



42nd WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE

Resolutions

2021-00 RESOLUTION OF COURTESY – RESILIENCE OF SCOUTING THROUGH COVID-19

The Conference records its sincere appreciation for the efforts of its Member Organizations in:

- continuing to serve their local communities during the unprecedented challenge of the global COVID-19 pandemic;
- responding creatively and at pace, to ensure their Youth Programmes and training for Adults in Scouting adapted to new realities;
- taking the lead in offering young people crucial non-formal educational experiences in safe environments;
- helping young people connect with each other through innovative activities, supporting them through times of physical isolation and great uncertainty.

2021-01 REGISTRATION OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

The Conference,

- Records with pleasure the admission of the following members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement:

Effective 10 January 2019

- Pathfinder Scouts Vietnam

Effective 9 January 2020

- Afghanistan National Scout Organization

Effective 30 June 2021

- Solomon Islands Scout Association

2021-02 WOSM REGISTRATION FEE SYSTEM

The Conference,

- recalling Conference Resolution 2011-02 that set a fixed WOSM registration fee for all Member Organizations for the fiscal years 2011-2012 to 2019-2020,
- recalling the referendum decision of Member Organizations in April 2020 to continue the current WOSM registration fee system for the fiscal year 2020-2021,
- recognising the work done by the World Scout Committee's Task Force on WOSM Fees, following the concerns raised by Member Organizations at previous Conferences, in considering at least 14 different fee systems and extensive consultations,
- recognising the significant impact of the COVID-19 global pandemic on Scout membership and the worldwide economic downturn,
- welcoming the establishment of the "Fund for Re-Energizing Scouting" as well as the continued availability of the "Messengers of Peace Fund" to support Member Organizations in membership recovery and growth,
- recognising the overarching need to provide a stable and predictable context for Member Organization's expectations on the annual WOSM registration fee,
- decides in line with Article XXIII.1 of the Constitution of WOSM, to continue implementing the current registration fee system as approved through Conference Resolution 2011-02, and the frozen annual Member Organization fee payable resulting from it, until the WOSM fiscal year 2023-2024 (included);
- request the World Scout Committee,

- to closely monitor the evolution of the economic and Scout membership situation of Member Organizations and assess if a revised WOSM registration fee system proposal can be considered at the 43rd World Scout Conference (2024);
- to further tailor and assess the WOSM registration fee system developed in the 2017-2020 Triennium considering the post pandemic economic and Scout membership situation;
- authorizes the World Scout Committee,
 - in such case it judges that economic and Scout membership stability has *not* sufficiently been acquired by the time of the 43rd World Scout Conference, to continue implementing the current WOSM registration fee system until the fiscal year 2026-2027 (included);
- requests the World Scout Bureau,
 - to continue developing conservative budget plans, mirroring the overall financial reality faced by Member Organizations;
 - to continue offering tailored support to impacted Member Organizations as provided for in the [Policy concerning payment of registration fees](#);
 - to continue offering funding opportunities for Member Organizations and exploring new partnerships for funding.

2021-03 STRATEGY FOR SCOUTING – WORLD TRIENNIAL PLAN 2021-2024

The Conference,

- recalling Conference Resolution 2014-06, which approved "Vision 2023" as the Strategy for Scouting until 2023,
- recalling Conference Resolutions 2014-07 and 2017-03, which approved the overall strategic guidelines for the World Triennial Plans 2014-2017 and 2017-2020,
- taking into account the WOSM one year plan, developed to bridge the gap between the 2017-2020 Triennium and the 42nd World Scout Conference,
- expressing its appreciation on the diligent reporting of the World Scout Committee including the use of Key Performance Indicators,
- considering the outcomes of the discussions between Member Organizations on the draft objectives of the World Triennial Plan 2021-2024 during the related session at this Conference,
- approves the draft objectives of the World Triennial Plan 2021-2024 (as amended), included in Conference Document 6B, as the overall strategic direction for the work to be carried out during the final triennium of the current Strategy for Scouting "Vision 2023";
- requests the World Scout Committee to ensure the following for the World Triennial Plan 2021-2024,
 - to make a final reality assessment of the proposed objectives in terms of available resources and to align with the approved Conference Resolutions;
 - to approve the final triennial plan, its Key Performance Indicators to measure progress, and establish an operational framework to implement the plan;
 - to share the final version of the triennial plan no later than 31 December 2021 and regular progress reports with Member Organizations;
- requests the World Scout Committee to take measures and actions to ensure continued alignment of Vision 2023 and the World Triennial Plan 2021-2024 across the Scout Movement;
- requests the incoming World Scout Committee to develop the next Strategy for Scouting (post Vision 2023) through a participative process which engages the Scout Movement, ensuring a final proposal is put for consideration to the 43rd World Scout Conference (2024);
- requests the World Scout Committee to develop the World Triennial Plan 2024-2027 to start implementing the next Strategy for Scouting using a similar approach, incorporating lessons learned during this process.

