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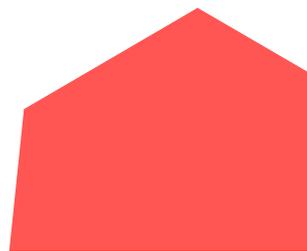
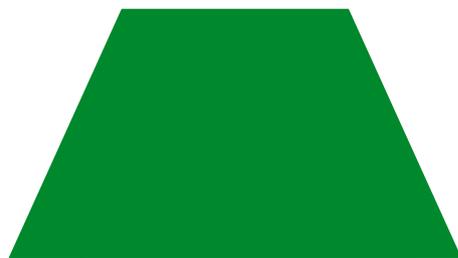
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FOREWORD



Dear friends in Scouting,

The past six months marked a unique period of transition for World Scouting, heralding both the end of a remarkable triennium and the beginning of a new long-term vision for our Movement. With Vision 2023 drawing to a close, members unanimously approved the next [Strategy for Scouting](#) to guide our path over the next decade.

Built around three impact statements and seven strategic priorities, this new strategy reaffirms our commitment to enhancing the Scouting experience and ensuring our relevance in a rapidly changing world. Supporting this strategy, the World Triennial Plan outlines our shared objectives for the next three years, serving as a roadmap for our continued success.

To provide a more holistic education programme, we launched [two new initiatives](#) - *HealthAllies* and *LifeLeaders* - focused on health and well-being, and leadership skills. These initiatives are designed to complement the Youth Programmes of National Scout Organizations while also empowering young people and volunteers worldwide with education for sustainable development.

Child and youth safeguarding remains a key priority. With the introduction of new Safe from Harm [capacity building tools](#), we have made it easier for National Scout Organizations to comply with global standards, ensuring that our Movement remains a safe and inclusive space for all.

We also celebrated growth in our global community, welcoming the [Association des Scouts et Guides du Mali](#) and [Scouts of Albania](#) as World Scouting's 175th and 176th Member Organizations, reflecting our continued commitment to growth and inclusivity.

A major highlight was the [43rd World Scout Conference](#), held in Cairo in collaboration with the Egyptian Federation for Scouts and Girl Guides. Nearly 2,000 Scouts from around the world took part in this immersive experience - both online and in person - that showcased our [refreshed brand](#). The Conference saw the adoption of our new strategy and a Constitutional Amendment. Key outcomes from the voting sessions included the selection of future hosts for WOSM Events. We also welcome 12 members of the [World Scout Committee](#) to serve during the 2024–2027 triennium.

Regional gatherings brought together thousands of Scouts, with the [9th Africa Scout Jamboree](#) in Burundi, the [22nd Arab Scout Moot](#) in Libya, and the [Roverway 2024 in Norway](#) celebrating our shared values and diversity.

In the face of global challenges, we launched humanitarian appeals to support Scouts responding to crises. From conflict in Lebanon, Palestine, Sudan, Morocco, and Libya, to environmental disasters in Central Europe, Sudan, and Bangladesh, our global community stepped up and exemplified its unwavering commitment to service.

Global partnerships with organisations like [Accenture](#) and [UNICEF](#) were rolled out, enhancing our impact in areas like climate action, environmental sustainability, and education. We also diversified our funding sources through collaborations with [Temasek Foundation](#) and the [UN Population Fund](#), ensuring the sustainability of our mission in the coming years.

As we look to the future, we are eager to engage and connect with National Scout Organisations at Regional Conference throughout 2025. Together, we will continue to strengthen our Movement, create opportunities for young people to discover their potential, learn new skills, serve their communities, and be ready for life.

Yours in Scouting,



David Berg

Acting Secretary General,
World Organization of the
Scout Movement



Educational Methods



EDUCATIONAL METHODS

GLOBAL

Over the past six months, the educational methods team has focused on encouraging National Scout Organizations to follow the guidance outlined in the [Roadmap for Education in Scouting](#). Other key initiatives have included supporting WOSM Service requests, renewing platforms, promoting new resources at the World Scout Conference Market, reporting key data, and implementing events and projects.

Youth leadership

Efforts remained focused on implementing cross-cutting actions based on the World Scout Committee recommendations to make the World Scout Conference more youth-friendly. Key measures included updating guidelines for Conference resolutions, hosting an Intergenerational Dialogue pre-engagement webinar, and providing guidelines for workshop facilitators. A “speech observatory” was introduced to track the representation of participants speaking in plenary sessions while [video testimonies](#) of World Scout Committee members under 30 were recorded to inspire greater youth engagement in decision-making. A training programme featuring nine courses was developed to encourage National Scout Organizations to nominate candidates under 30, supported by a second nomination deadline to promote diversity. Additionally, 13 National Scout Organizations received the inaugural [Intergenerational Leadership Award](#) at the World Scout Conference. Lastly, a capacity-building framework for Youth Leadership in Decision Making, with three new resources, was developed and is ready for testing at the regional and national levels.

World Scouting’s new educational initiatives: HealthAllies and LifeLeaders

Two new educational initiatives, [HealthAllies](#) and [LifeLeaders](#), were launched at the 43rd World Scout Conference to enhance the youth programmes of National Scout Organizations. The initiatives focus on health, well-being, and leadership, complementing existing initiatives like [Earth Tribe](#) and [Messengers of Peace](#). Together, they provide Scouts worldwide with a holistic education and inspire youth-driven community action. The initiatives were developed with support from global experts and partners, such as Accenture, United Nations Population Fund, Food and Agriculture Organization, World’s Largest Lesson, and World Health Organization.

Diversity and Inclusion Data Report 2024

The [report](#) analyses diversity within the global Scout community, using data from 88 National Scout Organizations. It identifies key challenges in promoting inclusion and access to educational opportunities, reinforcing World Scouting’s commitment to a more inclusive environment and guiding future initiatives.

SCENES Seminar

In April, 25 Scout leaders from 16 countries met at the [SCENES Seminar](#) in Jambville, France to advance sustainability and environmental education. Participants shared insight on solar energy, recycling, and sustainable construction at SCENES Centres, focusing on how to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through youth-led initiatives.

