



Vice President of Kenya praises World Scouting Report

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The World Scouting Report was received with great enthusiasm in Africa. The Vice President of the Republic of Kenya, His Excellency Moody Awori launched the report in the presence of an audience of over 700 people. The participants included senior dignitaries from various UN agencies, other youth organisations, development agencies, government officials, Scouts and Scout leaders.

The launch, held on the 11th October 2006, focused on the role of young people in environmental management, an issue which is highlighted in the World Scouting Report. In partnership with the Kenya Scout Association, the launch was preceded by a tree planting ceremony as part of the Association's Gift for Peace: "Ten million trees for peace."

In his speech, the Vice President of Kenya commended the Scout Movement for their continued work in youth development. He observed that by empowering young people to propose solutions, adult Scout leaders play the role of mentors, thereby giving young people the challenge, and the opportunity to practice independent decision making.

Other speakers during the event included Mrs. Rubina Haroon, Regional Director for the Africa Scout Region, the Minister for Youth Affairs in Kenya, Dr. Mohammed Kuti, the Permanent Secretary in the same Ministry, Kinuthia Murugu, the Chief Scout of the Kenya Scout Association, Hon. Ole Kaparo, as well as the Chairman of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) in Africa, Mrs Honorine Kiplagat.

To read the full speech of His Excellency Moody Awori click here:

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