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Dear Colleagues,

RE: AFRICA SCOUT CONFERENCE AND YOUTH FORUM

This message is to confirm that the Ghana Scout Association will host the 14th Africa Scout Conference to be held in Accra – Ghana from Monday 9th to Thursday 12th November (4 days) and the Youth Forum from Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th November.

Delegates and observers are expected to arrive in Accra on Sunday 8th November for the conference which will commence at 09.00 on Monday 9th November and will be free to depart for home from Friday 13th. Youth Forum participants should arrive on Tuesday 3rd November. Those remaining for the conference will join conference delegates for registration on Sunday 8th November.

VENUES

The conference will be held in the Mensvic Grand Hotel in Accra and the Youth Forum at the Akosombo Continental Hotel in a resort some 50kms outside Accra.

FEES

Conference: Delegates/observers/accompanying persons – USD 120

Youth Forum: Delegates/observers a) Including tented accommodation – USD 80

b) For indoor hotel accommodation – USD 100

c) For youth attending both events – USD 120

NB: This excludes conference accommodation in Accra.

NOTE:

1. The conference has been reduced to four days including a day of workshops at an outdoor venue. A revised programme will be sent to all NSOs.
2. Optional visits will be planned for participants on Friday 13th November. Details of this together with costs will be sent out to all participants.
3. The participants in the Youth Forum will have a day of sightseeing as part of their programme on Saturday 7th November.
4. HOTEL RATES

The rates for a single room at the conference hotel – Mensvic Grand Hotel start at USD 120. There are a number of less expensive hotel options within easy walking distance of the conference hotel and details about these and costs will be sent out shortly together with the official registration forms for Africa Conference and Youth Forum.

5. DELEGATIONS

Each NSO is allowed 6 official delegates and a number of observers. There will also be an accompanying persons' programme. The Youth Forum has 2 delegates per NSO plus a maximum of 3 observers

NB: During the conference there will be a number of important workshops which will be a result of discussions recommendations and decisions made at the recent summit. It will therefore be very important for national delegations to be made up of people directly involved in the topics under discussion eg Youth Programme Development, Adult resource Policy, Governance and constitutional Reform, Growth of Scouting etc.

Full details of the revised programme and workshops will be sent out in September.

6. AFRICA SCOUT FOUNDATION

There is urgent need to strengthen the foundation and increase membership within the Africa Region. To this end there will be a special function during the conference to acknowledge new members and to welcome potential members.

We urge the NSOs who have not done so to consider becoming members of the Africa Scout Foundation and to encourage individual members and friends of Scouting to join. Further details are available from the Regional Office.

7. AWARDS

The Africa Elephant Award is presented to both uniform and non-uniform members of the Movement for especially distinguished services to Scouting at Regional or National Scout Association level. The award should be applied for by National Scout Association for individuals who have rendered such outstanding service for a period of time and NOT by any individuals applying on their own behalf. Application forms for the Elephant Award are available from the Africa Regional Office and an independent committee considers all applications.

8. AFRICA SCOUT COMMITTEE

In view of the fact that the conference has been postponed by two months – it has been decided to extend the period for nominations to the Africa Scout Committee to 31 August 2009. Any association wishing to nominate a person for election to the Africa Committee should apply for the necessary form and criteria to the Regional Office.

Nominations must be received by **31 August 2009**

Winston Adams

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