2021-04 STRENGTHENING SAFE FROM HARM IN THE SCOUT MOVEMENT

The Conference,

- acknowledging the progress that has been made through the approval of and implementation of Conference Resolutions 1990-16, 2002-07 and 2017-05 to stress World Scouting's strong commitment to keeping Scouts Safe from Harm and adopt the World Safe from Harm Policy,
- acknowledging that Scouting, as a Movement of 110 years of empowering young people, has suffered from instances when abusers have committed acts of child abuse,
- declares on behalf of the Scout Movement, that we

- strongly condemn any abuse of young people and adults be it physical, verbal, emotional or sexual in nature;
- deplore that some have misused the Scouting Programme as a platform to commit reprehensible acts of abuse against young people and adults;
- are deeply alarmed by any cases of abuse and sincerely apologise to those victims;
- as a values-based movement, care about the well-being of all victims - young people and adults;
- express support of the measures taken by Member Organizations to observe their ethical and legal responsibilities towards victims of abuse;
- call for positive and urgent steps to be taken at all levels, including the full implementation of this Conference Resolution;
- reaffirms the urgency of a continued and strengthened implementation of the World Safe from Harm Policy at all levels of the Scout Movement;
- requests the World Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau to consider the implementation of the World Safe from Harm Policy as a key priority for Member Organizations, supporting this by
 - strengthening tailored support to Member Organizations for them to achieve the requests of this Conference Resolution;
 - creating, testing and deploying a regular assessment mechanism during the 2021-2024 Triennium to monitor compliance of Member Organisations with the World Safe from Harm Policy;
 - exploring how enforcement of compliance with the World Safe from Harm Policy as of 2025 can best be achieved while being mindful of national regulations and requirements;
 - ensuring full integration and implementation of the Safe from Harm guidelines in all World and Regional events, communications and resources;
 - ensuring a culture of learning when Safe from Harm incidents occur at World and Regional Scout Events, to reduce the risk of future incidents;
 - enhancing coordination and sharing of best practices between Member Organizations;
 - investigating ways in which Member Organizations and the World Scout Bureau can work together to prevent unsuitable adults from volunteering within the Scout Movement;
- requests all Member Organizations to,
 - address the issue of Safe from Harm as a matter of highest priority, recognising that the safety and mental well-being of young people and their development is at the heart of the Mission of Scouting;
 - commit to reach compliance with the World Safe from Harm Policy by the 43rd World Scout Conference, making full use of the strengthened support offered by World Scouting;
 - ensuring that Safe from Harm is embedded transversally in all areas of work, in particular education of all members, governance and communications;
 - raise the awareness of young people and adults on their rights and obligations to protect their safety and to report potential cases of abuse.

2021-05 YOUTH ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Conference,

- recognising youth engagement as a component of the core educational methods as well as an essential part of good governance of Scouting,
- referencing the World Scout Youth Involvement Policy which gives the direction at all levels to strengthen youth engagement educationally, institutionally and in the community,
- reaffirming several Conference Resolutions (most recently 2017-07) which relate to youth involvement in inclusive decision-making and inclusion of young people in delegations to the World Scout Conference,
- noting the consultations carried out by the two Task Forces for World Scout Committee Size and Effectiveness and the Evolution of the World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference during this triennium,
- being aware of the progress achieved through the implementation of the Youth Involvement Strategy 2011-2020 as outlined in its reports,
- approves the main goals and key objectives of the Youth Engagement Strategy as described in Conference Document 10,
- requests the World Scout Committee to,

- implement a comprehensive training framework to be included in the induction/orientation cycle on meaningful youth leadership and engagement, for all new and current volunteers and staff as well as for youth at all levels of the Scout Movement;
- further develop the Youth Engagement Strategy for young people across the Scout Movement and in all aspects of Scouting (at the unit, institutional and community level);
- review the World Scout Youth Involvement Policy during the 2021-2024 Triennium and ensure alignment with the development of the Youth Engagement Strategy;
- link Member Organizations and partners through formal working structures to establish the plans, tools and measures required to guarantee youth engagement as part of a holistic citizen education;
- align the Youth Engagement Strategy with the next Strategy for Scouting to provide direction for future triennial plans.

