to mark the half-way point to the 2030 SDGs. The activity included the publication of an independent evaluation of a Scouts for SDGs report and celebration of more than 2.7 billion hours of community service that Scouts around the world have contributed to the SDGs.

Looking ahead, the team is focused on supporting and securing successful partnership engagement at the 4th World Scout Education Congress, the launch of the High-Level Ministerial Advisory Group, and strong Scouting representation at COP28 in the United Arab Emirates. This period will be critical for the implementation of the new business development and resource mobilisation strategy and exploring the changes that need to be made to the way that the WSB operates.

## PARTNERSHIPS

### At the Regional Level



### Africa

The Region continued to develop this area of work with the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with KSA, KGGA, and WAGGGS-Africa on collaboration on the PAXTU Project in Nyeri, Kenya. Scouting was also represented at regional and global meetings to promote our work and strengthen relationships with strategic partners including WSPU, the Commonwealth, and HOTOSM.

Seven project funding applications and proposals were submitted, valued at USD 12,768,516. One proposal was unsuccessful, three are in progress, and one is on hold due to the volatile situation in South Sudan. Feedback is expected on another proposal.

The Region worked towards restructuring its partnerships, resource mobilisation, and grant management functions for greater effectiveness. This included developing a regional advocacy

strategy and streamlining partnership processes with a due diligence checklist, system for accounting for the financial value of WSB staff time, segmenting partnerships, and completing the partnerships and new business trackers.

### Arab

With the appointment of a grants project manager, the Region began preparations for a partnership campaign through the creation of a working group. This involved mapping out current and future partners and areas of possible collaboration.

The Region initiated discussions with UNFPA to identify areas of cooperation and to develop a regional work plan for activities with shared areas of interest.

**PARTNERSHIPS****At the Regional Level****SUDANESE SCOUTS BUILD PEACE AMIDST CONFLICT**

Following the outbreak of armed conflict in mid-April, Scouts in Sudan provided emergency assistance and support to affected communities and worked to restore peace in Khartoum and other parts of the country.

Amidst the conflict, the Sudan Scouts Association stepped forward to mobilise young people into action. More than 500 Scouts took up different responsibilities by contributing to the operations of hospitals and health centres, and using first aid skills to care for the wounded. The Sudan Scouts Association also encouraged 300 Scouts and Adult Leaders to donate blood, recognising the urgent need to increase supply and reserves.

By distributing food supplies, providing medical aid, and offering comfort to those impacted by the conflict, Sudanese Scouts are living up to the Scout Law to be of service and duty to others, while inspiring other young people to take action for peace.

**Asia-Pacific**

Eleven NSOs shared best practices on partnerships at the APR Partnership Forum, hosted by Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia. This learning experience was enhanced through inputs by various partners based in Malaysia, such as MERCY, IFRC, UNICEF, and WWF. An MOU was signed between PP Malaysia and Zoo Negara. Resource mobilisation is a valuable feature of this forum.

A key challenge in partnerships is for NSOs to be continuously motivated after workshops and training to pursue or strengthen partnerships using the principles learnt or shared during training.

APSC is looking into the challenge of updating its partnership mapping in NSOs to keep track of partnership developments and to determine which areas are functioning well and which need strengthening.



**PARTNERSHIPS**

**At the Regional Level**

**SCOUTS CALL FOR URGENT ACTION BY WORLD LEADERS DURING UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

As world leaders gathered in New York during the annual United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and SDG Summit, Scouts were there to challenge leaders, institutions, corporations, and other civil society organisations to move from words and commitments to concrete action to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Despite the fact that ongoing crises have either stalled or reversed progress towards achieving the SDGs, Scouting is making good on our commitment to put our planet on a path towards sustainability by contributing nearly 3 billion hours of community service, and millions of local youth-led actions towards the Global Goals.

The Scouts for SDGs initiative is the result of a longstanding partnership between the WOSM, the World Scout Foundation and Alwaleed Philanthropies, the impact of which is detailed in a new five-year [evaluation report](#) which was released alongside our involvement in the UNGA.



**Europe**

The Region has been successfully implementing several large projects funded by external donors (e.g. EU, CoE, and UN) - all of which are currently on track - with all deliverables submitted properly and on time.

A very high number of funding-related partnerships have been initiated including new external partners such as FEE, KU Leuven, and ActionAid Denmark.

