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National Scout Organizations
WOSM-Africa

Circular N° ASR-08/2015

20th May 2015

Dear friends,

RE: Updates on Preparations for the 7th Africa Scout Youth Forum and 16th Africa Scout Conference

Theme

Upon proposal by the host NSO and approval by the Africa Scout Committee the 2 regional scout events will be held under the theme "**Scouting – Africa's leading social force for youth empowerment**".

Registration and Participation fees

Kindly return your NSO's intent of attendance forms for the 7th Africa Scout Youth Forum and the 16th Africa Scout Conference to help the host committee in the preparations.

You can also register your delegation online at the following link, which is also active on scout.org/Africa: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15hshGjs7Sp5v0Dv6KLHRI-yFRhNNpPaSxykSe5272CM/viewform>

Kindly note that your registration becomes valid only upon payment of the participation fee, which has been fixed as follows:

- 7th Africa Youth Forum only – USD 100
- 16th Africa Conference only – USD 150
- Attending both events – USD 150

Accommodation

The attached 16ASConfDoc4 contains details of hotels recommended by the host committee. Kindly review them, make bookings for your delegation as appropriate and share your bookings with the host committee to facilitate coordination.

Call for bids to host Regional Events

1. 8th Africa Youth Forum, 17th Africa Scout Conference and Africa Scout Day 2018

The Africa Scout Committee invites NSOs to express interest in hosting the 8th Africa Scout Youth Forum and the 17th Africa Scout Conference as twin events. Attached please find 16ASConfForm3 to be filled and sent back to africaconference@scout.org by **20th June 2015**. Please note that the NSO that wins the bid to host these two events will automatically host the Africa Scout Day Regional Celebrations for 2018, as this event also serves as a dry run of the twin regional Scout events.

2. Africa Scout Day (ASD) 2016 and 2017

During its last meeting held in Kampala, Uganda the Africa Scout Committee decided that voting for hosting of the ASD 2016 should be done via e-mail before the 16th Africa Conference to allow the winner to have adequate time to prepare for the event. We therefore invite all those interested to fill in the attached 16ASConfForm4 and send it to africaconference@scout.org by **20th June 2015**

The voting for the hosting of the ASD 2017 shall be done during the Regional Conference. However, all interested NSOs are also required to also fill the attached 16ASConfForm4 and send it to africaconference@scout.org by **20th June 2015**.



Constitutional Amendments

According to Article XI 2, the Africa Regional Office is required to send out all proposals for amendment of the Africa Constitution at least 3 months before the conference. We therefore remind you to send us any proposals you may have to africainconference@scout.org by **27th May 2015** so that we may compile and send them out by the end of May. Attached is also a soft copy of the constitution for your reference.

Study Papers

As per the attached Rules of Procedure of the conference (16ASConf2015Doc3), all NSOs intending to open an important subject for discussion are required to send a study paper for circulation to all other NSOs beforehand. The study paper should be in line with the conference theme and should be sent to africainconference@scout.org by **20th June 2015**.

Resolutions

We would also like to request that you send us any proposed resolutions to be put forward to the conference. Please send them to africainconference@scout.org by **20th June 2015** (See Rules of Procedure - 16ASConf2015Doc3).

Gone Home

The Africa Conference is an opportunity to pay tribute to all brother and sister Scouts and Scouters who have gone home during this triennium (June 2012 – August 2015). All NSOs are therefore requested to send the names, positions held in NSOs, special contributions to Scouting and any other information on Scouts and Scouters who have Gone Home. Please send this information to africainconference@scout.org by **20th July 2015**.

Reminders

1. WOSM Membership Fees

This serves to remind all NSOs that have not yet paid their annual WOSM membership fees to do so at their earliest convenience in order for them to enjoy full member rights, including candidature and/or nomination for election and voting during the upcoming Regional Conference.

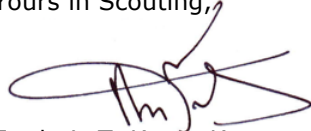
2. Nominations for Africa Scout Committee Elections

We would like to remind you that the deadline for submitting nominations for the Africa Scout Committee is **28th May 2015** (cf. Circular N° ASR-03/2015). So far we have received only five nominations from Benin, Cameroon, Ghana, Madagascar and Senegal, respectively.

Kindly note that, while the quorum for the conference is established during the first session of the conference, **only nominations from NSOs in good standing with WOSM by the submission deadline of 28 May 2015 will be considered** (See Article VI.1.d of the Constitution of the Africa Scout Region).

Besides, during the 40th World Scout Conference in Slovenia, a resolution was passed on conflict of interest. With reference to this resolution, all nominees will be expected to step down from any executive position held at national level upon election and commit not to stand for election for any position at national or global level during their term in the Africa Scout Committee.

Yours in Scouting,



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Encl.

- 1) 16ASConf2015Doc3 (Rules of procedure for the Africa Scout Conference)
- 2) 16ASConf2015Form2 (Intent of Attendance Form)
- 3) 16ASConf2015Doc4 (Details of Recommended Hotels)
- 4) 16ASConf2015Form3 (Declaration of Intention to host 8th ASYF and 17th ASConf)
- 5) 16ASConf2015Form4 (Declaration of Intention to host ASD 2016/2017)
- 6) 16ASConf2015Doc5 (Guidelines on Bidding and Hosting ASConf & ASYF)
- 7) Constitution of the Africa Scout Region