

Report of the Evolution of the World Scout  
Youth Forum and World Scout Conference  
Task Force

# Executive Summary

The World Scout Committee's (WSC's) Task Force on the Evolution of the World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference was created in response to Conference Resolution 2017-07 to develop proposals to facilitate the merging of the World Scout Conference (WScConf) and World Scout Youth Forum (WSYF) into a 'new event' in 2023. Its aim was to continue to innovate the World Organization of the Scout Movement's (WOSM's) decision-making processes to increase youth participation, transparency, inclusivity, effectiveness and opportunities for sharing of good practices. The Task Force was tasked with:

- building on innovations from the 41<sup>st</sup> World Scout Conference in 2017,
- identifying new developments to be considered for introduction at the 42<sup>nd</sup> World Scout Conference
- laying the foundations for the 'new event' in 2023, and at the same time, ensuring the 'new event' combines learning and educational elements which promote opportunities for personal growth of participants and more effective decision-making.

Analysis of attendance data from previous WSYFs and WScConfs indicate that the number of young people attending the WScConf is increasing. A growing number of NSOs send young people to both the WSYF and WScConf. In addition, more young people now attend the WScConf without having attended the WSYF. This data highlights an emerging trend of NSOs including young people in the WScConf without them having attended the WSYF. This reinforces the need to explore options for evolving the WSYF and WScConf into one event by 2023, and to ensure greater youth involvement.

The Task Force consulted widely and ensured its engagement with individuals from NSOs in all six Regions. Four rounds of consultations -three being on-line- were held in WOSM's two official and three working languages. The third round was face to face and occurred at the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree and at each of the Regional Conferences. More than 500 responses were received for the last round. In all instances, a large number of respondents reported being under 30 years of age.

Overall, there is considerable support for the evolution of our decision-making processes and there is overwhelming support for bringing together elements of the World Scout Conference and World Scout Youth Forum, improving youth involvement, maintaining our Scout ethos and cultural accessibility in our decision-making processes. While it would appear timely to do this at the world level, it is not suggested that Regions follow this evolution unless they consider it is educationally desirable. The consensus from the consultations is that methods which were identified as being engaging for young people should be beneficial to all participants. A strong message which emerged from the consultations is that structural changes will not be enough to bring about the necessary changes for a 'new event' and that greater attitudinal changes will be required. A new, broad, holistic and strategic approach to youth engagement will be required to support the 'new event'. (It is noted that this will be considered in a separate Conference Document.)

This Report presents recommendations around themes of Working Methods, Programme of the Event, Youth Engagement, and Solidarity. Some of the findings have been recommended and adopted as part of the conference programme and operational methods for the 14th World Scout Youth Forum and 42<sup>nd</sup> World Scout Conference.

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# Report of the Evolution of the World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference Task Force

## Introduction

### The Task Force

The Evolution of the World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference Task Force was created to develop proposals to implement Resolution 2017/07 (Appendix 1) which includes exploring options for evolving the World Scout Conference (WScnf) and World Scout Youth Forum (WSYF) into one event by 2023, and to present a preferred model which promotes greater youth involvement to the World Scout Committee.

The remit of the Task Force was to consult widely with NSOs, former WSYF and WScnf delegates and observers, and openly with all other members, ensuring young people's voices were heard effectively regarding the future operations of the World Scout Youth Forum and its interface with the World Scout Conference. Based on these consultations, the Task Force was charged with preparing options and then openly and widely consulting with stakeholders on the acceptability and validity of those options, using regional and global events as well as online platforms to brief stakeholders on the purpose of the Task Force and consult on the direction of the work.

The findings and recommendations of the Task Force are presented in this Report and include the preferred model for evolving the World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference Forum into a 'new event' by 2023.

### Background Research

A number of key documents informed the initial guiding hypotheses of the Task Force. They included:

- Impact Assessment of the World Scout Youth Forum and Youth Advisor System
- Involving Youth in an Innovative Way (Youth For Change Priority Area, 2013)
- World Scout Conference resolutions relating to the World Scout Youth Forum
- the Summary Document outlining the innovations introduced to the 41<sup>st</sup> World Scout Conference in 2017
- Evaluations of the 14<sup>th</sup> World Scout Youth Forum and 41<sup>st</sup> World Scout Conference in 2017
- the Concept Review of the World Scout Conference and Youth Forum (Document 10 at the World Scout Conference in Baku, 2017)

Throughout its work, particularly in the early stages, the Task Force consulted with a number of individuals to gain different insights and perspectives. These individuals spanned the WSB, world operational structure and both current and former members of the World Scout Committee as well as Youth Advisors and alumni of previous World Scout Youth Forums.

Additional data was gathered by the Task Force during the course of its work. This includes:

- The History of the World Scout Youth Forum (see Appendix 2)
- The History of the World Scout Conference (see Appendix 3)
- Youth Involvement Data (see Appendix 4).

## **Key Messages**

Overall, there is considerable support for the evolution of WOSM's decision-making processes and there is overwhelming support for bringing together components of the World Scout Conference and World Scout Youth Forum, improving youth involvement, maintaining our Scout ethos and cultural accessibility in our decision-making processes. At no point in the consultations was there a call to retain the WSYF and WSCConf as two separate events. While it may be considered timely to do this at the world level, and recognising that it was not in its scope, the Task Force suggests that Regions do not follow this move unless they consider it is desirable and choose to do so themselves.

It is recognised that there is still significant educational value in young people being able to meet together regionally and globally, share thoughts, and discuss new ideas and that more opportunities should be made using existing global and regional events to encourage such educational opportunities. This matter is discussed further in this Report.

The consensus from the consultations is that areas for training and personal development which were identified as being beneficial to young people could be beneficial to all participants. Many believe that the existing WSYF offers some best practices which capture key educational and 'Scouting' perspectives which should be implemented into the new event, for example, team building, peer to peer learning, learning by doing, etc.

A strong message which emerged is that structural changes will not be enough to bring about the necessary changes for a 'new event' and that broader attitudinal changes will be required. Furthermore, WOSM should be working towards a situation where young people are among those best suited and qualified to be involved in all aspects of the 'new event', both organising and participating, and not just included to meet quotas or planning requirements. This need for capacity building is one which was echoed across all Regions, some emphasising the need to plan to fill the vacuum that may be left in creating the 'new event' and others calling for it as a natural step in progressing youth empowerment.

A new, broad, holistic and strategic approach to youth engagement is required to support the 'new event'. It is noted that this topic is the subject of a separate Conference Resolution. Along with the creation of this, the Task Force has identified the need for a 'big picture' approach to tackling the cultural, attitudinal, and intergenerational changes necessary to harness and realise the full potential of the 'new event'. This new approach must consider the variance in styles and levels of, youth engagement across the Regions as well as recognising the empowerment of young people through the use of the Scout Method as an integral part of our educational means and, as such, something which should be considered in all projects and events in WOSM. Rather than one event every three years focusing on the progression of about 200 young people in decision-making, it is felt that the core principles of the WSYF and associated transferable skills should be incorporated and strengthened, in all other international events, projects, and working groups so that increased numbers of young people can benefit from these non-formal educational experiences.

## **Overview of Proposal**

The content of this document is based on the findings from all consultations. It focuses on four key dimensions for consideration in the 'new event': Working Methods; the Programme of the Event; Youth Engagement; and Solidarity.