Peace education

Four National Scout Organizations in Southeast Asia launched the [Young Peace Builders programme](#) announced in July 2024 alongside the Temasek Foundation, aimed at equipping young people with skills for effective dialogue and conflict resolution. The programme strengthens World Scouting’s commitment to promoting cross-cultural understanding and building peaceful communities.

Humanitarian action

The World Scout Bureau in Kuala Lumpur hosted the [2024 Annual Compact Meeting](#) for young people in humanitarian action. The gathering focused on the localising humanitarian efforts, strengthening national youth networks, and launching the Young Humanitarian Pocket Guide, a key resource for youth in humanitarian work.

EDUCATIONAL METHODS

At the Regional Level

COMBATING EARLY MARRIAGE AND TEENAGE PREGNANCY IN RURAL ZAMBIA

To address early marriage and teenage pregnancy, an issue that has forced many girls and young women out of school, the Zambia Scouts Association launched the “Give Me a Future, Not a Husband” project with support from the Messengers of Peace Support Fund. The initiative empowers women and girls, helping them return to school, providing support for their children, and equipping them with skills to improve their economic prospects.



Africa

The Africa Region delivered the 9th Africa Scout Jamboree and the International Leadership Training in Burundi from 2 to 11 August, providing young people with the opportunity to learn, exchange ideas, and develop leadership skills and competencies.

In Safe from Harm, assessments were conducted in Angola, Lesotho, Mauritius, Madagascar, and South Africa, and a regional Listening Ear webinar was delivered to 60 participants.

Additionally, the Ticket to Life initiative was expanded to five more National Scout Organizations - Burundi, Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, Togo and Uganda -, bringing the total to 12. The region also supported emergency relief efforts in Tanzania, Kenya, and Chad following heavy rains.

Over the next six months, the region will continue to implement Ticket to Life, support projects like Earth Tribe, Tide Turners, and the Green Rising Project, and assist more National Scout Organizations with conducting Safe from Harm self-assessments.

EDUCATIONAL METHODS

At the Regional Level



Arab

The Arab Region held the 22nd Arab Scout Moot from 7 to 18 September 2024 in Libya, during which it also supervised two workshops for clan and team leaders.

Other notable events included a meeting with the Arab Scout Youth Advisors, where they reviewed their 2023 report and proposed the 2024 work plan. Key outputs from this meeting included leadership development tools, a guide for measuring the impact of Scout educational activities, and a framework for organising Wood Badge training.

The region also completed the final report of the 33rd Arab Scout Camp and translated the digital assessment tools for safeguarding into Arabic. Additionally, the self-assessment reports for several Arab Scout Associations are being reviewed by committee members.

Looking ahead, the region will continue to coordinate with Scout Associations in the United Arab Emirates, Tunisia, Libya, and Egypt to implement new challenges for Scouting initiatives aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals. The region will also collaborate with the Qatar Scout Association and youth consultants to organise the first National Scout Youth Forum.

Asia-Pacific

In the Asia-Pacific Region, Bangladesh Scouts hosted a Youth Leadership Training Course from 24 to 27 June 2024 to strengthen leadership skills among Scouts, with a focus on effective community leadership and team building. Nearly 50 representatives from 17 National Scout Organizations participated, discussing key issues facing young people within their organisations.

To further ensure the safety and wellbeing of young people in Scouting activities, the Regional Scout Committee approved the [APR Code of Conduct in Organizing Youth Events](#). The document outlines the principles and commitments required from event organisers to create safe, inclusive, and educational environment for youth.



EDUCATIONAL METHODS

At the Regional Level

SCOUTS UNITE FOR URGENT DISASTER RELIEF AROUND THE WORLD

Scouts around the world united in an extraordinary effort to support communities devastated by disasters and conflict. In response to the catastrophic floods and displacement in Central Europe, Sudan, and Bangladesh, World Scouting and the World Scout Foundation launched three appeals for urgent relief. Each appeal targeted a specific region, ensuring that Scouts can deliver critical aid and long-term recovery support tailored to the unique needs of each affected community.



Europe

In Europe, the Agora took place at the Göransborg Scout Centre in Sweden from 3 to 7 April. Over 60 Rovers from 23 countries, representing 27 National Scout Associations, gathered to strengthen the educational goals of the Rover section, focusing on youth empowerment and sustainability. Participants attended sessions on the Sustainable Development Goals, project planning, project development, and communications, enabling them to create projects on environmental sustainability from start to finish. Many sessions built on experiences and lessons learned from activities held at Kander 100 in 2023.



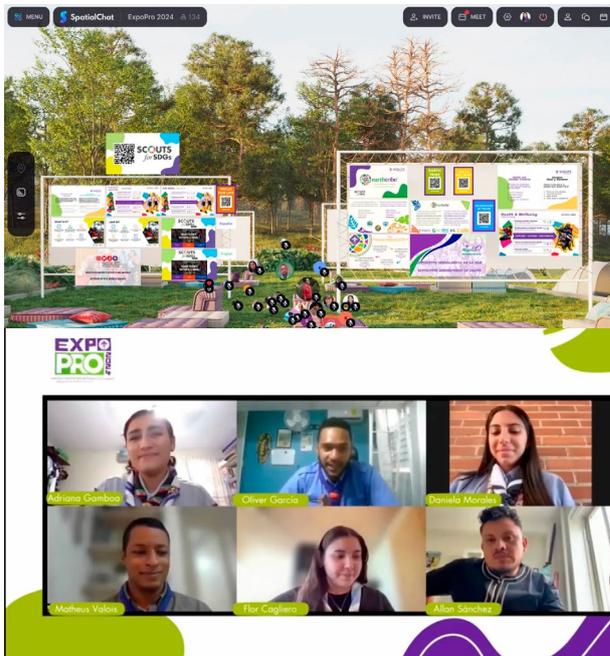
EDUCATIONAL METHODS

At the Regional Level

Interamerica

The Interamerica Region continued efforts to update the national youth programmes of National Scout Organizations, with a focus on diversity, inclusion, and the integration of new educational materials on humanitarian action. Additionally, two new Scouts for SDGs initiatives were piloted across five National Scout Organizations.

