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## Environment: Scouts contribute to the plantation of 15000 trees

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OUAGADOUGOU ? On the occasion of the celebration of the International Youth Day, Scouts from ASBF (Association of Scouts from Burkina Faso) joined other young people from Burkina Faso in an exercise that saw the plantation of 15000 trees in the Niaré region, near Bissiga, 40 kilometres from Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso.

This initiative was organized by the Ministry for Youth and Employment in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Quality of Life, with the support of the COTECNA group. The event saw the active participation of other Scouts from this sub-region of Scouting in Africa, who gathered in Burkina Faso in the framework of the Summer School of the Francophonie; namely Aly Badra Coulibaly (EEDCI), Angel Baimey and Elodie Appia (ASCCI). They are members of the NGO Young Volunteers for the

Environment (Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environnement or JVE - Côte d'Ivoire). Also present was Sany Ayouba, Deputy Area Commissioner for Niamey (Niger Scout Association).

Scouts from various parts of the sub-region devoted themselves to this environmental exercise by each one of them planting a tree in order to fight the encroachment of desertification in the Bissiga area of Burkina Faso.

The president of the ASBF, Dr. Somé Abel Seglaro believes that this gesture of the Scouts is a good example of fraternity and integration. It gives an idea of what direction the ASBF could take as regards environmental policy, at a time when the World Scout Bureau urges all NSOs (National Scout Organizations) to actively participate in the efforts aimed at preserving a sustainable environment.

For the Scouts who took part in this activity, planting a tree is a worthwhile step towards the *Creation of a Better World*.

*Courtesy of Somé Abel Seglaro, president of the ASBF,*

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