# Report on Consultations

Making consultations open and accessible was a priority for the Task Force. One measure which was taken to increase accessibility was to translate all surveys into the two official and three working languages of WOSM. Translation of the surveys and responses were conducted by members of the Task Force. A second priority was to ensure that the voices of young people were included. This was achieved through promoting the surveys on social media, particularly the 'World Scout Youth Forum' page administered by the Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee (Maire is this correct???) and Facebook groups for participants of the past two World Scout Youth Forums, and encouraging the sharing of the survey to help it reach a wider audience. The Task Force recognised that while wide consultation was important, the representatives of NSOs who are responsible for making decisions and would be voting on any proposals at the World Scout Conference should also be priority stakeholders. These official respondents were targeted through the use of ScoutPak, regional gatherings, and personal networks of the members of the Task Force.

The first survey was developed and released in mid 2018. It asked a range of questions about the overall satisfaction with the Conference and Youth Forum, and how decision-making can be made more inclusive both culturally and in line with the World Scout Youth Involvement Policy. It provided the opportunity to contribute suggestions and ideas for the "new event" as well as best practices that should be incorporated. It was offered in all five WOSM languages and released through ScoutPak and social media channels.

- It was completed by 369 people across all six Regions.
- 63% of the responses were in English, 14% in Arabic, 13% in Spanish, 7% in French and 3% in Russian.
- Over half (57%) of respondents were under 30 years of age, 29% were aged between 30 and 50 years, and 14% were over 50 years of age.
- 26% of respondents reported having attended at least one WSYF and 59% reported having attended at least one WScnf.

A second survey was initiated in early 2019 to clarify, validate and prioritise the huge range of suggestions submitted in the first survey. It was offered in the five languages and was released through social media and promoted using a video created by the Task Force.

- Over 400 responses, 324 of which were usable and identified 81 different countries spanning all six Regions.
- 58 respondents (18%) reported submitting official responses on behalf of an NSO/NSA.
- 49% of the responses were in English, 20% in Spanish, 17% in Arabic, 8% in Russian and 6% in French.
- Over half (55%) of respondents were under 30 years of age, 32% were aged between 30 and 50 years, and 13% were over 50 years of age.
- Most responses were from individuals, but 29 respondents (9%) indicated that they were responding on behalf of a group.

A third round of consultations took place in the second half of 2019. These consultations focused on face-to-face interaction, with consultation sessions being run at the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree, involving 120 people and the Asia-Pacific, Europe, Arab, and Eurasia Regional Conferences, involving a further 500 people. It also involved a consultation with all members of the World Scout Committee. The focus of this third round of consultations was to gain deeper perspectives on the topics identified in the consultations identified as 'requiring further debate'.

The fourth and final round of consultations was an online survey which was opened in early 2020. This sought further clarity for the details of the principles which required debate. It was released through social media in the five languages.

- 508 valid responses, spread across the six Regions, with 65% of respondents identifying as male, 34% identifying as female, and less than 1% selecting 'other'.
- 116 respondents (23%) reported submitting official responses on behalf of an NSO/NSA.
- 220 (43.3%) of the responses were in English, 124 (23.4%) in Spanish, 90 (17.7%) in French, 57 (11.2%) in Arabic and 22 (4.3%) in Russian.
- 328 respondents (65%) were under 30 years of age, 143 (28%) were aged between 30 and 50 years, and 37 respondents (7%) were over 50 years of age.
- Most responses were from individuals, but 50 respondents (10%) indicated that they were responding on behalf of a group.

There were two very clear messages arising from the final online consultation.

- 487 respondents (96%) felt that a procedural change was necessary to ensure young people would be included as members of delegations to future World Scout Conferences.
  - 40% believed that delegations of up to 3 delegates must include 1 young person as a delegate, and delegations of 4 or more must include at least 2 youth delegates.
  - 33% believed that half the number of delegates must be youth.
  - 23% believed that each delegation must include at least one young person as a delegate.
- 354 respondents (70%) stated that WOSM should expand existing global and regional events to include more Forum style educational opportunities within the programme to involve greater numbers of young people.
  - 150 respondents (30%) felt that WOSM also needs an international gathering for young people as part of the global educational programme.

## Recent Innovations

The Planning Team of the 41<sup>st</sup> World Scout Conference 2017 identified some weaknesses in the existing model for conferences and adopted a number of changes including:

- Approving a new set of Rules of Procedure that are culturally neutral and support a more responsible, solid and shared decision-making process.
- The introduction of e-voting which helped the voting procedures to be more effective and efficient. This should reduce the time taken for voting and also to be less intrusive
- Space in the programme for NSOs to network and form collaborations
- Frequent breakout sessions with mixed international groups (managed, to ensure a spread of cultures and nationalities). These were used to discuss resolutions and amendments, financial reports and provided greater transparency
- Extensive use of digital means as a way of engagement, before and during the Conference including the involvement of some people not present physically in the venue
- Chairpersons of plenary sessions were politically neutral, suitably skilled, well-briefed, well-trained and well-scripted
- Active showcasing, both from WOSM and the NSOs
- A solidarity program that only supports youth delegates participating both in the Conference and the WSYF and
- A strong recommendation to NSOs to include women and young people in their official delegations.

The Planning Teams of the 42<sup>nd</sup> World Scout Conference and 15<sup>th</sup> World Scout Youth Forum have further developed the concepts with new adaptations. These include:

- Updating and providing training in the new *Rules of Procedure*
- Promoting the use of international and multi-lingual conversations between and within Breakout Groups and teams.
- An inter-generational team will be actively included in the planning of the Conference, where young people are supported to have significant roles.
- Timelines for the Conference will enable training to occur as well as active preparatory work including promoting national and international discussions.
- A positive culture and a Scout-safe event is the standard as unethical behaviour will not be tolerated throughout the 'new event'
- Safe From Harm training will be updated and presented as a mandated component of the pre Forum and Conference training and delivered through e-learning.
- Safe spaces ("listening ear") will be established and promoted for people who require support.
- More discussion time is programmed where large group discussions using culturally-sensitive, participation methods will be encouraged
- Language-based groups will occur for some discussions.
- The development by Forum participants of a Personal Action Plan to assist focused their work following the event
- A specific session to discuss potential ways of implementing decisions and the Triennial Plan to assist NSOs.

# Ensuring more meaningful participation and effective youth contribution

The Task Force identified a number of key points for ensuring meaningful participation and the effective contribution of young people in WOSM. A core message from consultations was the need for a holistic approach to any such developments. Key recommendations are listed below and are referenced through their relevant Conference proposals:

- A proposal to consider amending the Constitution of WOSM, to ensure young people are included as members of delegations to the WSCConf (see Constitutional Amendment 2020-A).
- Existing World and Regional Scout events should be used to provide more educational opportunities for young people. Significant educational benefits occur when groups of young people can meet regionally and globally to share thoughts and discuss new ideas (see Draft Objective 2.14 of the Triennial Plan 2020-2023 and Draft Resolution 2020-F).
- A new, broad, holistic and strategic approach to youth engagement is required to support the 'new event' (see Draft Resolution 2020-F).
- Structural changes alone, will not be enough to bring about the necessary changes to achieve the goal of increased youth engagement. Broader attitudinal changes will be required (see Draft Resolution 2020-F).

# Principles recommended for the ‘New Event’

Based on the results of consultation, it is recommended that a ‘new event’ replace the existing format of the WSYF and WSCConf in 2023. In order to meet constitutional requirements, this ‘new event’ will need to include the ‘Functions of the World Scout Conference’ (Article X of the Constitution of WOSM). The present proposal ensures that the ‘new event’ aligns with relevant historic Conference Resolutions. In accordance with Article XII.5, the World Scout Conference shall continue to record and adopt its own Rules of Procedure which cover all operational aspects of the ‘new event’. The current process whereby the Rules of Procedure are submitted by the World Scout Committee for formal approval by Member Organizations before the event would continue.