Youth leadership was promoted through the [Regional Exhibition of Youth Projects](#), “ExpoPro,” where young people showcased their community service initiatives. Around 2,000 children and youth participated in regional youth consultations, providing valuable insight on the Movement’s impact in their communities.





Organisational Development



ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GLOBAL

The organisational development team continued to support the Movement by rolling-out capacity-building modules for National Scout Organizations to ensure their compliance with World Scouting's safeguarding standards, reinforcing a commitment to providing a safe environment for young people.

In partnership with the Humanitarian Quality Assurance Initiative (HQAI), the team trained 38 World Scouting Assessors in the Global Support Assessment Tool (GSAT) and Safe from Harm assessments. This collaboration brought external scrutiny and global best practices into our assessor pool, strengthening accountability and compliance across the Movement.

The team also enhanced the capacity of consultants and revised strategic planning, monitoring, and evaluation (SPME) materials, laying the groundwork for the effective implementation of the new Strategy for Scouting. This is a key step in preparing National Scout Organizations to implement the Strategy and the World Triennial Plan, developed with input from volunteers and staff from national leadership, as well as Regional and World Scouting.

In governance, a key achievement was launching specialist training for all World Scout Committee candidates ahead of the 43rd World Scout Conference, improving preparedness and access for young and first-time candidates. October saw the [induction of new World Scout Committee members](#), equipping them with the knowledge and tools to lead the Movement in line with our global priorities

NEW WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE GATHER FOR INDUCTIONS IN INDONESIA

The recently elected [World Scout Committee met in Jakarta, Indonesia](#), for a three-day induction from 11 to 13 October 2024. The event, delivered in partnership with Accountable Now, focused on building team cohesion, aligning governance priorities, and preparing for the new triennium. Sessions covered governance alignment, skills mapping, conflict management, and including the creation of a team charter.



ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

At the Regional Level

KENYA SCOUTS ASSOCIATION DOUBLES MEMBERSHIP TO 4.4 MILLION

The Kenya Scouts Association recorded growth of over 2 million, doubling its youth and adult membership to 4.4 million, making it the largest National Scout Organisation in Africa. The jump in figures after a countrywide census was undertaken across 47 counties with support from the Ministry of Education.



Africa

In preparation for the 19th Africa Scout Conference, a team from the Africa Region visited Madagascar to meet with partners, finalise venue arrangements, and build the capacity of the organising team.

National Scout Organizations in Chad, The Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia and Uganda received support to resolve challenges and induct new leadership teams. The team also held a capacity strengthening session in Congo.

A Regional Growth Workshop brought together over 43 growth champions and coordinators from 28 National Scout Organizations. With the support of consultants, National

Scout Organizations in Angola, Seychelles, and Tanzania developed national growth strategies, while Cape Verde's nears completion.

The Africa Scout Committee convened during the 43rd World Scout Conference, joined by Regional Youth Advisors.

Over the next six months, the Region will prioritise preparations for Africa Scout Day 2025, the 10th Africa Scout Youth Forum, and the 19th Africa Scout Conference.

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

At the Regional Level

Arab

In April, the Arab Region organised training on strategy development and governance in Jordan for 15 participants from six National Scout Organizations.

The region is actively encouraging members to achieve accreditation in the Global Support Assessment Tool (GSAT). National Scout Organizations in the United Arab Emirates and Lebanon completed self-assessments and WOSM assessments, while Libya and Qatar are receiving support for self-assessments.

To facilitate the effective participation of National Scout Organizations in the 43rd World Scout Conference, the region held engagement sessions, translated key materials into Arabic, and supported active engagement in the development of the Triennial Plan and Strategy for Scouting.

The region completed its knowledge management project, structuring data from National Scout Organizations and stakeholders. Following the launch of the annual reporting cycle in May, meetings were held with National Scout Organizations, engaging International Commissioners and other official contacts.

Supported was also provided to regional committees for their meetings and implementation of plans.

Asia-Pacific

The Asia-Pacific Region, in collaboration with The General Association of the Scouts of China, held a workshop with leaders from National Scout Organizations to strengthen capacity in good governance by promoting well-managed operations and enhancing leadership skills. Held from 21 to 24 October, the workshop focused on the various elements and standards of good governance. Participants also learnt about GSAT, as well as the methods, techniques, and tools to be able to benchmark its ten dimensions.

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

At the Regional Level



Europe

The region organised a growth event in Czechia, where participants from 20 European countries gathered to discuss, share, learn, and develop solutions related for membership growth and development.

Participants addressed specific challenges facing youth organisations, including Scouting in conflict zones, engaging underrepresented communities,

new approaches to volunteering, data-driven growth strategies. They exchanged ideas on strengthening their organisations, aiming to reinforce the broader youth space and build sustainable youth organisations capable of creating long-lasting impacts in their countries.

