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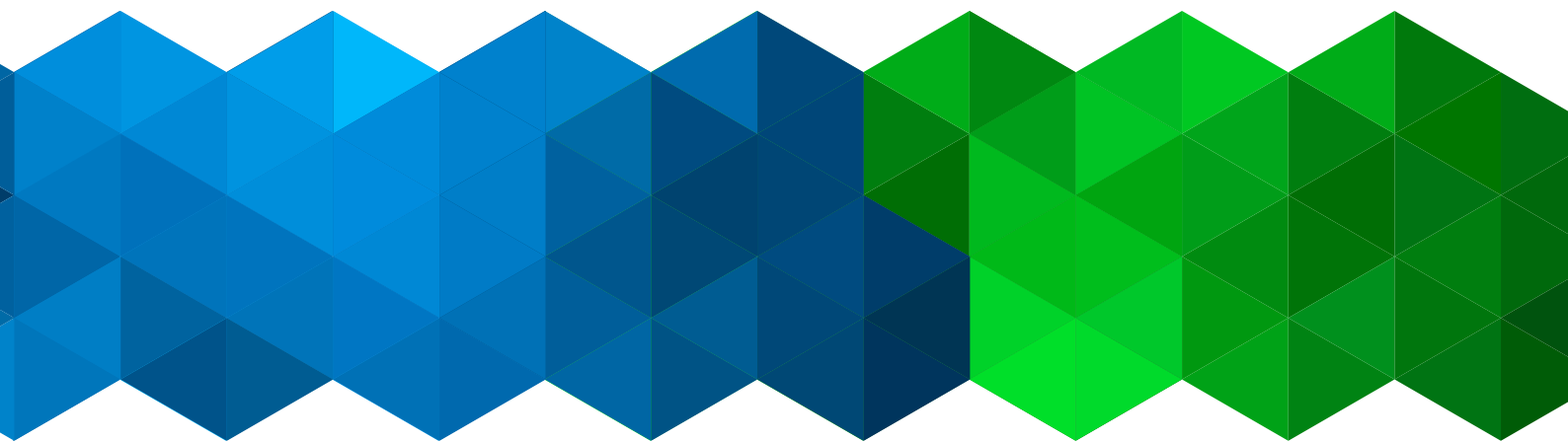
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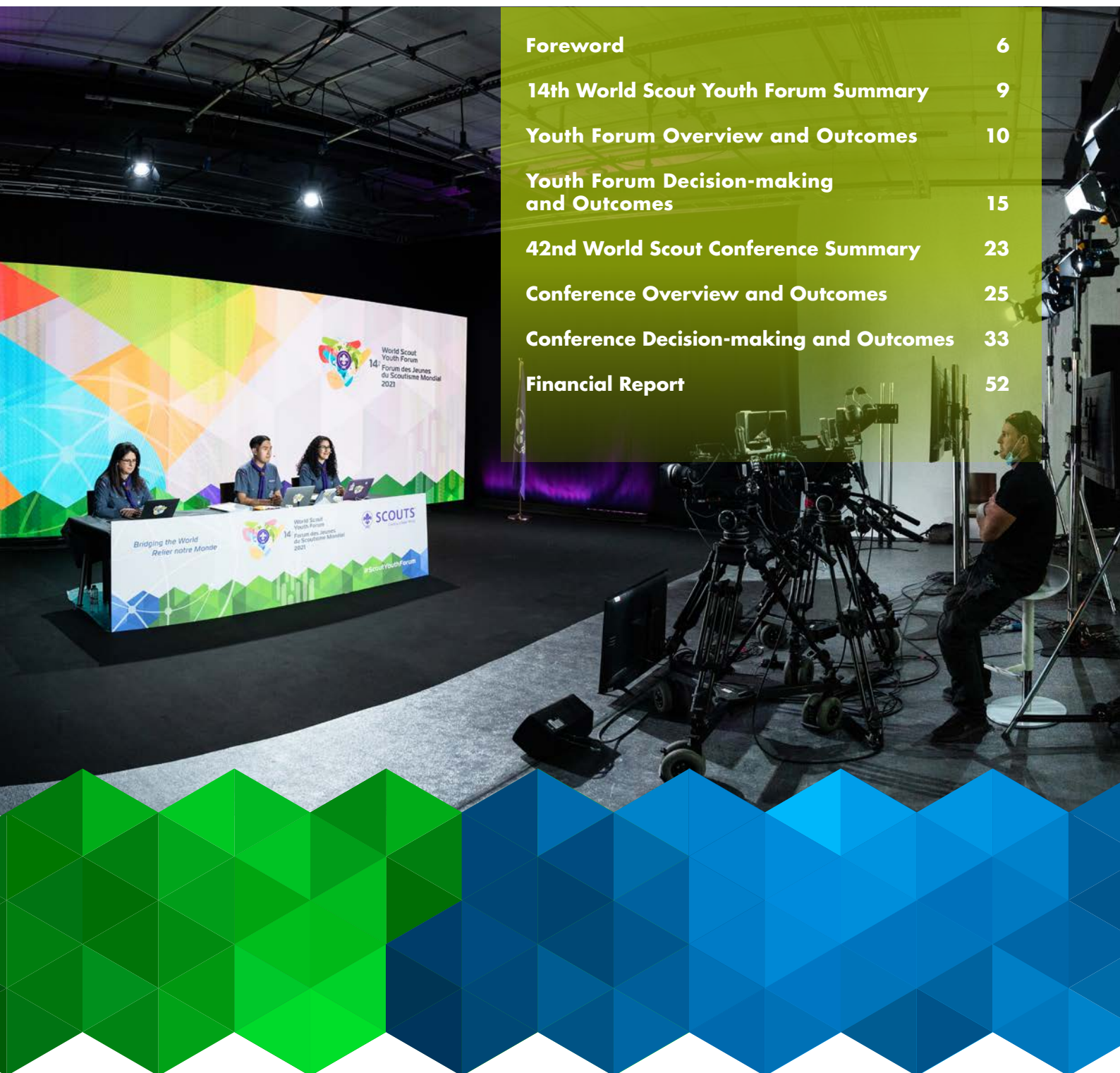
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FOREWORD FROM WOSM'S SECRETARY GENERAL