Four key dimensions which were identified for the ‘new event’ are Working Methods, Programme of the Event, Youth Engagement, and Solidarity. Each dimension has a number of principles.

A core belief on which these principles are presented is that many of the innovations which were initially proposed to enhance youth engagement will enhance and support the engagement of all participants.

These principles are recommended to be used to guide the development of the ‘new event’ in 2023.

## Working Methods

1. Pre-engagement activities, including training and discussions for all participants, should be available to enable opportunities for international collaboration and development of the Resolutions.
2. Training opportunities should be available to assist delegations with understanding their role at the ‘new event’ and the purpose of the ‘new event’ overall.
3. Training should be mandated for everyone attending the event.
4. Training should be blended between virtual methods pre-event and physical methods onsite at the beginning of the event.
5. Timelines for the planning of the ‘new event’ should enable active preparatory work by participants, including discussions regarding the Rules of Procedure and Resolutions.
6. Simpler guidelines and supporting documents should be provided to assist NSOs in understanding the Rules of Procedure of the Conference component of the ‘new event’, including preparation of Draft Resolutions.
7. A good quality online platform and mobile application should be available before, during and after the ‘new event’ to provide effective communications including:
  - opportunities to establish contact with delegates from other NSOs,
  - an open message board for questions before and during the event,
  - support for the Conference Resolutions,
  - feedback,

- regular updates of the event information on the application.
8. All documents should be simple, clear and with graphic summaries where possible. They should also be available in all working languages and released in a timely manner. The quality of translation provided should be improved and the number of volunteer translators should be increased.
  9. In preparation for the conference a toolkit should be developed to support NSOs. This should include:
    - Purpose of the 'new event'
    - Obligations of the NSOs
    - Selection process of the delegates
    - Role description for the heads of the delegation and delegates
    - Hints for new attendees
    - Glossary containing conference terminology
    - Democratic ways for determining voting on conference resolutions
  10. In line with the WOSM Code of Conduct and World Safe from Harm Policy, a positive culture should be evident to ensure that unethical and inappropriate behaviour is not accepted.
  11. It is essential before applying to host the 'new event', each potential host country receives a letter of support from their government which supports every NSO having access to the country, including issuing a visa where necessary. This is already a requirement for the Host and is a crucial part of ensuring a fully inclusive event.

## Programme of Event

12. The programme of the 'new event' should provide a close link with WOSM strategies, in the context of other Regional and World events.
13. The programme components of the 'new event' should be based on the Scout Method and Values of Scouting, and should include:
  - Educational opportunities for everyone
  - Sustainable practices
  - Sharing of best practices and exchange of culture
  - Inspiration/innovation sessions and methods
  - Discussions
  - Culturally diverse topics
  - Culturally inclusive voting methods
  - Scouting type activities as part of the social programme
  - International and intergenerational break-out groups
  - Fewer plenary sessions
  - Opportunities for celebrating success
  - A safe space ('listening ear' service) for people who require support
  - Timings to ensure that those who have religious observances/prayers don't miss significant discussions
14. Opportunities should be provided to engage people through the effective use of live streaming and live updates to provide more transparency in decision-making.

15. Skilled and trained facilitators and presenters from different backgrounds should be involved wherever possible. Any large group discussion needs to use participatory methods which are culturally sensitive.
16. Timings of the programme must be followed strictly. This means:
  - Allowing greater time for the transition between sessions and break out venues
  - Not tolerating session leads exceeding their time allocation
  - Encouraging participants to adhere to the timetable
  - Using time keepers in sessions
17. The programme should offer different pathways throughout the new event, but should be mindful of what is scheduled in parallel with voting sessions of the Conference.
18. Breakout sessions should be multilingual wherever possible.
19. Additional time (to previous WSConfs) needs to be scheduled to allow delegations to discuss issues.
20. Wherever possible, conference voting sessions should be scheduled at an appropriate time during the event (earlier than with previous WSConfs) to allow delegations time to discuss possible ways of implementing what has been approved.

## Youth Engagement

21. Young people must be appropriately supported and actively included in every stage of the development and delivery of the 'new event', working in partnership together with others.
22. Young people should be given the opportunity to be actively involved in all roles with the 'new event'- as delegates and observers and in various organisational capacities.

## Solidarity

23. The current approach of focussing solidarity funding for those young people, under the age of 26 years, must be maintained. This will help emphasise WOSM's ongoing commitment to engage young people in decision-making.

# Proposal for the 'New Event'

## Name

The name proposed for the 'new event' is World Scout Assembly and Conference. This incorporates a new word, 'Assembly', which refers to a group of people that gathers in one place for a common purpose, in this case, the unity of the Scout Movement. This new word also alludes to the new elements that will be incorporated in the event to allow all participants to take the best

out of the current best practices of the WSYF. Furthermore, this word is already being used by many NSOs to refer to one of their main decision-making bodies. At the same time, the proposed name keeps the word “Conference” to acknowledge the importance of one of the three WOSM organs, the World Scout Conference. World Scout Conference sessions will be clearly labelled in the programme and will address the constitutional elements which need to be reviewed, discussed, and voted on. By keeping this word, a constitutional amendment would not be required to introduce this new event.

Finally, in terms of meaning when translated, the proposed name is considered as acceptable in all five working languages of WOSM.

EN: World Scout Assembly and Conference

FR: Assemblée et Conférence Mondiale du Scoutisme

SP: Asamblea y Conferencia Scout Mundial

AR: الجمعية والمؤتمر الكشفي العالمي

RU: Всемирная Скаутская Ассамблея и Конференция

## Purpose and Educational Objectives

### **Aim:**

The aim of this ‘new event’ is to create a new “platform” for decision making in WOSM which enhances opportunities for inclusive decision making regardless of culture, age, gender or any other factor. The aim is also to enhance transparency and effective decision making practices. The new event will also be an educational experience which will enhance the growth and unity of Scouting at all levels.

The new platform will fulfil all constitutional requirements of the current World Scout Conference, and also enable all participants to gain and share through participatory methods, further personal development and experience enhanced approaches to youth and cross cultural engagement which can be used within Scouting and the wider community.

The new event will be aimed at decision makers within MOs but also be inclusive for a wider audience, particularly including young people and others seeking to contribute to the development and realisation of WOSM’s strategy. The aim is to ensure the engagement of a wide range of people, ensuring that decisions and the strategy reflect the view of the broadest practical cross section of WOSM’s membership.

In addition, the event aims to increase and enhance online participation. The current approach of streaming plenary sessions will be retained. The aspiration is to also engage those ‘attending’

online, with interactive methods used in smaller discussion groups, the opportunity to express views and genuinely contribute to the debates and therefore encourage a greater feeling of ownership to the outcomes. The online participants could be invited by MOs as representatives who are unable to attend due to financial or other restrictions.

## **Objectives**

The objectives of the 'new event' are to:

- meet all constitutional requirements of the Conference, as detailed in the 'Functions of the World Scout Conference' (Article X of the Constitution of WOSM).
- present new and innovative Scouting and other non-formal educational experiences using a participatory approach based on the Scout Method.
- promote and expand the opportunities for the involvement and engagement of all young people in decision making at global level in Scouting.
- model innovative participation methods that can be used at local, national and regional levels in Scouting.
- model effective methods of intergenerational and intercultural decision making, cooperation and partnerships.
- enhance the contributions of all Member Organizations through:
  - continuing to have an active role in shaping the standards, policies and shared goals of the Scout Movement worldwide
  - contributing to Strategic Issues within Scouting through the Triennial Planning processes.
  - sharing latest practices in non-formal education through inspirational experiences, contact with new people, fresh ideas, innovative thoughts, different experiences and diverse and inclusive working methods.
- enrich the experiences of each participant by enabling them to:
  - share current practices, learn new skills, be innovative in problem solving and have greater involvement in decision-making in Scouting and the wider community at all levels.
  - select areas for their personal growth and those of their NSO, to experience innovative methods of information sharing, training and discussions, acquiring a deeper understanding of various issues as well as problem solving.
  - work with new Scouting colleagues from other regions through tackling innovative solutions to current shared issues.