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

At the Regional Level

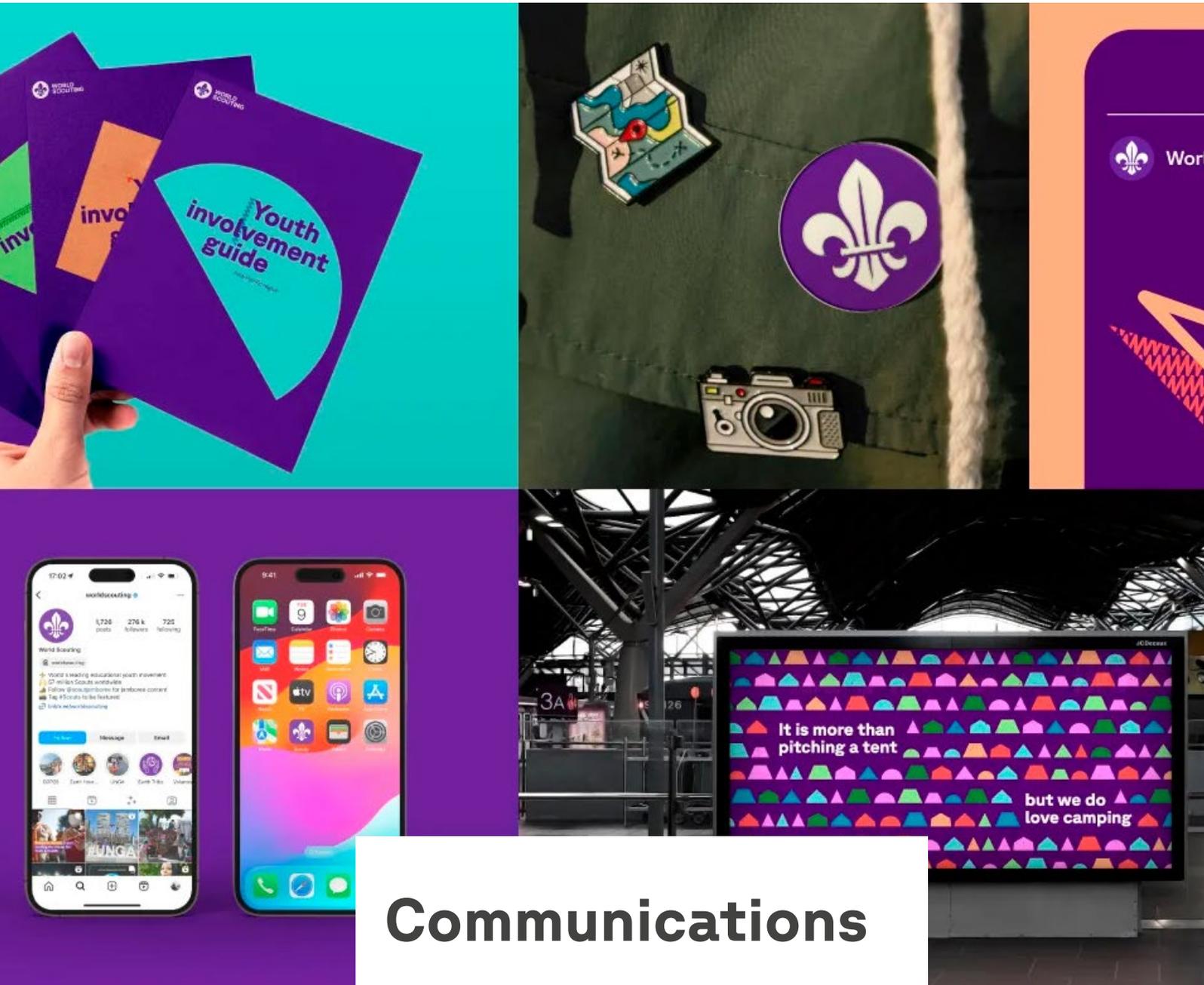


Interamerica

The Interamerica Region made significant progress in Safe from Harm, with around 80% of National Scout Organizations completing self-assessments and receiving feedback from the Regional Panel. Efforts included in-person evaluations and an online capacity-building workshop on integrating Safe from Harm across all the national team and areas.

In good governance, the region focused on delivering services related to national board training and strategic planning, as well as supporting the establishment of new bylaws for the National Scout Organization in Nicaragua.

The region also engaged eight National Scout Organizations to refine the methodology for formulating local Scout group growth plans. This approach helped Scout groups identify specific needs, set objectives, and design effective strategies for sustainable growth. These achievements reflect ongoing the region's ongoing commitment to enhancing organisational practices and fostering the development of Scouting.



Communications



COMMUNICATIONS

GLOBAL

In the past period, the communications team focused on supporting the preparation and delivery of the [43rd World Scout Conference](#) in Egypt, including communicating about pre-engagement activities and information for participants, designing a branded in-person and online experience, managing audio-visual production of plenary sessions, and supporting the translation and interpretation for the event. The team was also involved in supporting the Host with crisis communications, setting up a retail shop selling branded products and merchandise, and covering the event through photo, video, social media, media relations, and storytelling.

Another key highlight was the launch and rollout of [World Scouting's refreshed brand](#) complete with a redesigned Master World Scout Emblem, logo for World Scouting, "Ready for Life" tagline, and a more vibrant and youthful colour palette, font and design elements. A new digital brand centre for National Scout Organizations to access key assets, and a campaign ahead of the World Scout Conference helped to introduce the refreshed World Scouting's brand and the new Strategy for Scouting to young people, volunteers and Scouting's leadership worldwide.

The team also supported the announcement of Mali and Albania as the two newest Member Organizations, highlighted the involvement of Scouting's leadership and Youth Representatives at the UN General Assembly and Summit of the Future, and promoted donation appeals through the [Scout Donation Platform](#) for emergency responses to environmental disasters and humanitarian crisis situations in Central Europe, Bangladesh, Sudan, and the Arab Region.

Looking ahead, the team will focus on supporting the communications and marketing for JOTA-JOTI, preparing for the upcoming Regional Scout Conferences, providing more training and support to National Scout Organizations about using the refreshed World Scouting brand, and moving forward with a global search to find the next World Scouting Ambassadors to work together with Chief Ambassador Bear Grylls to promote the growth and impact of Scouting.

COMMUNICATIONS

At the Regional Level



Africa

The Africa Support Centre supported National Scout Organizations with storytelling for funded projects in Plastic Tide Turners, Food for Life, Ticket to Life, leadership training, humanitarian action, health and wellbeing, and growth. These efforts showcased the impact of grassroots initiatives across the region.

The team also assisted Burundi in planning communications, publicity, and media engagements for the 9th Africa Scout Jamboree, and focused on external relations and advocacy at events like the ICPD+30 Global Youth Dialogue in Benin.

Over the coming months, the region will provide communications capacity building and technical support to Madagascar, as the host of Africa Scout Day, Regional Conference, and Youth Forum in 2025. In addition, the region will support the rollout

of the refreshed World Scouting brand, strengthen audiovisual impact storytelling, and expand the Scout ambassadors and influencers programme.

Arab

The Arab Support Centre launched Zagel, a biweekly newsletter delivering streamlined and updated information the leadership of National Scout Organizations across the region.

For National Scout Organizations, the region helped the Omani Scouts develop a strategic study and action plan to enhance their social media presence. In collaboration with the American University in Cairo, it organised digital marketing and communications for 15 Scouts. Support was also provided to Oman, Libya, Lebanon, and Jordan

for communications planning for upcoming regional events.

The region expanded its digital footprint with new channels on TikTok, YouTube, and Twitter, gaining 4,000 followers on Instagram and increasing engagements. It produced educational social media content and campaigns to support Scout efforts in Gaza, Lebanon, and Sudan.

