

43rd WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE Resolutions

2024-01 REGISTRATION OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

The Conference,

- Records with pleasure the admission of the following members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement:
 - *Effective 24 November 2022*
 - *Antigua and Barbuda Scout Association*
 - *Effective 9 August 2023*
 - *Scoutisme Congolais*
 - *Effective 9 June 2024*
 - *Scouts et Guides du Mali*
 - *Effective 16 August 2024*
 - *Scouts of Albania*
- notes the decision of the World Scout Committee to phase out the Eurasia Scout Region effective 1 October 2023, as well as the subsequent adjustment of the geographical boundaries of the European Scout Region and the Asia-Pacific Scout Region.

2024-02 WOSM REGISTRATION FEE

The Conference,

- noting that WOSM's registration fee system has remained unchanged since 2011, and, as a consequence, so has WOSM's income from this source,
- noting that based on the World Bank consumer prices index, inflation has increased by 37.02% globally since 2011, averaging 3.08% per annum,
- in light of increased services delivered to Member Organizations, as well as increased expectations on WOSM for strengthening oversight and support of events and activities,
- mindful of Conference Resolution 2021-02, which requested that the World Scout Committee closely monitor the evolution of the economic and Scout membership situation of Member Organizations and assess if a revised WOSM registration fee system proposal at the 43rd World Scout Conference was warranted,
- decides,
 - to maintain the current WOSM registration fee system, as approved in Conference Resolution 2011-02;
 - to add a fixed 5% increase to the current fee paid by each Member Organization in light of global inflation;
 - that this increase will be applicable as of the fiscal year 2024-2025 and until otherwise decided by the World Scout Conference;
- remains mindful of financial challenges that Member Organizations continue to experience, as well as the continued strain that inflation puts on WOSM's finances and operations;
- requires the World Scout Committee to undertake a review of the underlying fee model and how this impacts WOSM's overall funding model. Specifically, this is to occur in two stages,
 - Stage 1 - A Task Force is recruited and develops a plan to review the fee system with feedback from Member Organizations. The plan will be reviewed by the World Scout

- Committee;
- Stage 2 - The plan, accepted by the World Scout Committee, is operationalised and undertaken by the Task Force with output presented at the World Scout Conference in 2027, and annual progress reports given to Member Organizations;
- this should result in a fee model being voted on at the World Scout Conference in 2027.

2024-03 STRATEGY FOR SCOUTING

The Conference,

- considering the successful implementation of “Vision 2023” as the Strategy for Scouting for the Scout Movement since 2014,
- recognising the collaborative process across the Scout Movement in developing the next Strategy for Scouting, including valuable insights from young people, local Scout Leaders, leadership of Member Organizations and partners,
- welcoming the focus of the next Strategy for Scouting on the impact and change the Scout Movement wants to achieve in local communities and the world over the next decade,
- approves the proposed strategic framework (as amended) outlined in Conference Document 5B as the “Strategy for Scouting” for the next three trienniums;
- requests the World and Regional Scout Committees,
 - to ensure a coordinated implementation of the Strategy for Scouting through triennial plans that are mindful of different needs and realities around the world;
 - to provide regular progress reports on the implementation of the Strategy for Scouting to World and Regional Scout Conferences;
- requests the World Scout Bureau,
 - to implement the integrated monitoring and evaluation framework for the Strategy for Scouting, as outlined in Conference Document 6A;
 - to ensure support is provided to Member Organizations to adopt the new Strategy for Scouting in their national strategies and plans;
- requests Member Organizations to incorporate the Strategy for Scouting into their own national strategy, taking local realities and cultures into consideration.

2024-04 WORLD TRIENNIAL PLAN 2024-2027

The Conference,

- noting the next Strategy for Scouting in Conference Document 5B as considered by the 43rd World Scout Conference,
- welcoming the WOSM planning framework outlined in Conference Document 6A, approved by the World Scout Committee to ensure the successful implementation of the next Strategy for Scouting through a simple and aligned framework and common monitoring and evaluation system,
- approves the World Triennial Plan 2024-2027 (as amended), included in Conference Document 6B, as the overall strategic direction for the work to be carried out during the triennium;
- requests the World Scout Committee to finalise the World Triennial Plan 2024-2027 as follows,
 - to make a final reality assessment in terms of available resources and to align it with the approved Conference Resolutions;
 - to establish an operational framework to implement the plan;
 - to approve the new Key Performance Indicators to measure progress in light of the WOSM planning framework;
 - to share a final version of the World Triennial Plan 2024-2027 no later than 31 December 2024, and communicate regular progress reports with Member Organizations;
- requests that World and Regional Scout Committees take measures and actions to ensure joint

and coordinated implementation of the Strategy for Scouting using the WOSM planning framework;

- requests the World Scout Committee to develop the World Triennial Plan 2027-2030 using the approach outlined in the WOSM planning framework, incorporating lessons learned during this process.