The election of Noah Kramer to the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe with elections held in the European Youth Forum among the membership. The WOSM nomination received the highest number of votes among all candidates participating in the election.



A main focus for the Region over the next six months will be in providing support to NSOs in their fundraising efforts and to provide them with capacity for improved project management while actively promoting WOSM Services.

A thorough review of our partnership contacts will be performed while also conducting scoping for our needs and prospective funding calls.

## PARTNERSHIPS

### At the Regional Level

#### Interamerica

The first Regional Youth Forum was held with The partnerships area became a key focus for the Region due to an emphasis outlined in the New Regional Plan 2022-2025. In line with this, the Region developed a strategy that highlighted key partnerships that support strategic priorities to promote collaboration with organisations specialised in areas such as flexible volunteering, sustainable education, and humanitarian action.

The Region held its first exhibition of youth-led projects in May. ExproPro2023 featured 31 projects and 250 participants from 14 NSOs and eight Junior Achievement guests. It provided visibility to projects developed by empowered youth within Scouting in the Americas. Meanwhile, its first partnerships forum was organised in August to promote the exchange of best practices among NSOs.

The Region followed and encouraged the collaborative actions established by regional agreements with the Junior Achievement and Organization of American States, allowing some members to participate in Scout events and vice versa.





# WORLD SCOUTING GRANT MANAGEMENT

## WORLD SCOUTING GRANT MANAGEMENT

# GLOBAL



**D**uring the past period, the business development unit, grants thematic team, and World Scout Foundation developed and launched World Scouting Grants, a new and improved model for managing and overseeing grants management. The change reflects key strategic developments in the way the WSB works, new and emerging donor opportunities, and is designed provide more support to NSOs and better reflect the diversity of partners and funders that World Scouting works with.

Meanwhile, a total of 22 projects were approved, totalling USD 997,766 worth of grants across ten NSOs and WSB offices. Projects that have been funded cover issues from Safe from Harm, growth and good governance through to humanitarian action and entrepreneurship.

Another highlight has been the successful completion of the [evaluation of the Scouts for SDGs project](#). This independent evaluation covered the period from 2018 to mid-2023 and demonstrated the significant impact, reach, and value for money that Scouting can deliver. The

initiative was the result of a six-year partnership agreement with Alwaleed Philanthropies, which focused primarily on global development and activities in the Africa and Arab regions.

In addition, a total of 15 field visits were conducted to assess and monitor the impact of funded projects in countries including Albania, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, and Malaysia.

Looking ahead to the next six months, the team will focus on rolling out World Scouting Grants to NSOs and developing comprehensive training on project management for funded projects to improve the support provided to NSOs and internal teams on monitoring and evaluation, project management, budgeting, and more.

It is anticipated that the second phase proposal of the partnership with Alwaleed Philanthropies will be developed and agreed, including activities, deliverables, indicators, and proposed budget.

## WORLD SCOUTING GRANT MANAGEMENT

### At the Regional Level

#### NEW SCOUT DONATION PLATFORM RAISING FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Since 2017, the Scout Donation Platform has enabled Scouts and NSOs to fundraise more than USD 1.2 million for over 100 community service and humanitarian projects worldwide.

Together with the World Scout Foundation, we launched a newly upgraded version of the Scout Donation Platform, featuring an improved design, user experience, and resources to support Scouts to create and fundraise for community service projects around the world. The platform will also enable NSOs to quickly create donation appeals for emergency response and humanitarian relief efforts.

To learn more about the Scout Donation Platform or donate to a community project, visit [donate.scout.org](https://donate.scout.org).



#### Africa

Over the past period, securing funds and proper grant management remained a priority for the Africa Scout Region. Within this framework, the Region was able to identify 17 new projects under the 2023 Scouts for SDGs plan as well as others in Zimbabwe, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya and Madagascar for funding secured under the UNEP Tide Turners Programme. The Region also expanded the Food for Life project into Namibia, South Sudan, and Tanzania, and Ticket to Life into Comoros, Botswana, and Benin.

Alongside this work, field visits were conducted for Scouts for SDGs to Cote d'Ivoire and Madagascar; Messengers of Peace to Ethiopia, Guinea Bissau, and Chad; and Ticket to Life to Comoros.