2021-06 EVOLVING THE WORLD SCOUT YOUTH FORUM AND WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE

The Conference,

- noting Conference Resolutions 1990-24, 1993-24, 2005-12, and 2017-07 which called for more inclusive methods to be used at World Scout Conferences,
- reaffirming several Conference Resolutions (most recently 2017-07) which relate to youth involvement in inclusive decision-making and inclusion of young people in delegations to World Scout Conferences,
- reiterating several Conference Resolutions (most recently 2008-14 and 2017-07) which highlighted the transitional and interim nature of the Youth Advisor system and the World Scout Youth Forum in the decision-making process of WOSM,
- recognising the progress that has been made in ensuring greater engagement of young people in the decision-making process of WOSM, including innovations in the programme and structure of this World Scout Conference to support and enhance the values of transparency, inclusivity, and the sharing of good practices,
- acknowledging that Scouting aspires to be a Movement where the diversity of its participants aligns with its educative objectives, this may require temporary and suitable measures in order for these objectives to be achieved,
- recognising the extensive global consultations which were undertaken in developing the proposal presented in Conference Document 11,
- adopts the proposal and principles for the 'new event' outlined in Conference Document 11 to achieve a more inclusive, diverse and engaging World Scout Conference by using innovative methods with a clear focus on youth participation in decision-making;
- requests the World Scout Committee to,
 - ensure youth participation in the 'new event' by defining a transitory and realistic percentage of participants under a defined age in each delegation, with this measure to be re-evaluated and discussed in its entirety with the Conference each triennium;
 - ensure that these principles are used as the basis for delivering the 'new event' in 2024, which will transform the current format of the World Scout Youth Forum to build upon and consolidate it into an enhanced and youth empowering experience of the World Scout Conference;
 - guarantee sufficient mechanisms and space for effective and meaningful youth engagement and greater representation of young people in the governance processes, as well as the leadership, programmatic planning, delivery, evaluation and educational elements of the 'new event' to ensure intergenerational mix;
 - ensure the same experience before, during and after the Conference for both delegates and observers, in order to rely on the delegations' collective strength to enrich Conference debates and decision-making;
 - explore lowering young people's registration fees to ensure youth participation in the 'new event';
 - monitor and evaluate the quality, effectiveness and impact of these measures to ensure continuous improvement of practices for the expansion and protection of young people's spaces in the 'new event' within its governance functions;
- releases the World Scout Committee from Conference Resolution 1999-08 relating to the format, organisation, and working methods of the World Scout Conference to enable the 'new event'.

2021-07 YOUTH ADVISOR SYSTEM AND YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING

The Conference,

- recalling Conference Resolutions (most recently 2008-14 and 2017-07) highlighting the transitional and interim nature of the World Scout Youth Forum and the World Youth Advisor system in the decision-making processes of WOSM,
- heartened by the progress on youth involvement in decision-making over the last decades, in particular the success of the World Youth Advisor system as a transitional measure, as outlined in Conference Document 10, and the Scout Movement's readiness to accelerate the progress on youth involvement in decision-making to conclude this transitional measure,
- considering Conference Resolution 2017-11, expressing the need to have the most effective World Scout Committee and highlighting the importance of its diversity to ensure it carries out its responsibilities in the most qualitative way possible,
- recognising more efforts are needed to continue strengthening the involvement of young people in decision-making and to ensure past progress is not lost,
- noting the World Scout Committee's intention to discontinue the World Youth Advisor system at the end of the 2021-2024 Triennium, as elaborated in Conference Document 10, with an aim of ensuring and further strengthening youth participation in the membership of the World Scout Committee and its substructures,
- understanding the difficulties that COVID-19 and the digital format has imposed on Member Organizations in being able to consider and facilitate in-depth discussions concerning major changes within the Scout Movement;
- encourages that existing transitional Youth Advisor systems at the Regional level continue until such time that its goals are achieved;
- requests Member Organizations to,
 - recognise their critical responsibility towards youth involvement as the only entities nominating candidates for World and Regional Scout Committees;
 - proactively identify, nominate, and support suitable young people who could serve on World and Regional Scout Committees;
 - support the continued growth and development of those young people in line with training and guidance developed as part of the Youth Engagement Strategy;
 - take action to ensure meaningful youth involvement in decision-making at all levels of their structures;
 - meaningfully include young people in their World Scout Conference delegations;
- requests the World Scout Committee to apply the following measures to enhance youth involvement in decision-making in the World Scout Committee,
 - continue to include young people under the age of 30 in all of its Standing Committees and its Operational Framework;
 - support the delivery of training to young people under the age of 30 interested to have a leadership position at National, Regional and World structures;
- further requests the World Scout Committee to,
 - present a report identifying institutional, structural and cultural barriers to meaningful youth participation in WOSM's decision-making processes, as well as opportunities and recommendations to overcome these barriers;
 - propose potential alternative measures to replace the current Youth Advisor system and to ensure the representation, as well as effective and meaningful participation, of young people in the World Scout Committee;
 - consult on this with, amongst other stakeholders, Member Organizations, young members, subject matter experts on youth participation and former Youth Advisors;
 - deliver the conclusions to the Member Organizations by the end of October 2023 to allow adequate time for the membership to consider any organisational or constitutional changes;
- requests the World Scout Committee to monitor the youth involvement situation in decision-making and to take further actions as outlined in section 3.3 of Conference Document 10, if the results are unsatisfactory.

