



World Scouting strengthens its position within civil society and the UN

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On the 7th December the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) was re-elected to the Board and to the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO) for a three year period, a position in which it has already served since 2003.

WOSM was also elected as Vice-President of CONGO. Through this, World Scouting strengthens its position in the world of civil society and with the UN.

On the Board, World Scouting will work with 19 other NGOs in directing the activities of the Conference of NGOs (CONGO), which has more than 300 members.

The election took place as part of CONGO's General Assembly, which focused on promoting human rights and responsible governance ? a key goal for member NGOs. Representing WOSM at the event was Mr Arturo Romboli, External Relations Unit Manager.

On the first evening of the Conference former UN Secretary General Mr. Kofi Annan joined NGOs for a reception to pre-launch the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Mr. Annan thanked civil society for all it is doing to defend human rights, peace and security.

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CONGO - Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations

The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO) is an independent, international, non-profit membership association of non-governmental organizations (NGOs). It facilitates the participation of NGOs in United Nations debates and decision-making. CONGO is most active at the major UN centres of New York, Geneva and Vienna but its work stretches out to all regions of the world.

CONGO was founded in 1948. Since then it has relentlessly worked to ensure that NGO voices be heard throughout the international arena. CONGO's role in mobilizing NGOs to form the first worldwide NGO forum on human rights in 1968, its role in conceiving forms of NGO participation in UN world conferences and its advocacy on behalf of NGOs at UN Headquarters highlight CONGO's chief objectives: to ensure that NGOs be present when governments discuss issues of global concern at the United Nations and to facilitate NGO discussions on such issues.

The Conference of NGOs is governed by its triennial General Assembly, made up of representatives of its member organizations. The General Assembly elects an individual as President and 20 member organizations to serve as CONGO's Board.

The Board oversees CONGO's work between sessions of the General Assembly.