

# **STATEMENT FROM THE 2<sup>ND</sup> AFRICA SCOUT SUMMIT HELD IN NAIROBI, KENYA, FROM 16<sup>TH</sup> TO 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009**

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We, the national and regional leaders of the Scout Movement, representing 36 out of 37 member countries of the World Organization of the Scout Movement in the Africa Scout Region, meeting in Nairobi for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Africa Scout Summit held from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009 –

- Having evaluated the Ten Year Plan for Scouting in Africa, which was adopted in Gabon in 2001;
- Having discussed the remaining tasks and future challenges of the final two years of the plan;
- Having recognized the achievements made over the last seven years in the areas of Adult Resources, Youth Programme, Management, Resource Mobilization, Growth, and Scouting profile;
- Having consulted with Scout leaders from world level and other Scout regions, as well as with partners and potential partners;
- Having identified critical needs in our National Scout Organizations (NSOs) and recognizing the difficulties that lie ahead in meeting these needs;

Hereby state our continued commitment to:

- Provide updated, attractive, relevant and educational youth programmes that respond to the needs and aspirations of today's young people, and to equip NSOs with adequate means and structures to fulfil this undertaking;
- Develop volunteer management policies and implementation strategies in order to strengthen the content and quality of adult training programmes;
- Develop effective management tools to help associations provide quality Scouting to the youth;
- Increase membership through reaching out strategies, Scouting in schools, marketing activities, projects and programmes, and other youth-oriented organizations;
- Mobilize financial and material resources and provide relevant training

for volunteer and professional staff to ensure the implementation of national Scouting development strategies, and to strengthen and expand partnerships;

- Strengthen the capacity of the Africa Regional Office to deliver quality services to NSOs;
- Develop and adopt relevant communication strategies to increase the visibility of Scouting in the community and to ensure effective information sharing in the region;
- Increase the role of Scouting in global issues such as environmental education and protection; HIV and Aids, malaria, peace education, child labour, and gender sensitivity, among others.

In order to achieve these goals, and driven by the spirit of our Founder, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, whose final resting place is in nearby Nyeri, Kenya, we reaffirm our commitment to serving the needs of young people in Africa and to provide better Scouting for them.

We also appeal to the African Union, African governments, governmental and non-governmental organizations, UN agencies, the business community, philanthropists and eminent persons to support and embrace Scouting in all African countries.

Finally, the Summit would like to express its heartfelt thanks to all partners and supporters of Scouting in the Africa Region, and in particular to Mr. Eric Frank for making it possible to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> Africa Scout Summit.

Long live Scouting!

20<sup>th</sup> April 2009.