



**Memorandum of Understanding between:**

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (**WOSM**)

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and

The United Nations Environment Programme (**UNEP**)

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**Whereas** UNEP is the world's leading environmental agency and the environmental arm of the United Nations system. It was created in 1972 and its mission is to provide leadership and encourage partnerships in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations. Among its major goals are raising environmental awareness and promoting actions at all levels of society worldwide.

**Whereas** UNEP started its work with young people in 1985, the International Youth Year. Since then, it has developed several global and regional initiatives, activities and networks for children and youth and published information materials for young people. UNEP has also involved young people in its Governing Council sessions and in the development of regional and global environmental reports. UNEP also supports activities of children and youth in school and universities and has held regular conferences for young people and promoted environmental awareness through competitions, recognition and partnerships with international, regional and national organisations working with young people.

**Whereas** in February 2003, the UNEP Governing Council unanimously adopted a long-term strategy for engaging and involving children and youth in UNEP's work. One of the key activities envisaged in the strategy is the development of partnerships with international and regional organisations dealing with young people. This Memorandum of Understanding is in direct response to the need to increase UNEP's partnerships with international youth organisations.

**Whereas** WOSM is one of the largest youth organisations worldwide, being the global organisation of individual National Scout Organizations, representing more than 28 million Scouts in 215 countries and territories, with two thirds of its members in developing countries. The Scout Movement was founded in 1907 as a Movement of and for young people. Its Mission is to contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society. It is organised in several age sections from childhood to early adulthood and its method is primarily based on “learning by doing”, “youth involvement” and “peer education”. The Scout Movement considers young people as citizens of today and not only of the future. All over the world, through Scouting, young people are engaged in working for peace and sustainable development.

**Whereas** the environment has been central to the Scout Movement since its inception, Scouts mainly undertake outdoor activities and are therefore exposed to nature.

Many Scout Associations have incorporated environment education into their Youth Programme and the World Scout Environment Programme has been recently launched to strengthen this dimension of the Youth Programme world-wide. This exposure and interaction with nature has sensitised Scouts on the need to conserve and care for the environment.

Members of the Scout Movement world-wide undertake clean-ups and tree planting campaigns, engages in afforestation and soil conservation activities and develops and uses energy saving devices.

Scout campsites are encouraged to support environment education and demonstrate good environment management through SCENES (Scout Centres of Excellence for Nature and Environment).

WHEREAS the Parties intend to conclude this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MOU”) with the aim of consolidating, developing and intensifying their co-operation and their effectiveness to achieve the common goals and objectives in the field of environment.

Now therefore, UNEP and WOSM have agreed to co-operate under this memorandum of understanding as follows:

### **Article 1 Interpretation**

1. Any Annex to this MOU shall be considered part of this MOU. Unless the context otherwise requires, references to this MOU shall be construed as a reference to this MOU including the Annex hereto, as varied or amended in accordance with the terms of this MOU.
2. Implementation of activities/projects/programmes pursuant to this MOU shall necessitate the execution of appropriate legal agreements between the Parties.
3. This MOU supersedes all prior MOUs, communications and representations, whether oral or written, concerning the subject matter thereof.

## **Article 2**

### **Purpose**

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is the co-operation by UNEP and WOSM in promoting environmental awareness and protection.

## **Article 3**

### **Areas of co-operation**

1. The parties have agreed to enter into a strategic alliance whereby UNEP and WOSM will continue to work together to promote environmental activities that are mutually defined under this agreement. This including organising public awareness campaigns, participating in World Environment Day commemorations and endorsing and participating in Scout actions and advocacy. WOSM will also continue to participate in the implementation of the UNEP long-term strategy on engagement and involvement of young people in environmental issues and UNEP will support the implementation of WOSM's environmental actions

2. By joining efforts WOSM and UNEP will maximise their resources and expand their networking capacities among young people globally. This will enable them to reach out to young people in all corners of the world with messages related to their respective areas of concentration.

## **Article 4**

### **Organization and Co-operation**

#### **4.1 Under the terms of this Memorandum and within the scope of UNEP's rules, regulations, UNEP will:**

- Involve WOSM in its global campaigns such as the Plant for the Planet – Billion Trees Campaign, UNite to Combat Climate Change Campaign, the International Children's Painting Competition and the Play for the Planet initiatives;
- Invite the participation of WOSM members in its Tunza International Youth Conference, Tunza International Children's Conference, the regional and sub-regional networks and regional processes for children and youth;
- Invite inputs from WOSM on Scout initiatives on environmental activities for Tunza publications for children and youth;
- Seek the views and inputs of WOSM in the production of its publications;
- Provide inputs towards the publication of environmental information materials for young people by WOSM;
- Make references of the valuable contribution by Scouts worldwide to the environment in its Annual Reports and other milestone publications.

