



World Scouting Report unveiled in Geneva

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In the presence of Regina Monticone, Coordinator of the Youth Employment Network and Dr. Eduardo Missoni, Secretary General of WOSM, the first World Scouting Report made its global debut as what is hoped will be an important and informative resource for the Movement and its partners.

The event focused on the issue of improving the employability of young people, which is a topic closely addressed in the Report itself.

The Report explains that employability itself is not sufficient to successfully acquire a job. It is also necessary to take into account the competences of the young person, and match them with the needs of the employer. In the absence of a stable job market, the solution will come from the personal initiative of the young person, another quality developed within Scouting. Secretary General of WOSM, Eduardo Missoni asserts, "Scouting offers an original framework in which young people in search of ideals, and who need to develop the life skills that will enable them to face the future, can seek self-fulfilment. It also has the tools needed to do so: know-how, networks and partners."

World Scouting actively collaborates with the Youth Employment Network (YEN), an initiative of the United Nations. Launched in 2000 and supported by the World Bank, YEN makes it possible for young people to be directly involved in the design and the installation of measures in favour of youth training and employment. Regina Monticone, Coordinator of the Youth Employment Network told the audience, "WOSM is an important partner as it has had a worldwide impact for a long time. More specifically, Scouting conveys an essential message through its non-formal education system, which values life skills. It therefore offers a way of increasing young people's employability, and that is one of the major challenges of our times."

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), which includes 28 million members, and operates through a network of local groups supported by national Scout organisations in 155 countries, also tackles many other crucial issues in the first World Scouting Report which was launched under the title "Youth, a force for development."