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## 3rd World Scout Interreligious Symposium - Kampala, Uganda, 21st to 25th October 2009

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The 3rd World Scout Inter-religious Symposium was organised at Hotel Africana, Kampala (Uganda) from the 21st to 25th October 2009. There were over 80 participants from 30 countries belonging to 12 different faiths and beliefs: namely Baha'i, Buddhist, Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran, Orthodox, Protestant, Hindu, Islam, Jewish, Native African, Sikh and Won-Buddhist.

The report of the Symposium is available for download in the WOSM online library, click on read more to download the report.

The Symposium was jointly hosted by the Uganda Scouts Association (USA) and the International Union of Muslim Scouts (IUMS) and was organised by members of the World Scout Interreligious

Forum (WSIF) supported by the World Scout Bureau (WSB). The theme of the Symposium was 'Solidarity, Reflection and Celebration' and the flow of programme was planned according to the themes.

? Building Solidarity

? Reflecting on the experience of being in Uganda and on our religious traditions

? Celebrating being brothers and sisters

An innovative approach for inter-religious dialogue using the Scout Method was successfully piloted during the event. All participants were engaged in an active learning process and the Symposium programme commenced with a shared experience for participants who were grouped in small teams of mixed faiths.

They visited community development projects some of which were run by Scouts in Uganda. On return from the visits, they reflected on the experience in religious groups and shared these reflections with everyone in the wider group. This helped participants reflect on the human response to serious issues concerning the world today, at a personal level and through listening to the reflections of others (in their respective faiths), which provided a rich learning experience.

Participants discovered many common elements between their own faith and that of others through this process. Finally the participants came together and joined the celebrations organised

by various faiths and beliefs.

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