## **Programme**

Should the proposal be adopted, the World Scout Committee and the planning team for the 'new event' would have full autonomy to develop a programme for the 'new event' based on

the principles outlined earlier in this proposal. However, to support the proposal, the Task Force developed an example of what a possible programme for the World Scout Assembly and Conference could look like. You can find the example at [this link](#).

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17-71PaCsbDug8OcpV8WjOPYYOQI\\_WgigyKv/HQJy3Rs/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17-71PaCsbDug8OcpV8WjOPYYOQI_WgigyKv/HQJy3Rs/edit#gid=0)

Time/Date	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday					
08.45-09.00			Meditation								
09.00-09.15	World Scout Committee Meeting (cont)	Specific Purpose Training linked to funding opportunities (Saturday and Sunday)	Regional Meetings	Breakouts #1	Breakout Session 1. Draft Resolutions, Constitutional Amend, key topics	Reports and Updates from World Events	Breakouts #4	Reports from Partners (Video in plenary and then break outs with posters/stalls and q&as) – can we include WAGGGS in this?	Innovation Lab(s)	Announce WSChair ,VCs	Planning for the Future - Brainstorming ideas for implementation of Triennial Plan (not binding, but suggestions for consideration)
09.15-09.30										Vote on WSConf	
09.30-09.45										Report WOSM Services	
09.45-10.00											
10.00-10.15											
10.15-10.30			Coffee Break								
10.30-10.45						WOSM Services 'Clinic' in Breakouts/Stalls starting during coffee break	Coffee Break				
11.00-11.15	World Scout Committee Meeting (cont)	Specific Purpose Training linked to funding opportunities (Saturday and Sunday)	Opening Session, Gone Home, Reports- WSC Chairperson, and Sec General WOSM	Breakout Session 2. Draft Resolutions, Constitutional Amend, key topics	Voting WSC and Events	Breakouts #5	Presentations from bidders to host next Assembly	Innovation Lab(s)	WOSM Services 'Clinic' in Breakouts/Stalls starting during coffee break	Planning for the Future - Brainstorming ideas for implementation of Triennial Plan - continued	
11.15-11.30									Transition		
11.30-11.45									Review and Evaluation of World Events (progress and past) in Breakouts**		
11.45-12.00									WOSM WAGGGS Video Report		
12.00-12.15									WSF Video Report		
12.15-12.30									KISC Video Report		
12.30-12.45									AnnounceConf		
12.30-14.00	Lunch										
14.00-14.15	World Scout Committee Meeting (cont)	Specific Purpose Training linked to funding opportunities (Saturday and Sunday)	Trainings (with groupwork in International Teams) - including coffee break	Financial Report and Vision 2023 Break Outs 45 mins each	Breakouts #2	Triennial Plan Discussion Session (breakouts)	Conference Voting Session		Implementing Conference Outcomes in your NSO Conference Evaluation	Working together to achieve our goals - breakouts exploring how WOSM might work towards new Triennial Plan and Resolutions	
14.15-14.30											
14.30-14.45											
14.45-15.00											
15.00-15.15											
15.15-15.30	Coffee Break										
15.30-16.00	Coffee Break										
16.00-16.15	Welcome the World (first meeting of International Teams and ice-breakers) - not a reception				Breakouts #3	Strategy Discovery Session (breakouts)	Conference Voting Session (continued)			Closing Session Outgoing WSC Chairman Farewell Address, NSO Growth Recognition, Investiture new WSC, New Chairman's address, Expressions of Thanks	
16.15-16.30											
16.30-16.45											
16.45-17.00	Scouts Own	Face to face training on voting system	Triennial Report and World Scouting Showcase (Video in plenary and then break outs with posters/stalls and q&as)			Election Results	Training on Key Priority Topic				
17.00-17.15											
17.15-17.30											
17.30-17.45	Free Time										
17.45-18.00											
18.00-19.00	Free Time										
19.00 on	Opening Ceremony		International Evening		Hosts evening		Free Evening		Closing Ceremony		

### Impact for Regional Events

The remit of the Task Force was to consider only two existing World events- the World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference. One concern which was raised during consultations was the possible impact the introduction of the World Scout Assembly and Conference would have on Regions. During consultations, useful information was gleaned that could be of interest in relation to regional events. This information is provided for noting by the World Scout Committee and Regional Scout Committees. It is not suggested that Regions who have a Regional Youth Forum merge this event with their Regional Conference unless they consider it to be appropriate and desirable. Regions are not a part of the present proposal and any changes to Regional governance structures or educational frameworks should only occur if and when the Region chooses to do so.

The Task Force mapped the objectives and key activities of the World Scout Youth Forum to the existing structures and events held across the six Regions and at the World level. Five out of six Regions have Regional Youth Fora, but these were not included in the mapping of objectives.

Overall, the proposed merge could provide opportunities to enhance existing institutional structures and allow greater numbers of young people to experience the educational outcomes

presented at the Forum through availing of these opportunities at an increased number of events. This work is presented in the following Table.

Green indicates that the WSYF objectives/activities already occur, orange indicates that the WSYF objectives/activities could be achieved through existing events with some development, possibly through the work of a new Youth Engagement Strategy, and red indicates that the Task Force does not believe an WSYF objective/activity is realistic within existing structures.

Function/Objective of WSYF	Africa	Arab	Asia-Pacific	Eurasia	Europe	Interamerica	World
	+ Regional YF	+ Regional YF	+ Regional YF	+ Regional YF	-----	+ Regional YF	-----
1.a learn, discuss and express their views on issues of interest to them.	Zonal YF / Jamboree	Moot	Jamborees / Moot	Jamboree	ESConf	Jamboree / Moot	'New Event' & Jamboree/ JOTI/Moot
1.b preparing inputs, proposals and reporting for the Scout Conference					n/a		
2. develop the skills necessary to strengthen their capacity to take part in decision-making processes	Young Corresp & Spokesperson Training / Zonal YF / ILT	Moot	New ILT	Jamboree	Eurojam / Roverway	Jamboree / Moot / ILT	Jamboree/ JOTI/Moot
3. be actively involved in their own Member Organisations	Young Corresp & Spokesperson Training	Moot	Specific Training / New ILT	ExcelScout	Agora	ILT	Jamboree/ JOTI/Moot
4. share their ideas and experiences on current issues and trends affecting young people in different parts of the world	Jamboree / Zonal YF / ILT	Moot	New ILT	Jamboree	Roverway YF Path	Jamboree / Moot / Camporee	Jamboree/ JOTI/Moot
5. suggest ways of strengthening national youth policies and training young people for world citizenship	Jamboree / Zonal YF / ILT	Moot	New ILT	Jamboree	Roverway YF Path	Jamboree / Moot / ILT	Jamboree/ JOTI/Moot
6. contribute new ideas to the Movement on how to enrich educational programmes for young people over 16	Specific Training / Zonal YF / ILT	Moot	Specific Training / New ILT	Jamboree	Eurojam / Roverway	Jamboree/ Moot / YAs	Jamboree/ JOTI/Moot
Information sharing	Specific Training / Zonal YF / ILT	Moot	Specific Training / New ILT	Jamboree	Agora	Youth Network	Jamboree/ JOTI/Moot
Training	Specific Training / Zonal YF / ILT	Moot	Specific Training / New ILT	ExcelScout	Agora	Jamboree / Moot / Camporee / ILT	'New Event'
Concrete experience of discussing and acquiring a deeper understanding of various issues	Specific Training / Zonal YF / ILT	Moot	Specific Training / New ILT	Jamboree	Roverway YF Path	Jamboree / Moot / Camporee	Jamboree/ JOTI/Moot
Source of inspiration and new experiences	Specific Training / Zonal YF / ILT	Moot	Specific Training / New ILT	ExcelScout	Agora	Jamboree / Moot / Camporee / ILT	Jamboree/ JOTI/Moot
Source of fresh ideas and innovative thoughts	Specific Training / Zonal YF / ILT	Moot	Specific Training / New ILT	ExcelScout	Agora	Youth Network	Jamboree/ JOTI/Moot