2021-08 STRENGTHENING WOSM'S ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Conference,

- reaffirming WOSM's commitment and the urgent need for coordinated action as a global youth movement to protect our environment by taking action on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their 93 environment-related indicators,
- acknowledging Conference Resolutions 2005-20, 2008-25, 2017-10 requesting for strengthened environmental education, the organisation of sustainable Scouting events, providing support and guidance for event hosts on such sustainability measures, and investigating WOSM's environmental impact and carbon footprint,
- acknowledging the findings and recommendations of the WOSM Environmental Impact Report,
- acknowledging the need for urgent action as outlined by the Sixth Assessment Report of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change,
- welcoming the increased educational focus on environmental education through the launch of the Earth Tribe initiative,
- acknowledging the valuable and continuous effort of Member Organizations around the world to address environmental sustainability,
- reaffirming WOSM's commitment on the urgent need to activate our members as active citizens to mitigate consequences of the climate change, leading the way as a global youth movement in the fight against the consequences of the climate change,
- requests Member Organizations to,
 - ensure environmental education is better integrated into their National Youth Programme, using the Earth Tribe or other global and national initiatives;
 - adhere to WOSM guidelines for organising sustainable events as a tool for making events and meetings more environmentally friendly;
 - develop partnerships to strengthen their national educational and institutional approaches to environmental sustainability;
- requests the World Scout Committee and World Scout Bureau to,
 - be a role model in the fight against the climate crisis;
 - ensure that World Scouting's environmental content and programs are promoted, implemented, and undergo continuous improvement;
 - consult academic and environmental experts when creating or reviewing new sustainability initiatives, policies, and educational methods (for example the Earth Tribe initiative);
 - create a system to monitor the environmental impact of World Scouting's operations and ensure a reporting mechanism is designed to give Member Organizations strategic information to be actively involved in world level decision-making;
 - develop a climate impact strategy for WOSM during the next triennium with clear and shared action plans and measurable goals, as outlined in Conference Document 12 and taking into account the feedback provided by Member Organizations at the 42nd World Scout Conference, aiming to significantly strengthen environmental sustainability practices towards achieving climate neutrality of WOSM's operations at the latest by the 46th World Scout Conference in 2033;
 - create an environmental sustainability standard for all WOSM events;
 - set environmental sustainability as described in the SDGs as a key framework when developing the next Strategy for Scouting and recognise that stronger conservation efforts can help communities become more resilient from climate disasters and compensate for our environmental impact;
 - strengthen the existing framework and mechanisms (such as GSAT, event guidelines, and SCENES accreditation) to ensure environmental sustainability is mainstreamed across the Scout Movement;
 - support the Hosts of World and Regional Scout Events to strengthen the organisation of environmentally sustainable events and make the WOSM Guidelines for Organising Sustainable Events an integral part of the guidelines for World Scout Event bidders, being mindful of national context;
 - create an optional label for World Scout Event bidders who comply with higher environmental standards to promote a strong commitment for the climate;
 - strengthen global partnerships in environmental sustainability to support the measures outlined above;
 - ensure a focus on environmental sustainability and seek climate neutrality when developing the next Strategy for Scouting;

- develop a dedicated online training and other resources through the WOSM Services, focused on developing national action response plans and long-term projects, in response to natural disasters from Member Organizations;
- strengthen existing World and Regional institutional collaborations and create new ones with outside partners, to ensure synergies in effectively improving climate change, and improve our climate protection and humanitarian response policy;
- support Member Organizations to become responsible actors and take the lead in local actions to mitigate the consequences of climate change and actively be engaged in natural disaster response.

