



Kenya's Vice-President launches activities of the Moot Committee

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NAIROBI, 18 February 2009. At the Carnivore Restaurant, H.E. Vice-President of the Republic of Kenya, Kalonzo Musyoka, who is also the Chief Commissioner of the Kenya Scouts Association (KSA), officially launched the work of the Moot Organizing Committee (MOC), during an evening ceremony at the open-air tourist landmark. The objective of this event was to publicize the Moot and seek support from stakeholders. Kenya Scouts Association will host the next World Scout Moot from 27 July to 7 August 2010. About 3,000 participants are expected. Worth noting is the fact that Kenya will go down in the History of Scouting as the first African country to host a World Scout Moot.

Some of the notables at the event included, the Minister for Youth, Prof. Hellen Sambili, the Chief of General Staff, Gen. Jeremiah Kianga, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Youth, Kinuthia Murugu (Former Africa Scout Regional Director), members of the press, among others. The Master of Ceremony was Dr. PLO Lumumba, renowned lawyer and KSA's Legal Advisor.

"Our honour is to be trusted, we will strive to achieve whatever we set out to do", said Mr. Charles Musau, the Chairman of the MOC. The MOC members were also in attendance.

The World Scout Bureau, Africa Regional Office (ARO) will offer technical support to the MOC. The ARO has appointed three of its staff members (Jonathan Omondi, Jacques Sandrizi and Euloge Ishimwe) to support the MOC.

About Moots

World Scout Moots are gatherings of members of senior branches of National Scout Associations (traditionally called Rovers) and other young adult members. Participants range in age from 18 to 26.

Moots provide an opportunity for young adults in Scouting to meet together with the objective of improving their international understanding as citizens of the world.

The first World Scout Moot was in 1931 and following ones were held almost every four years until 1961.

World Moots were replaced by World Moot Years between 1965 and 1982. This change was with the aim of increasing the number of events and accessibility to Rovers.

In 1985, the World Scout Conference decided to reinstate World Moots and, in 1993 decided to hold them every four years. Several national and regional moots are held each year.