Contact with new people/networking	Specific Training / Zonal YF / ILT	Moot	Specific Training / New ILT	ExcelScout	Agora	Youth Network	Jamboree/ JOTI/Moot
New ways of working	Specific Training / Zonal YF / ILT	Moot	Specific Training / New ILT	ExcelScout	Agora	Youth Network	'New Event'
Elect Youth Advisors	Recommendation from Size and Effectiveness Task Force is to have virtual approach to this task.						

# Appendices

## Appendix 1 - Conference Resolution 2017/07

Inclusive decision-making - Developing the World Scout Conference and World Scout Youth Forum

The Conference,

- reaffirming its commitment to inclusive decision-making at all levels of WOSM,
- reaffirming its commitment to the World Scout Youth Involvement Policy agreed in Conference Resolution 2014-09,
- noting Conference Resolutions 1999-11, 2005-11 and 2008-15 which confirmed the transitional and interim nature of the World Scout Youth Forum in the decision-making processes of WOSM,
- noting Conference Resolutions 1990-24, 1993-24 and 2005-12 which called for more inclusive methods to be used at World Scout Conferences,
- welcomes the “concept review”, Conference Document 10, of the World Scout Conference and World Scout Youth Forum undertaken in the last triennium,
- welcomes the progress that has been made to ensure inclusivity in decision-making processes at this Conference,

- requests the World Scout Committee to continue to innovate and progress further changes to working methods to ensure increasing inclusivity and effectiveness of decision-making at the World Scout Conferences and in other WOSM bodies;
- urges the World Scout Committee to investigate and introduce further innovations in the structure of the World Scout Conference programme which support the values of transparency, inclusivity, and sharing of good practices;
- calls upon the World Scout Committee to introduce further developments for the World Scout Conference in 2020 to ensure that young people are fully engaged in the decision-making process with the aim of merging the World Scout Conference and World Scout Youth Forum into a new event in 2023;
- recommends to the organisers of the event that a group of young volunteers, in addition to Youth Advisors, representing the WOSM Regions and realities are fully involved in the process of reviewing the current events and developing the new model;
- requests the World Scout Committee to develop a set of actions to ensure meaningful participation and effective youth contribution to any potential new event;
- calls upon the World Scout Committee to ensure that any possible event in 2023 and beyond retains learning and educational elements, promoting personal growth opportunities that allow participants to take part in more effective decision-making processes;
- calls upon the organisers of future World Scout Conferences to focus any solidarity programme on the attendance of young people under the age of 30 years to ensure youth representation from every NSO;
- calls upon the World Scout Committee to explore how youth participation (under 30's) can be improved in delegations attending the new event.

## Appendix 2 - History of World Scout Youth Forum

The history of the World Scout Youth Forums goes back more than 50 years.<sup>1</sup>

The beginning of the World Scout Youth Forums was in Conference Resolution 1969-12, through which the World Scout Conference encouraged "National Scout Associations and Regions to arrange youth conferences and forums in order to increase boy participation in the decision-making process of the Movement". The 1st World Scout Youth Forum took place in 1971 in Japan, Tokyo. As a follow up, the importance of World Scout Youth Forums was once again emphasized through Conference Resolution 1973-05. Consequently, the basis was established for Regional and World Scout Youth Forums to start having a systematic character (Conference Resolution 1975-07, 1993-02), which was ultimately emphasized through Conference Resolution 2002-06, when it was decided that:

- World Scout Youth Forums be considered as educational opportunities for youth members in the oldest age sections. Their purpose shall be to enable young people to: share their ideas and experiences on current issues affecting young people in different parts of the world; suggest ways of strengthening national youth policies and training young people for world citizenship; and contribute new ideas to the Movement on how to enrich educational programmes for young people over 16,
- World Scout Youth Forums should continue to be held immediately prior to World Scout Conferences, and allow more young members to be better prepared for the World Scout Conferences,
- World Scout Youth Forums be empowered to make such recommendations they feel appropriate to the World Scout Committee for that Committee's consideration.

Conference Resolution 2005-11 emphasized the importance of the World Scout Youth Forum in fulfilling WOSM's "Youth Involvement" strategic priority at that time. It underlined that the World Scout Youth Forum does not represent a final solution to meet this strategic priority, but should rather be considered as "a transitional tool in order to increase youth participation in World Scouting".

The 2014 World Scout Conference approved a new WOSM Strategy for Scouting, "Vision 2023". In addition to that it approved the World Scout Youth Involvement Policy, which recognized the institutional nature of the World Scout Youth Forum within WOSM.

In 2020 the 14th edition of the World Scout Youth Forum will take place in Egypt.

A timeline of World Scout Youth Forums and Conference resolutions relating to WSYFs can be found in Appendix 5.

## Appendix 3 - History of World Scout Conference

The World Scout Conference is the governing body, the "general assembly" of Scouting, and is composed of all approved National Scout Organizations, currently 171 countries. Its function is to

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<sup>1</sup> This historical background of the World Scout Youth Forum is from Conference Document 7B of the 41st World Scout Conference.

consider the policy and standards of the Scout Movement throughout the world, formulate the general policy of the World Organization, and take the action required to further the purpose of the Movement.

During the first World Scout Jamboree in the United Kingdom in 1920, adult leaders met and decided that an international framework was needed. This is considered the first International Conference. The second Conference in Paris in 1922, elected an International Committee, defined their functions and arranged the drafting of a constitution which was adopted at the following Conference in 1924.

National Scout Organizations must gain recognition from the World Scout Conference to become members of WOSM. They can be represented at each World Scout Conferences and have a maximum of six delegates. The Conference meets every three years and observers authorised by their National Scout Organization are also eligible to attend the event.

The aim of the Conference is to promote the Unity, Integrity and Development of the Scout Movement worldwide. This is achieved through a structure, process and content designed to facilitate exchanges of ideas and information between members. The agenda includes formulation of the general policy; consideration of reports and recommendations from the World Committee and from Member Organizations and to conduct the formal business of the World Organization -- elections, applications for membership, registration fees, amendments to the Constitution and By-- Laws, etc.

Work regarding youth participation in the World Scout Committee has been high on the agenda with some highlights presented below.