2021-09 SCOUT EVENTS IN THE MODERN WORLD

The Conference,

- appreciating the selfless effort by Member Organizations hosting World or Regional Scout Events past, present and future,
- mindful of the complex nature of organising Scout events in the modern world,
- recognising the growing size of World and Regional Scout Events,
- further recognising the growing costs of participation in Scout events,
- further recognising the multifaceted risks that both Hosts and participating Member Organizations face when organising or taking part in Scout events,
- concerned by the continuing constraints on international travel caused by the COVID-19 pandemic,
- further noting the anticipated increase in public scrutiny that event Hosts will encounter in a post-COVID-19 era,
- noting the necessary readiness for future regional or global disruptions,
- emphasising the need to share the risks of organising Scout events, connected to the aforementioned disruptions,
- requests the World Scout Committee to,
 - provide guidance for Scout event Hosts on how to act in case of unexpected major disruptions in the preparations of a Scout event, such as, but not limited to, postponement or cancellation;
 - prepare a set of suggested tools (technical, financial, legal, organisational, etc.) to manage and mitigate such disruptions, aimed at ensuring the financial stability of both the Host and participating Member Organizations;
 - seek to further prepare Scout events for the next decade with an eye towards a renewed global focus on public health;
 - explore ways to ensure that the risks, financial and otherwise, can be shared equitably among the Host and participating Member Organizations.

2021-10 LEADERSHIP IN PEACE

The Conference,

- reaffirming the Scout Movement's promise to peace through its responsibility as the world's leading educational youth movement,
- recalling Conference Resolutions 1988-08, 2005-23, 2008-28, 2011-16, 2014-12, 2014-13 and 2017-08, and in particular recognising the historical impact of Conference Resolution 2011-16 Youth Peace and Security in External Relations as a key foundation to the development of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security,
- acknowledging the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 and succeeding Resolutions on Women, Peace and Security, and 2250, 2419, 2535 on Youth, Peace and Security,
- acknowledging the recommendations of the progress study "The Missing Peace" as a useful guideline for implementing the UN Youth, Peace and Security Agenda,
- emphasizing that peace is an ongoing process of building inclusive societies, which requires constant effort and attention, and that the Scout Movement plays an important role in strengthening young people as peacebuilders in their communities,
- expresses its full support for the objectives set forth in the UN's Youth, Peace and Security Agenda;
- requests the World Scout Committee to advance the role of Scouting in the implementation of the UN Youth, Peace and Security Agenda, through,

- providing guidance to Member Organizations to identify and strengthen their efforts related to the UN Youth, Peace and Security Agenda;
- assessing the impact that World Scouting's peace education programmes have on the capacity of young people to contribute to creating inclusive and peaceful communities;
- further understanding the Scout Movement's contribution and impact with regards to peace through establishing partnerships with academia, Non-Governmental Organisations and intergovernmental institutions;
- developing tools in cooperation with partners, or independently, for implementing the relevant parts of the UN Youth, Peace and Security Agenda at a local and national level to strengthen Scouting's role as champions for peace and youth participation in society;
- considering to convene a World Scout Event to strengthen the role of Scouting in peacebuilding;
- actively engaging in policy processes on Youth, Peace and Security through its external relations efforts;
- strongly urges Member Organizations to play an active role in the development of the UN Youth, Peace and Security Agenda at national level, and in showcasing the contribution of Scouting to peaceful and inclusive societies;
- encourages Member Organizations to strengthen the dimension of the right to peace in the educational programmes and activities by implementing peace educational materials (including Dialogue for Peace and preventing violent extremism).

Languages

The official languages of the World Organization are English and French. We endeavour to make these key decisions of the World Scout Conference also available in Arabic, Russian and Spanish - the three additional working languages of WOSM. In the event of a conflict arising out of the interpretation of this document or any other official document of the World Organization, the English text shall prevail.