2024-05 SAFE FROM HARM

The Conference,

- recognising the evolution of Safe from Harm through Conference Resolutions and WOSM Constitution article V.5.e,
 - considering that safety, safeguarding, and well-being are necessary to offer a safe learning environment for children, young people, and adults in Scouting,
 - acknowledges the development and implementation of the Safe from Harm assessment mechanism,
 - notes the annex to the World Safe from Harm policy included in Conference Document 7, as approved by the World Scout Committee, as an outcome of Conference Resolution 2021-04,
- requests the World Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau in the upcoming triennium to,
 - review the World Safe from Harm Policy and supporting resources to ensure alignment with the Safe from Harm assessment mechanism and international safeguarding standards;
 - further support Member Organizations taking into account their diversity of needs, to meet the Safe from Harm standards through the full implementation of the Safe from Harm assessment mechanism;
 - implement a mechanism to enforce compliance with WOSM Constitution article V.5.e, while being mindful of national laws and regulations;
 - calls upon Member Organizations to recognise their collective accountability and to lead the change within their organisation when it comes to protecting the rights of children and young people, as declared in Conference Resolution 2021-04.

2024-06 WOSM EVENTS STRATEGY

The Conference,

- recognising the learnings from the various review processes, including WOSM's 25th World Scout Jamboree Review Panel, the World Triennial Plan 2021-2024 project review of World Scout Events, and evaluations from past events,
 - mindful of the complex nature of organising Scout events,
 - recognising the risks that both Hosts and participating Member Organizations face when organising or taking part in Scout events,
 - reaffirming the importance of Conference Resolution 2021-09 on Scout events in the modern world,
- approves the WOSM Events Strategy, as outlined in Conference Document 8;
 - requests the World Scout Committee to,
 - take into account the feedback received during related sessions at this Conference;
 - coordinate the implementation of the WOSM Events Strategy through triennial plans, taking a phased approach first with World Scout Events and then expanding to Regional Scout Events;
 - provide regular progress reports on the implementation of the WOSM Events Strategy to World and Regional Scout Conferences;
 - ensure continuous learning throughout the implementation of the WOSM Events Strategy, leveraging input from Hosts and Member Organizations;

- ensure that work on strategic issues to innovate new formats for international Scout experiences will be initiated during the upcoming triennium, with progress updates in the mid-term report and partial delivery for the 2027 World Scout Conference. Therefore, the Conference accepts that other planned operational points may be actioned later than proposed in the implementation process (see Conference Document 8 Annex 2).

2024-07 TOWARDS A TRULY INCLUSIVE WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE

The Conference,

- noting the most recent Conference Resolution 2021-06 on evolving the Conference and ensuring a more inclusive, diverse, and engaging World Scout Conference,
 - recognising the importance of all Member Organizations in being represented at any meeting of the World Scout Conference,
 - being aware of the fact that geographical distances and economic challenges may prevent Member Organizations from sending their representatives to be physically present at World Scout Conferences,
 - recognising the economic hardships that many countries continue to face as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic,
 - welcoming initiatives that allow Member Organizations facing economic difficulties to be partially represented at the World Scout Conference through online participation,
 - noting that online participation cannot be considered a sufficient measure of inclusion as it does not allow Member Organizations to fully benefit from the World Scout Conference experience,
 - being aware that a review of the World Scout Events model also includes the need to reflect on the way that WOSM organises its World Scout Conferences,
- requests the World Scout Committee to ensure that the future World Scout Conferences will dedicate sufficient time and space to facilitate democratic exchange and debate on resolutions and amendments among Member Organizations in plenary and breakout sessions;
 - strongly urges the World Scout Committee to study alternative models for World Scout Conferences that would result in lower-cost events (that optimise time and cost, and the use of lower-cost venues, such as educational centres);
 - requests that Hosts provide a variety of accommodation options consisting of the most diverse types of accommodation;
 - requests that the World Scout Committee study a funding mechanism, based both on internal and external financial sources, for supporting the participation in-person of every Member Organization to World Scout Conferences;
 - requests that Member Organizations continue to have the option of online participation, ensuring that it is qualitatively relevant and well balanced with physical spaces of interaction and debate.