- In 1993-10 the Conference recommends that Youth Forums be held in conjunction with all statutory meetings including world conferences and that Youth Forum delegates also participate in these statutory meetings as delegates or observers
- In 1996- 04 to have at least one Forum participant who is under the age of 26 in the organization's delegation to Regional Scout Conferences and the World Scout Conference.
- In 1999-11 recognising the need for the World Scout Youth Forum will disappear due to the full and active participation of young adults in partnership at the World Scout Conference and at all levels of decision-making.
- In 2005- 11 acknowledging the World Scout Youth Forum is a transitional tool to increase youth participation in World Scouting
- In 2017 – G to ensure that young people are fully engaged in the decision-making process with the aim of merging the World Scout Conference and World Scout Youth Forum into a new event in 2023.

A detailed listing about each World Conference can be found at

[https://www.scout.org/sites/default/files/library\\_files/History%20of%20World%20Scout%20Conferences\\_0.pdf](https://www.scout.org/sites/default/files/library_files/History%20of%20World%20Scout%20Conferences_0.pdf)

## Appendix 4 - Youth Involvement Data

Since their introduction in 1996, World Scout Youth Forums (WSYFs) have been held immediately before the World Scout Conferences (WSConfs). Quantitative data are presented on the last six of these Forums since 2002 (the 8th - 13th editions), and include the total number of official participants (delegates and observers) at each Forum, and those who went on to attend

the Conference the same year. All data presented are based exclusively on the lists of participants of the past WSYFs and exclude Host Committee members. Given the variability of data collections over this extended period, this information is provided to indicate trends only.

World Scout Youth Forum	Forum Numbers	NSOs at WSYF	NSOs at WSCConf	WSYF Participants who attended WSCConf		Participants aged U26 at WSCConf	
				Number	%	Number	%
<b>Greece, 2002#</b>	121	52	126	83	69%	83/1403	6%
<b>Tunisia, 2005#</b>	154	66	122	112	73%	112/1442	7%
<b>Korea, 2008#</b>	176	95	150	157	89%	157/1845	8%
<b>Brazil, 2011#</b>	122	56	138	117	96%	117/1372	8%
<b>Slovenia , 2014*</b>	160	62	110	137	86%	160/750	21.3%
<b>Azerbaijan, 2017* ^</b>	239	123	153	191	80%	236/983	24%
Sources: # - Impact Assessment of the World Scout Youth Forum and Youth Advisor System * - WSB Internal documents							
^ The increase in participant and NSO numbers at the Forum and Conference in 2017 is partly due to the amending of the criteria for the solidarity fund to focus on young people who were eligible to attend both the WSYF and the WSCConf.							

Trends noticed include:

- Significant moves can be seen across this period with most regions supporting youth engagement in these events since 2002.
- Overall, increasing numbers of young people are attending the WS Conference
- Increasing numbers of NSOs are sending youth to these events, however there is still disparity in participation between regions.
- More NSOs are sending young people to both the WSYF and WSC

Further analysis of the data revealed that:

- regardless of the year of the Forum approximately 60% of participants are male. There has been a noted move during the last few Forums towards a more gender balanced distribution, although this is not evident across all regions.
- in 2017, almost half (99 - 41%) of the young people at the WS Youth Forum were delegates at the WS Conference.
- increasing numbers of young people who do not attend the Forum attended the Conference (23 extra in 2014 and 45 extra in 2017), with some part of the delegations.

This data suggests it is therefore timely to explore options for evolving the WS Conference and WS Youth Forum into one event by 2023, and to ensure greater youth involvement.

# Appendix 5 - Timeline of Youth Forums and Conference Resolutions

## 1969-12 Youth Conferences

The Conference encourages national Scout associations and regions to arrange youth conferences and forums in order to increase boy participation in the decision-making process of the Movement.

1971- First Youth Forum- Tokyo, Japan (not linked to World Scout Conference)

## 1973-05 Scout Forums

The Conference re-affirms Conference Resolution 1969-12 encouraging increased boy participation in the decision-making process of the Movement and notes with pleasure the increasing number of Scout Forums being held in member countries and regions.

The Conference endorses the following recommendations common to most youth forums and commends them to World Bureau and Member Organizations for action.

- a) The regular updating of the basic programme system to meet the interests and needs of young people and provide the opportunity for Scouts to take an active part in planning and decision-making.
- b) The introduction of co-educational activities at the age of 15 or before.
- c) Increased emphasis on conservation in Scouting programmes, including active participation ecological projects in the community.
- d) National Scout Forums to be an integral part of the programme for the older age level.

1973- Second Youth Forum, Lillehammer, Norway

## 1975-07 Second World Scout Forum

The Conference:

- Acknowledges with pleasure the receipt of the Report of the Second World Scout Forum and takes note of the resolutions embodied therein.
- Warmly congratulates the participants for their outstanding work and their positive contribution.
- Requests the World Committee to study the Forum report, determine an appropriate course of action and advise Member Organizations of the action to be taken.

1983- Third Youth Forum, Alberta, Canada

1990- Fourth Youth Forum, Melbourne, Australia

1992- Fifth Youth Forum, Kandersteg, Switzerland

## 1993-02 Policy on Involvement of Young Members in Decision- Making (Bangkok)

The Conference

- recognizing the fundamental importance, in terms of achieving the purpose of the Scout Movement, of involving young members in decision-making
- considering that Scouting is not only a Movement *for* young people but also a Movement *of* young people
- believing that Scouting is a Movement based on democratic principles

- recognizing the value to the individuals concerned and to the Movement as a whole of leadership opportunities for young members
- noting with pleasure the successes achieved by the 4th World Youth Forum in Australia (1990/91) and the 5th World Youth Forum in Switzerland (1992)
- welcoming the World Committee's decision to encourage participation of young delegates in the 33rd World Scout Conference by offering a reduced Conference fee
- encouraged by the results of youth participation in the efforts of the World Scout Environment Network
- adopts the *Policy on Involvement of Young Members in Decision-Making*
- recognizes this new policy as an important contribution towards further strengthening the implementation of the World Programme Policy adopted by the 32nd World Scout Conference in 1990
- strongly urges National Scout Organizations to implement the policy at all levels within their own associations
- requests the World Committee to consider all means by which the policy may be implemented within the World Organization at regional and world levels.

### **1993-10 Youth Forums**

#### The Conference

- considering the adoption of the *Policy on Involvement of Young Members in Decision-Making* by this Conference
- believing that Youth Forums constitute one useful method to complement genuine participation by young people in decision-making at all levels
- recognizing that Youth Forums in Scouting provide a dual opportunity for young members to discuss issues of interest to them and to make recommendations on these; and to learn the skills necessary to enable them to take part in decision-making in the Movement
- believing that Youth Forums should be linked closely, as advisory bodies, to the formal decision-making processes of the Movement
- recommends that Youth Forums be held in conjunction with all statutory meetings such as national general assemblies, regional and world conferences; that these Youth Forums make recommendations to and advise the statutory meetings and other decision-making bodies; and that Youth Forum delegates also participate in these statutory meetings as delegates or observers
- recommends that delegates to Youth Forums should be selected by democratic means and receive necessary logistical and material support from their association
- resolves that future World Youth Forums should be held immediately prior to each future World Scout Conference and that delegates to these events should be between the ages of 18 and 26
- directs the World Committee to establish as soon as possible the necessary procedures and guidelines for future World Youth Forums
- recommends that World Youth Forums should be organized on the same basis as World Scout Conferences, with the World Committee ultimately responsible for agenda and procedures of the World Youth Forum and with a Host Committee responsible for facilities and support services
- encourages the World Committee and the Host Committee to delegate to young members the planning, organizing and running of such events
- directs the World Committee to devote the necessary human, financial and material resources, similar to those accorded to other world events such as World Conferences, to ensure the success of future World Youth Forums
- requests the five Regional Scout Committees to organize Regional Youth Forums prior to each

future Regional Scout Conference, beginning with Regional Conferences in 1995, along the same lines as World Youth Forums

- encourages National Scout Associations to organize Youth Forums along similar lines in conjunction with statutory meetings (for example, general assemblies) at national and local levels.