Going forward, the Region is committed to quality and timely donor reporting. As such, tailored support will be provided to the rescheduled or delayed project activities to ensure at least a 95% completion rate of the SDGs 2023 Plan.

#### Arab

The Region followed up on 20 regional and NSO projects with reports and payments, and submitted the required documents into the relevant system. It also prepared for a training programme on WOSM grants management and related system, based on the standard operating procedures for grants.

Support was provided for humanitarian action projects in Syria, Sudan, Jordan, and Tunisia, while work also involved drafting the yearly plan of grants for the Region and NSO projects with the grants management team.



## WORLD SCOUTING GRANT MANAGEMENT

### At the Regional Level

#### Asia-Pacific

A field visit to Bhutan gathered first-hand insight and data on the effectiveness and contributions of a project on empowering young people through the Scouts of the World Award. Meanwhile a field visit to Malaysia assessed the progress of PPM Growth Phase II. The project significantly contributed to an enhanced focus on membership growth, resulting in structural changes at state and district levels, and the establishment of a growth network.

The International Workshop on Messengers of Peace Initiatives was held in Bangladesh. The training aimed to equip a new group of young leaders with the necessary skills to promote and implement the initiative at the grassroots level.

On challenges, several funded projects experienced delays due to the impact of COVID-19 and internal leadership changes. There were also delays in awarding the Messengers of Peace badge due to technical issues.

#### Eurasia

With a focus on phasing out the Eurasia Region, most funded projects at national and regional level were brought to close. Three remaining projects — two ongoing and one new — will be handed over to other Regions.

- Due to the ongoing war, the NSO of Ukraine had paused activities under the Re-energising Scouting Fund project - Creating new Scout groups. This project has since restarted.
- It was proposed that the remaining funds from a Regional project on the development of the Scout Movement in Uzbekistan be reallocated to support activities for Kyrgyzstan, which has shown significant progress.
- Inspired by past Regional National Rover Commissioners Training, the NSO of Kazakhstan began working on a project with its Rover section and piloting a Rover Programme.

#### Europe

The Region successfully closed grants that reached their project's end date, and received and granted new projects in Greece, North Macedonia, and France, and are in contact with NSOs that are preparing to submit applications. In mid-June, the Region conducted a field visit to the Scouts of Albania to see the great work that has been done and reflect on key learnings. All projects being implemented by NSOs in the Region are on track, and all are following up in a timely manner with the reporting of grants.

In the coming months, we will process incoming applications for the remaining yearly allocation. We will conduct a field visit to Bulgaria to see and hear more about the organisation's ongoing project. We will also continue to support all ongoing grants as they progress and review the incoming reports showcasing the work being done.

#### Interamerica

The Region focused on closing and updating projects that were previously behind schedule. In addition, an open call was in place for new Regional Decision Committee members to join a team committed to supporting NSOs in applying for funds and implementing projects.

All staff participated in a session to familiarise themselves with the Fluxx platform and the most recent versions of its applications, reporting, and evaluation forms. They committed to continue promoting the opportunity to access funding among NSOs in the region.



# WORLD EVENTS



## JOTA-JOTI 2023

Preparations for JOTA-JOTI 2023 are proceeding smoothly. We are in the process of implementing a new operational structure, which will necessitate the addition of more volunteers to our team. This year's program has undergone adjustments, primarily featuring more static activities while reducing the number of live webinars compared to previous editions. In this endeavour, we have actively engaged targeted NSOs worldwide to gather and share best practices for JOTA-JOTI. NSOs will have the opportunity to submit their own content and activities for Scouts worldwide to partake in. Event registration is currently open, and we held a meeting with NSO representatives in September to discuss these exciting developments.



## 25th World Scout Jamboree 2023, Korea

The 25th World Scout Jamboree took place in Korea in August 2023 with over 43,000 participants from 158 NSOs. The event faced a number of compounded challenges, including extreme weather events, and organisational challenges.

In the weeks before the event, the Jamboree site experienced an unexpected amount of heavy rainfall which resulted in flooding of parts of the campsite. During the event, the site began experiencing an extreme heatwave, further compounded by Typhoon Khunan forecasted and eventually, after early departures of all participants, crossing over the Jamboree campsite. Together these extreme weather events

significantly impacted the planning and delivery of the Jamboree, and the experience of participants. In addition to the extreme weather events, the Jamboree experienced a range of organisational challenges related to the site's infrastructure, adequate provision of medical services and distribution of food, as well as challenges with sanitation, on-site transport, and power supply.