2024-08 WORLD MENTAL HEALTH POLICY

The Conference,

- recognising the critical role of mental health in the overall well-being of individuals and societies,
- recognising Conference Resolution 1924-14, where every nation aims to endow healthy citizens,
- reflecting on Conference Resolution 2021-04, which acknowledges that prioritising the safety, mental well-being, and developmental needs of young people lies at the core of Scouting's mission,
- reaffirming the principles of the World Safe from Harm Policy, adopted through Conference Resolution 2017-05,
- recognising the extensive efforts of international organisations in formulating mental

- health policies, acknowledging the profound societal implications exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic,
 - recognising the importance of aligning mental health policies with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 3, which aims to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all,
 - recognising the importance of ensuring relevant and current WOSM policies that promote mental health in our Movement,
- calls for the World Scout Committee and World Scout Bureau to incorporate or elevate mental health initiatives into relevant current WOSM policies for the Scout Movement,
 - taking into account international best practices, research, and data collected on mental health issues affecting young people and adults worldwide;
 - by collaborating with mental health experts, organisations, and stakeholders to formulate comprehensive guidelines and strategies to address and promote mental health within Scouting;
 - supporting Member Organizations to enact and implement initiatives to help develop and understand mental health.

2024-09 CHAMPION THE PREVENTION OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

The Conference,

- recalling Conference Resolutions 1996-05 and 1999-04 on gender equality in the Scout Movement,
 - recalling the fundamental principles of equality, respect, and dignity outlined in the Scout Promise and Law,
 - recognising the pervasive and harmful impact of gender-based violence on individuals and communities worldwide,
 - considering the programmes and campaigns made by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in combating gender-based violence,
 - acknowledging the responsibility of the Scout Movement to foster a safe and inclusive environment for all members,
 - affirming the commitment of the Scout Movement to uphold human rights and promote gender equality,
- encourages the integration of gender-based violence prevention education and training within Safe from Harm;
 - calls on Member Organizations to develop co-educational youth programmes that foster gender equality and positive gender identities in Scouting, emphasising the importance of challenging harmful gender stereotypes and promoting respectful relationships among young people and adults;
 - requests the World Scout Committee and World Scout Bureau to,
 - develop guidance and resources for Member Organizations to support initiatives preventing gender-based violence, including through addition of wording in the World Safe from Harm Policy, as well as develop an educational package that addresses gender-based violence prevention from an educational perspective;
 - prioritise the prevention of gender-based violence within Scouting programmes and activities;
 - monitor progress in the implementation of this Conference Resolution and report on the outcomes;
 - establish partnerships with relevant stakeholders to strengthen efforts in preventing and addressing gender-based violence;

- actively participate in international campaigns on gender-based violence to promote awareness and amplify the impact of these global initiatives within the Scout Movement.
- seek to establish a partnership with the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in regards to the implementation of this Conference Resolution.

2024-10 LIVING TOGETHER IN PEACE

The Conference,

- recognising that Scouting enables the training of citizens fully engaged in their communities and working to create a better world,
 - reaffirming the Scout Movement's commitment to peace and 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, 2017-08, and 2021-10 on education and leadership in peace,
 - acknowledging United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/72/130, which was unanimously adopted by 193 member states proclaiming 16 May as the annual International Day for Living Together in Peace,
- invites all Member Organizations to annually celebrate the International Day of Living Together in Peace on 16 May;
 - encourages innovative national and international gatherings to strengthen youth leadership and skills to achieve the inclusive representation of young people in conflict prevention, resolution, and peacebuilding;
 - invites all Member Organizations to integrate education for a culture of peace into their programmes to establish political, social, and economic peace for the well-being of humanity and to develop skills and behaviours among young people that are conducive to living together in peace;
 - requests the World Scout Committee to review existing programmes and initiatives with a view to support any further development and the promotion of actions and resources for Member Organizations, enabling them to understand and implement principles related to the inclusion of young people in peacebuilding efforts.

Languages

The official languages of WOSM are English and French. The World Scout Bureau will make all Conference Documents available in both languages. When possible, it endeavours to also make them available in Arabic and Spanish. In the event of a conflict arising out of the interpretation of this Conference Document or any other official document of WOSM, the English text will prevail.