#### 1996- Sixth World Scout Youth Forum, Moss, Norway

##### **1996-04 World Youth Forum**

The Conference

- welcomes the contributions by the 6th World Youth Forum, in particular the Forum's reflections on the themes "Scouting for what?" and "Scouting for whom?" and the Forum's recommendations
- invites the World Scout Committee and its educational committees to take into account the outcome of the Youth Forum in their future work
- recommends that each National Scout Association's leadership meets with their delegates to the 6th World Youth Forum to discuss the outcome of the Forum and its implications for the future work of the association
- recommends that National Scout Associations support their delegates to the 6th World Youth Forum in making the outcome of the Youth Forum known in their own association and in maintaining contact with participants from other associations
- encourages close contact and cooperation between delegates to Regional Youth Forums and the World Youth Forum
- reaffirms the importance of WOSM's policy on the involvement of young members in decision-making and recommends to all National Scout Organizations to send at least one delegate to future Regional and World Scout Youth Forums and to include at least one participant who is under the age of 26 in the organization's delegation to Regional Scout Conferences and the World Scout Conference.

#### 1999- Seventh Scout Youth Forum, Balgowan, South Africa

##### **1999-10 7th World Scout Youth Forum**

The Conference

- appreciating and admiring the work done by the young people at the 7th World Scout Youth Forum
- stating its firm belief in the importance of paying great attention to the opinions of the young people in our Movement
- urges the World Scout Committee in its further work to consider the recommendations made by the 7th World Scout Youth Forum.

##### **1999-11 Future Role of World Scout Youth Forums**

The Conference

- welcoming the steps that have been taken to move towards the position adopted in Conference Resolution 1993-02, but accepting that there are still steps to take
- believing that the World Scout Youth Forum is a transitional tool in the process of developing youth participation in partnership with adults within National Scout Organizations and national delegations to the World Scout Conference
- believing that the World Scout Youth Forum should respond to the challenges faced by young adults in engaging actively in decision-making within National Scout Organizations

*- hoping that, in due course, the need for the World Scout Youth Forum will disappear due to the full and active participation of young adults in partnership at the World Scout Conference and at all levels of decision-making*

- recommends that the World Scout Committee carry out a major review, involving young adults and adults in partnership, of the role and format of the World Scout Youth Forum
- recommends that the results of this study be presented to the next World Scout Conference and taken into consideration in the planning of the next World Scout Youth Forum.

### **1999-12 World Scout Youth Forum**

The Conference

- thanking the Organizing Committee and the World Scout Committee for organizing the 7th World Scout Youth Forum
- appreciating and respecting the way that young people work and the need for youth involvement in the World Scout Conference
- recommends to the World Scout Committee to continue working to incorporate young people in the World Scout Conference through the preparation done at the World Scout Youth Forum.

### **1999-13 Youth Participation**

The Conference

- noting that the World Scout Youth Forum seeks the relationship between adult members and youth to be one of partnership and mutual respect
- recognising the work that has been done at the Youth Participation session of the 7th World Scout Youth Forum
- recognising that in most National Scout Organizations substantial progress has been made
- believing that there are still steps to take before World Scout Conference Resolution 1993-2 (adopting the Policy on involvement of young members in decision-making) is achieved
- recommends to the World Scout Committee
- that, at the next World Scout Conference in 2002, a day is spent in workgroups critically discussing Youth Participation
- that suggested topics for this discussion focus on, among others: a discussion between youth and adult members as to how each interacts in the decision-making process within their organizations today
- evaluation of Resolution 1993-02 after 9 years of progress
- that work be done before the next World Scout Conference to stimulate critical discussion within National Scout Organizations on the above.

### **2002- Eighth Youth Forum- Metsovo, Greece**

#### **2002-06 Youth Involvement in Decision-Making**

The Conference

- endorses the World Scout Committee's statement on Youth Involvement in Decision-Making contained in Conference Document N° 7, as amended
- urges each National Scout Association to ensure an equitable representation of young men and women under the age of thirty in national decision-making bodies and in the delegations to Regional and World Conferences, and invites each National Association to present its efforts and progress made relating to this issue in its annual report to the World Scout Bureau
- urges the World Scout Committee to give priority to young men and women over older persons in the nomination of members of technical committees and working groups at world level

provided they offer the adequate competencies, and requests the Regions to apply the same principle

- calls upon each National Scout Association to act upon the commitments to strengthen youth participation made since 1993, by presenting young male and female candidates with the required profile and competence for election to the World Scout Committee
- urges the Regional Scout Conferences to strongly advocate this course of action World Scout Conference Resolutions 1920-2014 Last Updated: 24/01/2017 130
- decides that World Scout Youth Forums be considered as educational opportunities for youth members in the oldest age sections. Their purpose shall be to enable young people to: share their ideas and experiences on current issues affecting young people in different parts of the world; suggest ways of strengthening national youth policies and training young people for world citizenship; and contribute new ideas to the Movement on how to enrich educational programmes for young people over 16
- decides that World Scout Youth Forums should continue to be held immediately prior to World Scout Conferences, and allow more young members to be better prepared for the World Scout Conferences
- decides that World Scout Youth Forums be empowered to make such recommendations they feel appropriate to the World Scout Committee for that Committee's consideration
- urges NSOs to introduce and adopt policies that will allow the involvement of young people in local and national decision-making bodies and develop partnerships between adults and young people
- decides that the World Scout Committee performs an evaluation of the situation of youth involvement in decision-making, after each World Scout Conference.

## **2002-12 Scholarships**

The Conference

- encourages the World Scout Committee to promote and obtain from other sources (Associations, NGOs, Rotary Clubs, Foundations, United Nations, Regional Intergovernmental Organizations, etc.) a number of scholarships for the participation of young people who come from countries of low resources, in order to enable them to attend both the World Scout Youth Forum prior to a World Scout Conference, and the Conference itself, in both cases as delegates or observers.

## **2005- Ninth Youth Forum- Hammamet, Tunisia**

### **2005-11 World Scout Youth Forum**

The Conference

- referring to Resolution 2002-06 on youth participation in decision-making adopted by the 36th World Scout Conference in Thessaloniki in 2002
- noting with satisfaction the progress achieved in the implementation of Strategic Priority 1 on Youth Involvement, notably through the publication of new educational tools in the field of youth programme, the success of the World Scout Youth Forum including the election of Youth Advisers to the World Scout Committee, and the creation of positions of young Project Officers in the World Scout Bureau
- pointing out that the Youth Advisers and the World Scout Youth Forum are not the final solutions to meet Strategic Priority 1 on Youth Involvement but are considered as a transitional tool in order to increase youth participation in World Scouting

- requests the World Scout Committee to give serious consideration to the recommendations proposed by the Youth Forum and particularly to the recommendation n° 16 related to the involvement of Youth Advisers in the meetings and work of the World Scout Committee
- calls on the World Scout Committee, Regional Scout Committees and all National Scout Organizations to expand their efforts consistent with Resolution 2002-06 to improve youth involvement and empowerment at all levels, from the local Scout groups to the institutional level in the Movement, and in society itself
- requests National Scout Organizations, Regional Scout Committees and the World Scout Committee, during the next triennium, to adopt the following objectives in developing a youth involvement strategy:
  - integrate in the educational programmes for adolescents and young adults (15-25 years) the dissemination of life skills aimed at developing the capacity of young people to fully participate in the life of the Scout Movement and in society
  - support the Youth of the World Campaign and integrate the Scouts of the World Award in the programme of the senior age sections
  - include in the training of adults the acquiring of skills to enable them to encourage and foster youth involvement in the decision-making process
  - ensure greater consistency between all levels of our Movement in the field of youth participation, particularly through adapting, at national and regional levels, the youth involvement practical concept implemented at world level
  - consider Youth Forums at all levels as a step to train the future leaders of international Scouting
  - make the best use of the potential of the young people exposed to the above mentioned training experience, notably by including young people in national delegations to Regional and World Conferences and the selection of candidates for election to decision-making bodies; and by entrusting Youth Advisers, and other young volunteers selected in a transparent manner, with significant responsibilities both at Regional and World levels.