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to NSOs and the WOSM team for their unwavering commitment and tireless efforts during the delivery phase. Their support in providing basic needs and response was crucial in ensuring the safety and well-being of all participants.

WOSM has now moved swiftly to establish a Panel of Experts to conduct a thorough review into the 25th World Scout Jamboree and provide a comprehensive report detailing the learnings from the event and propose a series of recommendations to further strengthen the requirements and structures for bidding, hosting, planning, delivering, and evaluating future World Scout Events.

## WORLD EVENTS

### 43<sup>rd</sup> World Scout Conference 2024, Egypt

Preparations for the 43rd World Scout Conference in Egypt are on track in cooperation and coordination with the Egyptian Scout Federation, the host NSO. WOSM is working to provide support to the Host in a number of key areas. This practical support is aimed at ensuring the successful execution of the event. The planning teams will work closely with the Host, offering guidance, expertise, and resources to help them navigate the complex terrain of Conference preparations. This collaborative effort ensures that every detail, from logistics to content, is planned and executed to ensure a memorable and productive Conference.

In tandem with assisting the Host, the WOSM team will initiate the pre-engagement phase. This phase is pivotal in setting the stage for the Conference by fostering early involvement and participation from various stakeholders within the Scouting Movement. It encompasses outreach, engagement, and the cultivation of a sense of anticipation and excitement among Scouts worldwide. By doing so, it paves the way for an inclusive and vibrant Conference experience where voices from all corners of the Scouting world are heard and valued.

Furthermore, disseminating information about institutional milestones to the broader Scouting Movement is a key next step. This communication serves as a vital link between the Conference preparations and the wider community, ensuring transparency and alignment of objectives.



### 1,000 SCOUTS JOIN FIRST AFRICA ROVER MOOT IN KENYA

The 1st Africa Rover Moot took place from 25 to 25 April 2023 at the Rowallan National Scouts Camp in Nairobi, Kenya with over 1,000 participants drawn from 29 countries from within Africa region and beyond.

The opening was attended by the Hon. Ababu Namwamba (EGH), Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, Sports and the Arts of the Government of Kenya. Under the theme of “innovating the next steps” and with the slogan “let’s go!”, the Moot offered young people an exciting, challenging, and fun filled ten-day programme around four thematic areas of people, nature, adventure and innovation.

As the first Rover event in the region and globally after the pandemic, the Moot offered a great opportunity for young people to connect and reconnect, share cultures, build friendships, acquire valuable skills, engage in discussions, and develop solutions to key global issues, such as sustainability, innovation, and diversity and inclusion.





## 16<sup>th</sup> World Scout Moot 2025, Portugal

The 16th World Scout Moot, scheduled to be held in Portugal from July 25 to August 3, 2025, is an exciting and eagerly anticipated event on the global Scouting calendar. This gathering promises to be an unforgettable experience for Scouts from around the world. Let's delve into the key details and significance of this upcoming Moot.

The chosen location for the 16th World Scout Moot is set against the picturesque backdrop of Portugal. Specifically, it will be hosted at a seaside camp-ground that has previously served as the venue for National Jamborees.

WOSM is actively collaborating with the Host to meticulously plan the programme and define the overarching theme of the 16th World Scout Moot. The theme revolves around the idea of "getting engaged, engaging others, and engaging with others." This theme encapsulates the very essence of Scouting, emphasizing the importance of active participation, leadership, and community engagement. It encourages Scouts to not only be involved in their own personal growth but also to reach out to others and build connections across cultures and backgrounds. The theme serves as a guiding principle for all activities and discussions during the Moot, fostering a sense of unity and shared purpose among participants.

## 4<sup>th</sup> World Scout Education Congress 2023

The World Scout Education Congress is scheduled to take place in France. The full planning team, consisting of both staff and volunteers, has been formed and endorsed. Event registration opened in June and will close on 15 September, shortly before an all-teams meeting that will mark the beginning of the pre-engagement activities phase. The Host Organization Agreement was recently signed during the 25th World Scout Jamboree in the Republic of Korea. The event's final agenda will be ready by the end of October.