#### **4.2 WOSM will:**

- Ensure that environment will be a priority in the programme activities of Scout events;
- Invite UNEP to its Scout events to run environmental workshops, publicise Scouting and the environment and the UNEP Tunza programme for young people;
- Publicise UNEP global events such as the World Environment Day, Clean-up the World campaign, Plant for the Planet – The Billion Tree Campaign, UNite for Climate Change Campaign, the International Children’s Painting Competition and the Tunza conferences and encourage NSOs to join these activities;
- Encourage Scouts to participate in the UNEP/ Volvo Adventure Award programme for outstanding environmental projects by young people;
- Include, when applicable, information on UNEP’s activities and environmental articles in its newsletters and publications;

#### **4.3 Within the scope of the Parties’ rules and regulations UNEP and WOSM will:**

- Share this agreement with their respective regional and national offices, members and staff world-wide to encourage co-operation at these levels;
- Exchange contact details of national and regional representatives, where appropriate, to facilitate communication between representatives of the two organisations at the national and regional levels;
- Extend an invitation, where appropriate, to governing events (such as conferences, forums, etc.);
- Communicate and publicise this partnership through their respective publications, conferences and meetings;
- Cross-link their websites and publicise each others events through the website;
- Maintain regular communications and annual meetings to review progress on the MOU and identify areas of improvement.

Each of the Parties will designate representatives to develop a draft Activity Plan for review and approval further to the respective decision-making processes of each Party.

Thereafter, each of the Parties will designate a Partnership Co-ordinator, who will co-ordinate that Party's work, as agreed in the Activity Plan and who will serve as principal liaison between that Party and the other.

**Article 5**  
**Status of the partner and its personnel**

1. The Parties acknowledge and agree that WOSM is an entity separate and distinct from the United Nations, including UNEP. The employees, personnel, representatives, agents or contractors of the Partner, including the personnel engaged by WOSM for carrying out any of the project activities pursuant to this MOU, shall not be considered in any respect or for any purposes whatsoever as being employees, personnel, representatives, agents, contractors or other affiliates of the United Nations, including UNEP, not shall any employees, personnel, representatives, agents and other affiliates of UNEP be considered, for any purposes whatsoever, as being employees, personnel, representatives, agents or other affiliates of the Partner.

2. No agents or employees of WOSM shall be considered in any respect as agents or staff members of UNEP.

**Article 6**  
**Fundraising**

1. Neither party shall engage in fund raising with third parties for activities to be carried out within the framework of this MOU in the name of or on behalf of the other.

**Article 7**  
**Dispute settlement**

2. Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this MOU shall be settled amicably between the two parties. Should attempts at amicable negotiation fail, any such dispute shall, upon request by either party, be referred to arbitration in accordance with the UN-CITRAL arbitration rules then prevailing.

**Article 8**  
**Official emblems and logos**

1. Neither Party shall use the name, emblem or trademarks of the other Party, its subsidiaries, affiliates, and/or authorized agents, or any abbreviation thereof, in publications and documents produced by the Parties, without the express prior written approval of the other Party in each case.

2. In no event will authorization of the UNEP name or emblem, or any abbreviation thereof, be granted for commercial purposes.

**Article 9**  
**Intellectual Property Rights**

1. The Parties shall consult with each other regarding the Intellectual Property Rights as appropriate relating to any project or benefits derived thereof in respect of activities carried out under a separate legal instrument pursuant to this MOU.

**Article 10**  
**Notification and Amendments**

1. Each Party shall notify one another in writing, within one month of any proposed or actual changes that the Party deems necessary for the execution of this MOU.
2. Upon receipt of such request, the other Parties shall consult each other with a view to reaching an agreement on any actual or proposed measure(s) suggested by the other Party under Article 10 (1).
3. This MOU may be amended only by mutual agreement of the Parties reflected in writing.

**Article 11**  
**United Nations Privileges and Immunities**

1. Nothing in or relating to this MOU shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs.

**Article 12**  
**Termination**

1. This MOU may be terminated by either party by giving one month's prior notice to the other Party in writing.
2. Unless agreed otherwise, upon termination of this MOU, the rights and obligations of the Parties defined under any other legal instrument pursuant to this MOU, will cease to be effective.

**Article 13**  
**Duration**

1. This MOU shall be effective upon the last date of signature of the approving official and remain in force for three (3) years as of that date, unless terminated in accordance with Article 12 above. Its contents shall be reviewed every 3 years.

**In witness whereof**, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties affix their signatures below.

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Acting Secretary General  
World Organization of the Scout Movement

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Satinder Bindra  
Director  
Division of Communications and  
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United Nations Environment Programme

Date: 14 November 2008

Date: 3 December 2008