Additionally, the team prepared media materials for events at the Arab Support Center, translated key World Scout Conference materials, and onboarded ten volunteers to the Arab language team.

COMMUNICATIONS

At the Regional Level



Asia-Pacific

The Asia-Pacific Support Centre held a [brand strategy and management workshop](#) from 3 to 8 June, hosted by the National Scout Organization of Thailand. The event helped deepen Member Organizations' understanding of World Scouting's refreshed brand and support their branding efforts. More than 40 leaders from 12 National Scout Organizations took part in the workshop, sharing best practices for promoting the Scout brand in their countries.

The region's annual photo contest received 749 entries from 16 National Scout Organizations, with this theme focusing on Scouts engaged in peace-building activities. The 12 most impactful photos will be featured in the region's calendar for 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS

At the Regional Level

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND UNGA 79 IN NEW YORK

World Scouting's Youth Representatives flew to New York, USA, in September 2024 to take part in the 79th United National General Assembly (UNGA) High-Level Week and Summit for the Future. The event addressed a range of pressing global issues, from climate change to global health. It also put a spotlight on the importance of sustainability and youth leadership, offering a reminder that global institutions must recognise the expertise of young people and give them spaces to share their learnings and to provide leadership.



Europe

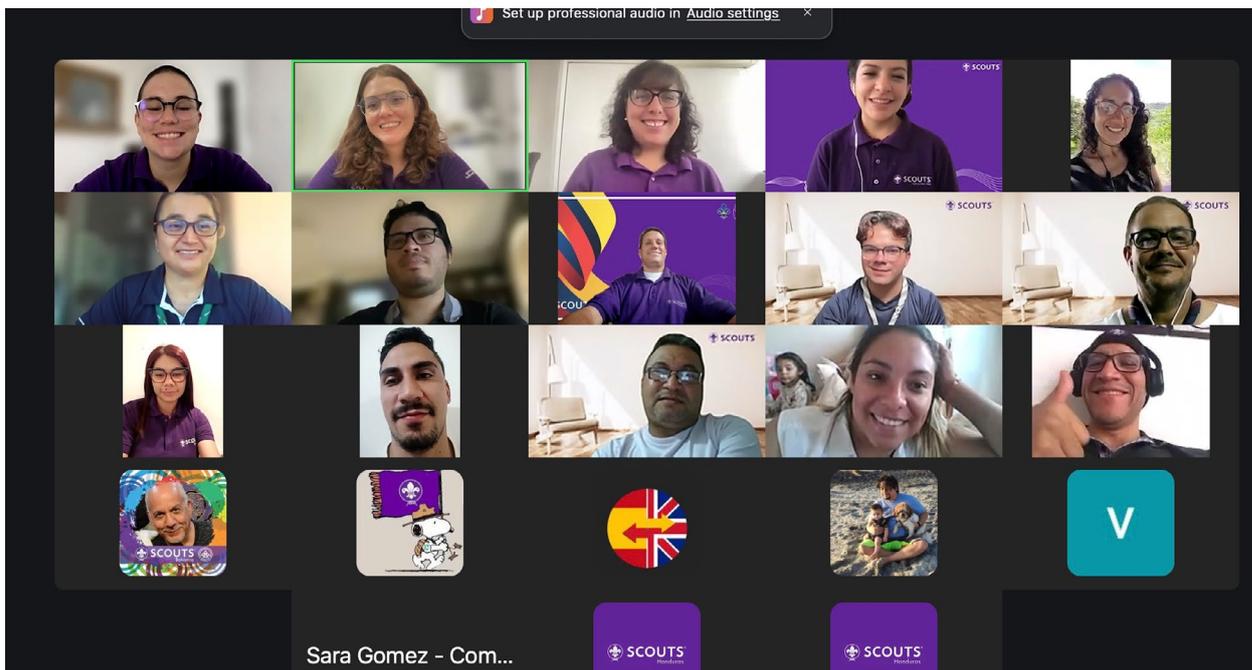
In March, the European Region launched a new internal communications system, featuring a tailored Treehouse page for streamlined access to essential information and documents. Circulars were revamped for clarity, and a WhatsApp channel was introduced to better serve Member Organizations' needs.

The past period saw successful campaigns for International Women's Day, the European Union Elections, and Roverway 2024, alongside regular social media activity and support for the 43rd World Scout Conference.

Looking ahead, the Communications Forum is scheduled for 20 to 24 November 2024 in Bulgaria and preparations for the European Scout Conference will begin soon. The region will conclude projects like Earth Tribe and SYSPUC, and start new initiatives, including Voices of Change. Stories from volunteers will highlight their contributions towards a strong, innovative, and green Region.

COMMUNICATIONS

At the Regional Level



Interamerica

In April, the region held an online [crisis communications forum](#) with participants from 14 National Scout Organisations, focusing on effective communication strategies in crisis scenarios and the importance of aligning them with Safe from Harm policies. Participants discussed best practices, shared experiences, and strengthened their ability to manage adverse situations, while prioritising safety, well-being and organisational reputation. Sessions also covered risk management and the role of communications, equipping national communication teams with essential tools and strategies to apply in times of crisis.

YOUNG SCOUTS IN BRAZIL HOLD LARGEST DECISION-MAKING EVENT

In May, the Brazilian Youth Network brought together young Scout aged 18 to 26 in Recife, in the northeastern region of the country, for its largest youth decision-making event. Some 51 delegates from 17 Scout regions took part in the [Youth Forum](#), which was streamed live on YouTube, and underscored the importance of including youth voices and active participation in decision-making processes.





Partnerships and Grants



PARTNERSHIPS AND GRANTS

GLOBAL

Over the last six months, the partnerships and grants team has focused on delivering the new business development strategy, securing new income for World Scouting, and launching new partnership and funding opportunities for National Scout Organizations.

A significant funding increase was secured for projects and new initiatives. Highlights include a new corporate partnership with [Accenture](#) to transform JOTA-JOTI and fund the roll-out of our new LifeLeaders initiative, and a global partnership with [UNICEF](#) initially focused on environmental sustainability and climate action. New partnerships were also established with [Temasek Foundation](#) on Dialogue for Peace and with the [UN Population Fund](#) on Health and Wellbeing, with a focus on gender. Additional agreements were made with UN Environment Programme, Solafrica, SAP and others.

