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## Indian Ocean Zonal Conference 2010

Circular ARO/IOZ/3

### Background

The Indian Ocean Zone of the Africa Scout Region comprises 5 countries, namely Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Reunion and Seychelles. This year, the NSOs of this sub-region will hold a Zonal Conference in Seychelles; the exact location will be confirmed soon. The main purpose of this Zonal Conference will be consultation and experience sharing.

### Dates

- **Youth Forum:** Monday 19 April to 20 April.
- **Zonal Conference:** Wednesday 21 April to Friday 23 April.

**Participation:** Participation is open to all warranted NSO leaders. Each NSO is invited to send 2 delegates and 4 observers. Countries need to send the names of participants for both events not later than **15<sup>th</sup> February 2010**. Kindly send the names to [ebalgobin@scout.org](mailto:ebalgobin@scout.org). Upon receipt of the names, a registration form will be sent to be completed and sent back.

**Programme:** The programme will soon be shared and will mainly take into consideration work carried out at the last Africa Scout Summit and Africa Scout Conference. In addition, the Conference is making provision for a one-day Workshop on Communication. The aim is to help participants acquire skills necessary to draft a national communication strategy. The facilitator of this workshop will be Euloge Ishimwe, Head of Communications, WSB-ARO. Thus, each NSO is kindly advised to have its Public Relations and/or Communication Commissioner, or a member of its communication sub-committee as part of the delegation either as delegate or observer. There will also be a Youth Forum, which is mainly a platform for training and sharing for young people.

**Zonal advisors:** Zonal advisors will be appointed at the zonal conference for a 2-year non-renewable term. Normally, each zone is advised to have zonal advisors in the following areas: Youth Programme; Adult Resources; Communication and Scouting Profile; and Governance and Constitution. A zonal advisor will need to have sound experience and qualification in the field for which he/she will be appointed so as to ensure team assistance and support in the required field for the zone and will need to have approval from the NSO. The zonal advisor work with the Unit Manager. There is no budget for zonal advisors in the Region so members wishing to be appointed as Zonal Advisors will need to make their own arrangements. Zonal advisors will need to have easy access to electronic communication. Appointment of Zonal Advisors will be made by the conference upon submission of required information prior to the event. Members wishing to submit their names as Zonal Advisors may not attend the Zonal Conference and can kindly submit their wish at [ebalgobin@scout.org](mailto:ebalgobin@scout.org) and a form will be sent to be completed and sent back. The deadline to submit the application is **10 March 2010**.

**Management course:** A management course will be held in Seychelles on 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April. The management course will target executive commissioners at national or district level. There will be places for 6 participants. Participants will cover their airfares and accommodation costs. Workshop costs such as materials, meals, transport and stationery will be borne by the office. Name of participants should be submitted to the office not later than **15<sup>th</sup> February 2010** for effective organization.

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