**WORLD EVENTS****World Events Triennial Plan projects**

The second project, which involves the review of all World Scout Events, is currently in progress, with regular online team meetings convened to assess project deliverables. This endeavor encompasses an array of activities, including the examination of accessibility and inclusion, environmental sustainability, and the collection of input from stakeholders. The volunteer team has convened multiple online meetings to scrutinize the project's deliverables and solicit feedback from stakeholders. The second project, focused on evaluating the accessibility and inclusiveness of all World Scout Events, entails a comprehensive evaluation of the following key areas:

1. Cost-effectiveness and solidarity operations
2. Accessibility and Inclusion
3. Environmental Sustainability
4. Digital Technology
5. Alignment with Regional Events
6. Risk Management
7. Viability of the accreditation system for World Event venues
8. Review of all World Event Guidelines

By the end of the year, this volunteer group aims to achieve these crucial objectives through collaborative efforts within small groups, virtual consultations, and focused assessments involving stakeholders. Additionally, the work stream will examine the recommendations of the WSJ Panel, which is investigating World Scout Youth Events, and establish a team to integrate their findings.





# CORPORATE SERVICES

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## CORPORATE SERVICES

## GLOBAL



The World Scout Committee (WSC) approved [WSB's consolidated audited financial statements](#) for the financial year ended 30 September 2022 as well as WOSM's related party transaction policy, as part of its commitment to strengthen transparency, accountability, and help to build trust with WOSM stakeholders.

With the support of other global and regional teams, corporate services and human resources continued its focus on "Future of Work" initiatives by rolling out an updated staff handbook and flexible working arrangement policy. Corporate services also successfully led the completion of the staff performance mid-year review with a 95% completion rate across all Support Centres.

The Global Support Centre office's workplace was upgraded to support hybrid conference meetings and welcome staff returning to the office following the COVID-19 pandemic. The upgrade aims to improve employee productivity, morale, and well-being. The team also provided logistical support to WSC members attending the WSC meeting in September 2023 and other events.

An updated Swiss GAAP interoffice accounting policy was rolled out to streamline inter-office billing and reconciliation processes across the OneWSB. Support was also given to the World Audit Committee to conduct onsite internal audit fieldwork in the Asia-Pacific Region and Interamerican Region, and to the Audit Committee on the successful negotiation an overall 12% reduction in external audit fees for the upcoming financial year-end audit.

In the next six months, the team plans to enhance the timely dispatch of the 2023-2024 annual registration fee invoices to NSOs and reinforce compliance with the WSC policy concerning payment of registration fees. The corporate services team will lead the staff year-end performance review, closeout WSB's financial year-end books, and support KPMG's external audit. The team will also continue to strengthen collaboration and coordination with the Government of Malaysia on the extension of WOSM's host-country agreement.

**CORPORATE SERVICES**

**At the Regional Level**

**SCOUTING OFFERS HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FOR MOROCCO AND LIBYA ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTERS**

On 8 September, a devastating earthquake struck various regions of Morocco, prompting the Fédération Nationale du Scoutisme Marocain to swiftly mobilise volunteers and form a specialized emergency team at the national level dedicated to disaster relief efforts.

Just a couple of days later, torrential rains wreaked havoc in Derna, Libya. Scouts played a critical role in the government’s flood response, including sea Scouts and other Scout groups helping in local shelters and providing psychological support for those in need.

World Scouting also stepped in to help raise much-needed funds through the Scout Donation Platform for people and communities affected, driving more than \$100,000 in donations to support humanitarian relief efforts on the ground.



**Africa**

Among the developments impacting the Region’s budget was the investment of some office reserves into a low-risk investment and new insurance requirements for employers brought in by Kenya’s government. The Region also completed an external audit of the Africa Scout Foundation and recruited a new welfare assistant.

**Arab**

Ongoing financial management and follow up on compliance with the Ministry of Solidarity to pass the 2022 Audit. The Region is following up on human resource and administration functions, including the implementation of the “Future of Work” projects. It also shared relevant party policy with the regional committee and youth advisors.

**Asia-Pacific**

The Asia-Pacific Environment Champions focused on the first phase of its action plan, which encourages staff to develop a proactive culture of environmental sustainability and foster a community of best practices. All efforts in this area should prioritise the mitigation of emissions and a reduction of resource consumption.

**Eurasia**

A key focus of phasing out the Eurasia Region has been on closing the legal entity of the WSB Eurasia Representative office, a process being carried out by a liquidation commission assigned and supported by lawyers.