Another major highlight were the high-level guests and partners that the team secured to attend the 43rd World Scout Conference, with over 20 strategic partners present, including [United Nations Deputy Secretary General Amina J. Mohammed](#).

During this period, our Youth Representatives engaged in intergovernmental events and policy processes, focusing on advocating for World Scouting on the global stage. Key highlights included collaborating with the UNFPA on [ICPD+30](#) in Benin and a strong presence at the [United Nations General Assembly and Summit of the Future](#) in September. Representation also expanded into key roles, including on the new UN Youth Office youth Board, UNICEF Generation Unlimited youth advisory structures, and co-chairing the WHO Youth Council.

Looking ahead, the team will focus on delivering on its new partnerships, build a strong pipeline of new fundraising opportunities, reviewing the Youth Representation model - at both global and regional levels -, and delivering on external advocacy opportunities from COP29 to the Ministerial Conference on Violence Against Children.

PARTNERSHIPS AND GRANTS

At the Regional Level

SCOUTS BRING HOPE TO CHILDREN AFTER VOLCANIC ERUPTION IN DRC

Soon after Mount Nyiragongo in the Democratic Republic of the Congo erupted in May 2024, Scouts mobilised and activated their networks to provide humanitarian services and support from Kanyarucinya Camp, 8 kilometres away from Goma, with a special focus on reaching children affected by the disaster. Strengthening their capacity, the Scouts teamed up with other humanitarian organisations to respond more effectively to the needs of those impacted by the event.



Africa

In Africa, the team represented World Scouting at the 2024 United Nations Civil Society Conference in Nairobi from 9 to 10 May, actively contributing as part of the workshops sub-committee. As members of the Network of International Youth Organizations in Africa, the region participated in the Europe-Africa Youth Cooperation Stakeholders Meeting in June, sharing experiences, aligning priorities, and exploring synergies for better youth coordination.

The team strengthened partnerships with key organisations, such as the African Union, AU ECOSOC, AWF, VSO International, UN Women ESARO, and others. They also engaged local and regional partners to support the 9th Africa Scout Jamboree in Burundi. Additionally, the region secured around USD700,000 as part of a consortium to enhance youth voices and civic engagement in a secured digital space across the Sahel and neighbouring countries in West and East Africa.

Over the next six months, the region will pursue similar collaboration opportunities to raise the profile of World Scouting in Africa and build the capacities of National Scout Organizations to impact more young people.

PARTNERSHIPS AND GRANTS

At the Regional Level

Arab

The region managed 17 grants, including appeals on the Scout Donation Platform for Lebanon, Palestine, Sudan, Morocco, and Libya, as well as regional and national projects. The Grants Management Coordinators Network was activated and a capacity-building programme was launched, focusing on proposal writing, reporting, and coordination with project managers from National Scout Organizations.

Global partnerships with Accenture and UNICEF were rolled out with the National Scout Organizations in the region. Moreover, in collaboration with the communication team, the organisation's profile was developed and shared with partners.

After being shortlisted by the United Nations Democracy Fund, the team submitted a proposal for USD 220,000 in October, building on partner engagements at the 43rd World Scout Conference and new connections with UNFPA, UNTDC, FAO, and UNHCR to collaborate in different areas. Several partners opportunities were also shared with the NSOs through the Zagel newsletter.

PALESTINIAN SCOUT ASSOCIATION DISCUSSES GAZA RELIEF EFFORTS

The President of the Palestinian Scout Association, Jibril Rajoub, visited the World Scout Bureau in Kuala Lumpur, where he discussed ongoing relief efforts to communities affected by the conflict in Gaza with an emphasis on strengthening humanitarian response efforts. Discussions also focused on launching a campaign to rally resources and expertise to provide community service and psychosocial support. As part of the campaign, the World Scout Bureau would continue working closely with the Palestinian Scout Association and other agencies to support their relief efforts.



PARTNERSHIPS AND GRANTS

At the Regional Level



Asia-Pacific

The Asia-Pacific Support Centre brought together 53 Scout leaders from Southeast Asia in Singapore from 29 July to 2 August for the Young Peace Builders programme, aimed developing their skills to lead peace initiatives in their home countries. The initiative and partnership, catalysed by the Temasek Foundation in collaboration with KAICIID, gathered Scouts from Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, and Thailand to promote intercultural and interfaith dialogue.

The region also co-organised Scouts Go Solar Regional Training in Thailand with SOLAFRICA, where 23 delegates from 11 Asia-Pacific countries focused on solar energy awareness and practical skills through engaging activities aimed at innovation and renewable energy.

NEW YOUTH-LED PEACE, DIALOGUE AND HARMONY PROGRAMME IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

World Scouting and Temasek Foundation in July announced a new partnership aimed at fostering peace and harmony across Southeast Asia. The Young Peace Builders programme will bring together young change-makers and leaders from Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand to champion intercultural and interfaith dialogue, and promote social cohesion in their communities.

DIALOGUE FOR PEACE

Young Peace Builders Programme

Catalysed by:

SCOUTS **TEMASEK FOUNDATION**

CIID
Khalifa International Dialogue Centre

PARTNERSHIPS AND GRANTS

At the Regional Level



Europe

The European Support Centre leveraged the EU Elections in June 2024 to share its 'European Scouts and Guides Call for Action for the European Election'. This document was developed by both World Scouting's region team and WAGGGS' Europe Region during the Youth Advocacy Training for Pluralistic Democracies as part of the Council of Europe's 20th University on Youth and Development.

The call centred around five key areas: youth participation and engagement, quality non-formal education, environmental sustainability and climate justice, peaceful and inclusive societies, and robust economy and welfare systems.



Interamerica

In Interamerica region launched its Youth Representatives initiative, attracting over 100 applications. The Interamerican Scout Committee appointed six youth representatives to enhance advocacy and external representation efforts.

Significant progress was made in partnership development, with initial discussions taken with potential partners, including multilateral organisations like the United Nations, CARICOM, and private sector entities like Paramount.