## **2008- Tenth World Scout Youth Forum, Iksan, South Korea**

### **2008-14 Youth Involvement in Decision-Making**

#### The Conference

- recalling Strategic Priority No. 1: Youth Involvement
- reaffirming Recommendation 16 of the 9th World Scout Youth Forum
- noting that the contributions of both young people and adults are important in successful Scout decision-making
- considering that equal opportunities constitute an essential part of good governance
- keeping in mind that expertise is only gained through experience
- noting with regret that youth involvement in the decision-making of the World Organization of the Scout Movement is still limited
- further noting that World Scouting is at the moment provided by adults for young people as opposed to by young people and adults for young people
- recognizing that Youth Advisors are only a temporary and transitory means in the decision-making process
- welcoming Recommendation B on this question of the 10th World Scout Youth Forum
- encourages National Scout Organizations to nominate young candidates for election to positions of responsibility at all levels encourages National Scout Organizations to nominate young candidates for election to positions of responsibility at all levels

- recommends to Regional Scout Committees and the World Scout Committee to strive towards the goal of at least a third of sub-committee and task force members being under 30 years old
- requests the World Scout Committee to facilitate mentoring for young people appointed to positions of responsibility at world level
- encourages Regional Scout Committees and National Scout Organizations to facilitate mentoring for young people appointed to positions of responsibility at regional and national levels respectively
- requests the World Scout Committee, in cooperation with the Youth Advisors, to develop a youth involvement Vision and Strategy; this strategy should be considered by the 39<sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference.

### **2008-15 World Scout Youth Forum**

The Conference

- considering the centrality of youth involvement to the Scout Movement (Strategic Priority No. 1)
- considering the important role of the World Scout Youth Forum in World Scouting as an interim measure towards youth involvement and considering the constructive work which takes place at these forums
- considering Resolution 2005-11 from the 37th World Scout Conference: "make the best use of the potential of the young people..."
- considering the need for participants of the World Scout Conference to be properly informed of the discussions and recommendations of the World Scout Youth Forum
- requests that, during this interim measure, sufficient time is allocated to the report of the World Scout Youth Forum and then to reactions in regard to this; this should be implemented as of the 39th World Scout Conference in Brazil
- requests the World Scout Committee, during this interim measure, to give due respect and consideration to the views, opinions and recommendations of the World Scout Youth Forum, both inside and outside the World Scout Conference.

### **2011- Eleventh World Scout Youth Forum , Blumenau, Brazil**

#### **2011-09 World Scout Youth Forum Recommendations**

The Conference

- noting Recommendation 2.1.5 of the Governance Review Task Force, accepted by the World Scout Committee, that the Recommendations of the World Scout Youth Forum should be presented in full to the World Scout Conference for debate
- resolves that a session be devoted at the 40th World Scout Conference and subsequent Conferences for debate on the issues raised by the World Scout Youth Forum's Recommendations at a point in the proceedings that is early enough for such a debate to inform the development of appropriate resolutions.

### **2014- Twelfth World Scout Youth Forum, Rogla, Slovenia**

#### **2014-09 World Scout Youth Involvement Policy**

The Conference

- recognising the value of involving and including young people in decision-making for achieving the purpose of Scouting
- considering that Scouting is a Movement of young people, supported by adults, with whom healthy partnerships are established

- noting the findings and conclusions of the Assessment Report of the World Scout Youth Forum and Youth Advisors System, which concludes that more work needs to be done
- being aware of the individual and organisational benefits of having young people actively involved at all levels both within the Movement and in the society
- believing in the active role that young people can play in creating positive change, inside and outside Scouting
- recognising the importance of providing opportunities for young members to experience leadership roles and develop 21st Century skills adopts the policy text contained in Conference Document 9 as the World Scout Youth Involvement Policy
  - strongly urges National Scout Organizations to implement the policy at all levels within their own organisations by putting a supporting framework in place
  - requests the World Scout Committee to consider all means by which the policy may be implemented within the World Organization at regional and world levels, including an ongoing review process.

### 2017- Thirteenth World Scout Youth Forum, Qabalah, Azerbaijan

#### **2017-G Inclusive decision-making – Developing the World Scout Conference and the World Scout Youth Forum**

The Conference,

- reaffirming its commitment to inclusive decision-making at all levels of WOSM,
- reaffirming its commitment to the World Scout Youth Involvement Policy agreed in Conference Resolution 2014-09,
- noting Conference Resolutions 1999-11, 2005-11 and 2008-15 which confirmed the transitional and interim nature of the World Scout Youth Forum in the decision-making processes of WOSM,
- noting Conference Resolutions 1990-24, 1993-24 and 2005-12 which called for more inclusive methods to be used at World Scout Conferences,
- welcomes the “concept review”, Conference Document 10, of the World Scout Conference and World Scout Youth Forum undertaken in the last triennium,
- welcomes the progress that has been made to ensure inclusivity in decision-making processes at this Conference,
  - requests the World Scout Committee to continue to innovate and progress further changes to working methods to ensure increasing inclusivity and effectiveness of decision-making at the World Scout Conferences and in other WOSM bodies;
  - urges the World Scout Committee to investigate and introduce further innovations in the structure of the World Scout Conference programme which support the values of transparency, inclusivity, and sharing of good practices;
  - calls upon the World Scout Committee to introduce further developments for the World Scout Conference in 2020 to ensure that young people are fully engaged in the decision-making process with the aim of merging the World Scout Conference and World Scout Youth Forum into a new event in 2023;
  - calls upon the organisers of future World Scout Conferences to focus any solidarity programme on the attendance of young people under the age of 30 years.

## Appendix 6 - Conference Resolutions relating to the World Scout Conference

\*to be updated to align with Conference Paper\*

agenda .....	2002-08, 1975-02, 1937-14
bilateral meetings .....	1999-08
concept review .....	2017-07
costs .....	2005-15, 2002-11, 1996-11, 1985-11
delegates .....	1988-15, 1969-13, 1961-11
duration .....	1935-18
facilities .....	1990-22, 1985-11, 1983-07
financial support .....	2017-07, 2002-12
frequency .....	1983-10, 1949-23, 1920-01
guarantee of entry .....	1985-10
invitations, requirements .....	1996-11, 1985-10
languages .....	2017-09, 1999-09, 1990-21
participation .....	1990-23, 1990-08
preliminary papers .....	2002-05, 1983-06, 1979-04, 1931-15, 1926-13
reports .....	2002-08, 1961-05A
Resolutions of Courtesy .....	1965-03, 1963-20, 1963-04, 1963-03, 1961-10, 1961-07, 1957-17, 1957-15, 1957-14, 1953-01, 1947-01, 1922-05
voting .....	1922-01
working methods .....	2017-07, 2005-12, 1999-09, 1993-24, 1990-24, 1953-13
young adult participation .....	2017-07, 1999-12, 1996-04, 1993-07, 1988-15, 1969-13