

Development of African Arab Co-operation **(1970- 2004)**

Fields of African Arab Co-operation

The following are the co-operation activities between the African Scout Region and the Arab Scout Region:-

No	Activity	Venue	Date	Participants
1	The 1 st African Scout Jamboree	Lagos Nigeria	April, 1977	4 Associations
2	The 1 st African Scout Conference	Dakar- Senegal	December, 1970	2 Associations
3	The Professionals' Course	Lagos Nigeria	1972	1 Association
4	The 2 nd African Scout Conference	Ethiopia	July, 1973	2 Associations
5	The 3 rd African Scout Conference	Lagos Nigeria	April, 1977	4 Associations
6	The 4 th African Scout Conference	Abidjan	August, 1981	2 Associations

Mutual Co-operation Fields included also the following areas:

Supporting constant and permanent coordination.

Providing opportunities to hold Gatherings for Youth.

Encouraging twinning Agreements and activating visit exchange among the representatives of both Scout Regions.

Facilitating opportunities of experience exchange among leaders in the two Scout Regions.

Availing exchange of information and publications between the two Scout Regions.

This is in addition to exchange of participation in the following Major Scout Events:-

1 The 8th Conference of the African Movement for Youth in Algeria-1966.

2 The Meeting with the Director of the African Scout Region-

November 1997 during which the draft project for the celebration of the African Scout Day and future action plans were discussed.

- 3 The 1st Youth International Gathering for Cultural Exchange in Egypt- April 1998 (with the participation of 2 rovers from Kenya and Cote d' Ivoire).
- 4 The 1st Arab African Meeting in Cairo- Egypt during June 1998 with the participation of the Chairmen of the African and Arab Scout Committees and the Regional Directors of both Scout Regions to discuss fields of mutual co-operation.
- 5 The 22nd Arab Scout Conference in Qatar- November, 1998.
- 6 The 2nd Arab African Meeting in Nairobi- Kenya in June 1999 with the participation of the Chairmen of the African and Arab Scout Committees and the Regional Directors of both Scout Regions to follow up the achievements of mutual co-operation and discuss future action plans.
- 7 The 2nd Youth International Gathering for Cultural Exchange in Egypt- September 1999 (with the participation of 4 rovers from South Africa- Swizzle Land- Burundi- Tanzania).
- 8 The 3rd Youth International Gathering for Cultural Exchange in Egypt- October 2000 (with the participation of 2 rovers from Uganda and Cote d' voir).
- 9 The 4th Youth International Gathering for Cultural Exchange in Egypt- September 2001 (with the participation of 2 rovers from South Africa and Madagascar).
- 10The 5th Youth International Gathering for Cultural Exchange in Egypt- September 2002 (with the participation of 2 rovers from Gambia and Congo).
- 11The International Gathering for World Adult Resources Policy (WARP) in Cairo International Scout Center in October 2002 with the participation of 2 leaders from the African Scout Region.
- 12The International Gathering for Executives of Programs and Scout Sections Development in Cairo International Scout Center in April 2003 with the participation of 4 leaders; one from Mauritius, Kenya and Senegal in addition to the Director of Scout Programs in the African Scout Region.
- 13The 6th Youth International Gathering for Cultural Exchange in Egypt- September 2003 (with the participation of one rover from Mauritius).
- 14The International Gathering on Scouting and Environmental

Preservation in January 2004 in Emirates.

Visits of the African Scout Regional Director to support African Arab Co-operation

Mr. Kinuthia Ng'Ang'A Murugu, Regional Director of the African Scout Region paid a visit to the premises of the Arab Scout Region during March 2004 and held several Meetings with Mr. Fawzi Farghali, Arab Scout Regional Director, to review development of joint co-operation and prepare for the visit to Libya.

Mr. Kinuthia Ng'Ang'A Murugu, Regional Director of the African Scout Region, accompanied by Mr. Fawzi Farghali, Arab Scout Regional Director, visited Libya from 9-15/3/2004 to unify efforts towards coordination for the participation of the National Scout Association of the African Scout Region in the 26th Arab Scout Jamboree and the African Arab Meeting (which was held during the period from 1-10/8/2004).

"Pan-African Youth Forum on AIDS: A Matter of Education"

In response to the invitation of H.E. President of Senegal, the Arab Scout Region participated in the activities of the Forum which was held in Dakar, Senegal from 22-26/3/2004. The Arab Delegation included 18 participants representing Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Sudan, Morocco, Mauritania, the Arab Scout Office and the Red Crescent Associations in Egypt, Libya and Mauritania. The Forum was attended by 535 participants from 43 African Countries

During the Forum, the following subjects were discussed:

- 15The situation of AIDS in the African countries.
- 16The National Strategies for fighting AIDS.
- 17The national action plans for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) participating in the Forum.
- 18Supporting co-operation between the NGOs and governmental bodies responsible for AIDS Fighting Programs in each country.

The 26th Arab Scout Jamboree

On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Arab Scout Region and the Celebration of the Libyan Scout Association with its 50th

Anniversary, the African Scout Region participated in the 26th Arab Scout Jamboree and the First African Arab Meeting from 1-10/8/2004 in Libya. The aims of the Jamboree were tightening brotherhood and friendship ties among scouts, supporting experience exchange and sense of loyalty, identifying the Scout Movement and developing the leaders' capacities on managing big scout Events. The African Scout Region participated with 46 scouts and guides representing the scout associations in Burundi, Ghana, Niger, Mali, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Kenya, Nigeria, Benin, Uganda, Chad, Cote d' Ivory and Gambia. This great number of attendants from the African Scout Region is attributed to the personal communication of Mr. Kinuthia Ng'Ang'A Murugu, Regional Director of the African Scout Region, who exerted valuable efforts to facilitate such participation. Moreover, Mr. Abdullah San, Director of Scout Programs in the African Scout Region took part in the opening ceremony of the 26th Arab Scout Jamboree and the First African Arab Meeting.