During this period, Member Organizations received around USD 170,000 in grants from World Scouting. Two new projects were approved, focusing on strengthening Scouting in the Caribbean and supporting leadership training in the region.

Two projects received funding through the Scout Donation Platform: an emergency appeal for post-flood reconstruction in Brazil and a local Scout group's initiative in Peru. These accomplishments reflect ongoing efforts to expand Scouting's impact and partnerships across the region.



World and Regional Events



WORLD EVENTS



JOTA-JOTI 2024

Significant strides were made in the preparations for JOTA-JOTI 2024, with a strong focus on expanding interactive activities and enhancing the virtual experience. A new corporate partnership with Accenture supported platform upgrades, including a streamlined registration process and alignment with the refreshed brand. Registration opened for the 43rd World Scout Conference, with targeted recruitment of new National JOTA-JOTI Coordinators and [JOTA-JOTI Ambassadors](#). The [ScoutPass](#) initiative was expanded, allowing participants to earn digital badges by completing educational challenges linked to this year's global theme, "Scouts for a Greener World," which focuses on empowering Scouts to lead in addressing climate change.



43rd World Scout Conference, Egypt (2024)

The 43rd World Scout Conference took place in Cairo from 17 to 23 August 2024, featuring seven days of impactful decision-making that will shape the future of the Scout Movement. Over 1,600 participants gathered in person, alongside 400 online attendees, to adopt key resolutions, including an [amendment to the WOSM Constitution](#) and the approval of a new vision and [Strategy for Scouting](#). Key outcomes included the election of hosts for future events as well as the election of the [new World Scout Committee](#).



UN DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL HIGHLIGHTS SCOUTS AS KEY LEADERS IN TACKLING GLOBAL CHALLENGES

In a powerful [keynote address](#) at the 43rd World Scout Conference, UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina J. Mohammed emphasised the critical role Scouts play in addressing global challenges, describing World Scouting as a cornerstone of youth leadership worldwide. She reflected on Scouting as the "perfect example" of young changemakers leading efforts to combat the world's most pressing challenges, emphasising its focus on youth empowerment, global solidarity, and the Sustainable Development Goals.

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16th World Scout Moot, Portugal (2025)

The 16th World Scout Moot programme saw substantial development, with key elements of the main camp and paths well underway. Collaboration with World Scouting's Safe from Harm team will ensure that safety and protection are embedded in all aspects of the programme. Participants will be organised into international patrols, embarking on unique paths across Portugal to engage with local communities, discover the country's cultural and geographical heritage, and collaborate on projects addressing local challenges. Additionally, the World Scout Committee has approved increasing the maximum on-site participation to 9,000, prioritising underrepresented National Scout Organizations to ensure diverse representation.



CENTRAL EUROPEAN JAMBOREE 2024 WELCOMES MORE THAN 1,000 SCOUTS

Over 1,200 Scouts from across Central Europe and beyond gathered in Mošovce, Slovakia, for a week of adventures, education and international friendship between young people from different backgrounds and cultures. From 2 to 9 August, Scouts took part in activities such as outdoor challenges, environmental projects, cultural interactions, craft workshops, and discussions on global topics.

WORLD EVENTS

At the Regional Level



Africa

Over 1,000 Scouts from 31 countries gathered in Burundi for the 9th Africa Scout Jamboree from 2 to 11 August 2024, where participants aged 12-17 years took part in activities promoting education, peace, and understanding. Centred around the sub-themes of people, nature and innovation, the programme provided young people with opportunities to connect, learn, share experiences, and build interpersonal skills. Participants also connected with nature, contributed to taking care of the jamboree site and other locations, while showcasing innovative solutions to challenges in their communities.

A key aspect of the experience was the commitment to safety, with all adults required to complete an online Safe from Harm course, undergo an onsite safeguarding orientation, and adhere to the event's Code of Conduct.

Arab

Approximately 450 participants, including 300 Libyans and Scouts from across the Arab Region, took part in the [22nd Arab Scout Moot in Libya](#) from 7 to 18 September 2024. Organised by the Arab Scout Region and the Libyan Scouts and Guides Movement, in partnership with the Ministry of Youth, this was Libya's first major regional Scout event in 20 years.

During the 11-day event, participants engaged in sessions on youth leadership, technology, and other valuable topics, gaining useful knowledge and skills. The Libyan Scouts and Guides organised hands-on workshops, including maritime adventures and excursions to Joudaim, Tripoli, and Benghazi. They also explored archaeological sites in Shahhat, Derna, Sabratha, and Garyanne.

WORLD EVENTS

At the Regional Level

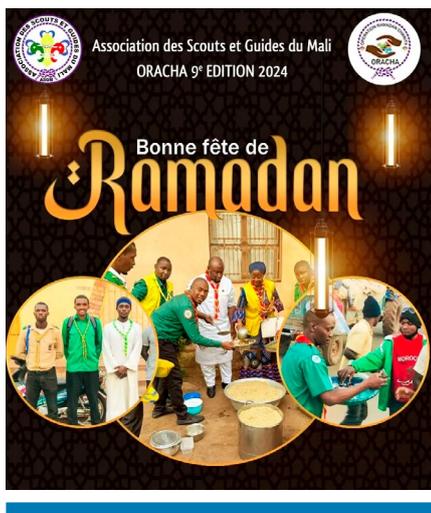
**BREAKING THE FAST:
SCOUTS AND GUIDES OF
MALI ASSIST MUSLIMS
DURING RAMADAN**

As the Muslim holy month approached, the Scouts and Guides of Mali organised food distributions through the Opération Ramadan Charity initiative. The initiative was born in hospitals, where family members who were constantly at the bedside of their unwell relatives, found it difficult to find the time to break their daily fast. The National Organisation of Muslim Scouts of Mali saw the need to support these families by distributing water, tea, dates, and other foods they had cooked themselves. The initiative, now in its ninth year, continues to expand across the country.