Furthermore, the Eurasia Scout Committee approved a recommendation to temporarily freeze the sale of the Krasnokamenka Scout

**CORPORATE SERVICES****At the Regional Level**

Centre, an asset held by the Eurasia Scout Foundation, due to failed due diligence on a potential buyer and input from the Krasnokamenka Sub Committee, WSB Krasnokamenka working group, and the chairs of the WSC's Standing Committees. The matter will be endorsed by the WSC.

For financials and budget, all assets are being transferred from Eurasia and any remaining balance, including reserves, merged with WOSM.

In terms of operations and support, handover discussions were held with support centres in Europe and Asia-Pacific. The Region facilitated the translation of educational materials into Russian to support future work in other Regions, and made progress in archiving and transferring institutional, historic, and operational data to new Regions.

### Europe

Among the highlights were the UNICEF Micro Assessment and UNICEF Quarterly Financial Report, the repatriation of the European Investment Fund from European Scout Foundation and implementation of an internal control system on investment monitoring, and the implementation of related party transaction policies.

Over the next six months, the Region will focus on preparing for the audit of the UAct Project, in partnership with UNICEF, to ensure transparency, accountability, and compliance with UNICEF financial regulations.

A ESR audit will be scheduled before the end of the financial year.

### Interamerica

Notable achievements included on preparing information for an internal audit, consolidating information for the 2023-2024 budget, managing information around the rental of the RSC office from 1 January 2024, as well as onboarding two new colleagues on fixed-term contracts. In addition, the Region continued to assist external auditors with the preparation the required information and collected WOSM and Regional fees.



# NEXT STRATEGY FOR SCOUTING

## NEXT STRATEGY FOR SCOUTING

Over the last period, significant progress was made in the development of the next Strategy for Scouting with the release of “Draft 1”, a foundational document outlining the core elements of the Movement’s forthcoming strategy. Inspired by Scouting’s mission, it aims to guide the Scout Movement and WOSM over the next decade, defining its aspirations and desired impact as we continue to create a better world.

The development of this initial draft was the result of extensive research, including academic papers and international reports, and engagements with young people, adult leaders, NSOs, and WOSM structures.

This approach provided valuable insight into the current state of Scouting, the challenges it may face in the future, and the direction in which the Movement is headed.

“Draft 1” serves as a cornerstone for the next Strategy for Scouting, an ambitious initiative designed to capture the aspirations of Scouting for the next decade. This forward-looking plan aims to expand Scouting’s reach, engaging more young people and communities. By building on past achievements and setting ambitious new goals, the strategy aims to position Scouting in the global context, ensuring its continued relevance and influence among millions of youth worldwide.

### Collaborative workshop

An essential step in shaping the next Strategy for Scouting was the convening of a workshop in Pforzheim, Germany, where over 60 representatives from 30 NSOs and WOSM structures came together. This three-day event was marked by substantive discussions aimed at further understanding Scouting’s current context and identifying necessary adaptations for its continued relevance. Additionally, the workshop explored various ways to strengthen WOSM’s brand and enhance the implementation of the strategy across WOSM’s 174 Member Organizations.

### Engaging stakeholders

We strongly encourage stakeholders to actively participate in the ongoing development of our strategy by providing feedback through WOSM’s downloadable activity packs, readily available on the Strategy for Scouting website. These resources offer ideas for collecting input from young people in local Scout groups, as well as adult volunteers, Scout leaders, and national teams. Stakeholders can continue to provide contributions until 1 November.

The opportunity to provide feedback on this latest draft of the Next Strategy for Scouting, thereby contributing to the foundation of the final vision statement, is open to all. Interested parties are also invited to review background information available online to gain a deeper understanding of the rationale behind this latest draft.

With the development of the Next Strategy for Scouting proceeding according to schedule, we expect the release of “Draft 2” in early January 2024. This document will expand on the framework established in “Draft 1” while also incorporating additional refinements. The final version of this strategy is set for presentation and approval at the 43rd World Scout Conference in August 2024.

### A new vision statement

Succeeding “Vision 2023” will be the imminent launch of a new vision statement, expected in the fourth quarter of 2023. Stakeholders are strongly encouraged to actively participate in shaping this vision statement, as it will be grounded in the principles outlined in the Next Strategy for Scouting.



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