Asia-Pacific

Representatives from 27 National Scout Organizations gathered for the Asia-Pacific Region's 11th Scout Leaders Summit in Thailand from 24 to 27 April 2024 to review progress on the regional plan. Discussions covered best practices and challenges in governance, growth, Safe from Harm, communications, brand management, youth programme, and Adults in Scouting. Participants provided updates on flagship projects like Ticket to Life, Messengers of Peace, and Re-energising Scouting. Progress updates were also shared in membership growth, grant management, GSAT, and educational methods projects, including Scouting Education for Sustainable Development.



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At the Regional Level



Europe

Some 5,500 Scouts and Guides from 38 countries across Europe gathered in Norway for Roverway 2024. Hosted by The Guides and Scouts of Norway, with support from government partners and local authorities, Scouts aged 16 to 22 took part in activities based around three themes: leaders of tomorrow, physical and mental empowerment, and inclusion.



Interamerica

The Interamerican Networks' Meeting brought together Scout leaders from across the region to foster integration and collaboration. With 75 in-person and 124 virtual participants, the event aimed to reconnect and rebuild regional networks in areas like youth engagement, youth programme, communications, Adults in Scouting, and organisational development. Highlights included opportunity fair showcasing the 2022-2025 Regional Plan, Scouts for SDGs HUB, and the Scout Donation Platform. Participants discussed challenges, shared best practices, and engaged in intercultural exchanges. The event ensured a united approach toward strengthening and expanding Scouting's impact in the Interamerican Region.



Corporate Services



CORPORATE SERVICES

GLOBAL

During the past period, the World Scout Committee (WSC) approved the World Scout Bureau's consolidated [audited financial statements](#) for the financial year ending 30 Sept 2023, published alongside World Scouting's 2022-2023 annual report. The WSC Finance Committee endorsed the bureau's [corporate cost allocation](#) policy, reinforcing financial transparency, accountability and stakeholder trust. The Corporate Services finance team also invested excess liquidity in short-term deposits, maximising returns and resources.

With close collaboration from global and regional teams, the corporate services, people and culture team supported the roll out of the Fit for Future implementation plan and completed mid-year staff performance reviews across all Support Centres. The team provided logistical support to WSC members and during the 43rd World Scout Conference in Egypt, and upgraded the Kuala Lumpur office's air conditioning system.

In July, through the thematic team framework, the team held an in-person meeting in Kuala Lumpur to communicate practice team goals and plans for the Fit for Future. They conducted successful teambuilding exercises, explored enhancements for ZOHO People, reinforced interoffice reconciliation, and rolled out the corporate cost allocation policy, an SOP for cash flow projection, and updates to Swiss GAAP RPC 28.

The World Scout Bureau's 2024-2025 budget was endorsed by the World Finance Committee in September, pending final approval by the World Scout Committee in October. The team completed its partner UNICEF audit and internal audit fieldwork.

In the coming months, the team will focus on advancing the Fit for Future initiative by implementing a new practice team structure, terms of reference, ways of working, and work plans for the next year. The practice team aims to enhance the dispatch of the annual registration fees to Member Organizations, incorporating a 5% increase and ensuring compliance with [WSC policy](#). The team will also close the financial year, support an external audit by KPMG, and continue to strengthen collaboration with the Malaysian government on renewing of its host country agreement next year.

SCOUT LEADERS GATHER TO PROMOTE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Some 25 Scout leaders from 16 countries gathered at the [2024 SCENES Seminar](#) in Jambville, France to enhance environmental education and underscore the Movement's commitment to environmental stewardship, setting the stage for future initiatives promoting youth-led sustainability efforts. Over the course of four days, they exchanged ideas to improve the SCENES initiative and environmental networks and provide a learning platform to share experiences and understand best practices in environmental education and management.



CORPORATE SERVICES

At the Regional Level

MAURITIAN SCOUTS STRENGTHEN CAPACITY IN SAFE FROM HARM

The Mauritius Scout Association, working with a team from World Scouting, conducted a [Safe from Harm WOSM Assessment](#) to strengthen its safeguarding framework. Around 20 participants took part, with support from the Safe from Harm team, a WOSM Assessor, and a Safe from Harm consultant. The assessment covered 23 Safe from Harm criteria across areas including governance, Adult in Scouting, Youth Programme, events, and education. It included interviews with Scouts, providing essential insight into local realities.



Africa

The region reviewed its achievements and upcoming plans, finalising its budget for the 2024-2025 financial year, which was approved by the regional committee and the global office.

Office renovations increased workspaces available for staff, enlarged the meeting room, and enhanced World Scouting's brand visibility.

Over the next six months, the team will carry out an external audit for the 2023-2024 financial year and focus on performance management through year-end staff appraisals and goal setting.

Arab

The region finalised the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, and the Arab Scout Committee approved the audited fundamentals statements for the financial year ending 30 Sept 2023.

During the 43rd World Scout Conference, the team supported fee collections and provided logistical support, including transport and supplies. They prepared financial statements for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and are working on restructuring the Arab Support Centre to align with World Scouting's new vision.

Look ahead, the team will continue to work with the Ministry of Social Solidarity to renew work permits for the Arab Support Centre and Arab Scout Organization, and finalise the onboarding procedures for new employees.

Asia-Pacific

To deepen their understanding of Scouting, staff from the Asia-Pacific Regional Support Centre took part in a training course facilitated by the Boy Scouts of the Philippines. The training aimed to help staff apply the Scouting principles in their lives and implement the patrol system in their work.

Held in September, the training included an online session and a two-day in-person sessions in the Philippines.



CORPORATE SERVICES

At the Regional Level



Europe

The region completed an audit that yielded positive results and identified areas for improvement to enhance its capacity to manage multi-year, multi-partner, large-scale projects.

In collaboration with nine National Scout Organizations, the region managed and delivered a 5M project, effectively mitigating risks and ensuring compliance with donor requirements. Operations have been continuously adapted to meet donor and project expectations, leading to team growth and added responsibilities within the management and corporate services team.

Marking the end of [UAct 360](#), a dedicated platform was launched for the project, highlighting best practices and learnings, along with resources on key policies, such as procurement and project management.

Interamerica

Following a thorough search, the Interamerica Support Centre relocated to a [new address](#) in Panama City that reflects the region's vision for collaboration and service. This move optimises resources, allowing for greater investments in initiatives and projects that directly impact our National Scout Organizations and enhance the Scouting experience in the region.



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