The 14th World Scout Youth Forum and 42nd World Scout Conference exceeded all expectations as the largest, most diverse and uniquely innovative events of their kind in Scouting's history. In total, 700 participants from 163 countries attended the Youth Forum and 2,300 delegates and observers from 170 Member Organizations participated in the Conference, with hundreds more guests and supporters tuning in online from around the world to be part of the events.

The virtual nature of the events allowed more people than ever before to connect with each other, engage in the educational programme for the events, and participate in decision-making processes to shape the future of the world's leading educational youth movement.

The delivery of the Conference and Youth Forum was made possible thanks to a dedicated WOSM Planning Team of more than 400 volunteers and staff from across all Scouting Regions who demonstrated their commitment, passion and adaptability over the course of many months to put on these milestone events.

From the start, the Planning Teams focused on making the virtual events more inclusive, engaging and innovative by introducing a range of new elements, improvements and technologies, including:

- Designing and developing a customised digital participation platform bringing all aspects of the virtual event together in one accessible online space.
- Delivering studio-quality production of the virtual events and live reporting with special guests and partners before the plenaries.
- Enhancing opportunities for connectivity through the Meeting Hub, virtual exhibitions, side events and networking spaces.
- Delivering a virtual programme across time zones to make the event accessible to all Regions and offering interpretation in multiple languages during the plenary sessions.
- Creating opportunities to book virtual meetings with Youth Advisor and Committee candidates and World Scout Event hosts.
- Engaging Youth Forum participants through International Teams and Personalised Action Plans in a unique learning experience.
- Publishing all Conference Documents online early and in WOSM's five working languages to enable delegations to discuss and clarify all decision-making proposals before the events.
- Upgrading World Scouting's e-Voting system to make decision-making more transparent and inclusive.
- Offering a virtual Help Desk and pre-event webinars and online videos to offer technical and other support to delegations.
- Live-streaming the plenary sessions on social media channels and fully covering the event across WOSM's communications channels.



Many of these innovations were implemented for the first time and were overwhelmingly well received by participants according to online and focus group evaluations. While there is room for continuous improvement, the virtual delivery of the events marked a major shift in how we will plan and delivery these kinds of World and Regional events for the future.

During the events, Member Organizations elected new Youth Advisors and World Scout Committee members, debated and voted on key Resolutions and Amendments to WOSM's Constitution, adopted the Draft Objectives of the World Triennial Plan 2021-2024, and selected the Hosts for future World Scout Events. WOSM also welcomed three new Member Organizations, and celebrated the growth of the Movement which now stands at 172 National Scout Organizations and 57 million members worldwide.

A number of other key priorities were emphasised through decisions taken

during the events, namely to ensure that Scouting continues to be a safe and inclusive environment for children and youth, to foster the growth of the Movement at all levels of Scouting, and to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on membership growth and retention.

We must also continue to widen our influence by working with partners and reaching out to new communities that are not yet served by Scouting, and double our efforts around environmental sustainability and acting as a leader to tackle the effects of climate change on our planet.

On behalf of the World Scout Bureau, I would like to thank the Planning Teams, volunteers, participants, special guests and partners who all contributed to making these events such a resounding success.

The video highlights, stories, key announcements and decision-making from the Conference and Youth Forum are all available on the newsroom, outcomes and media pages of the event website at scoutconference.org.

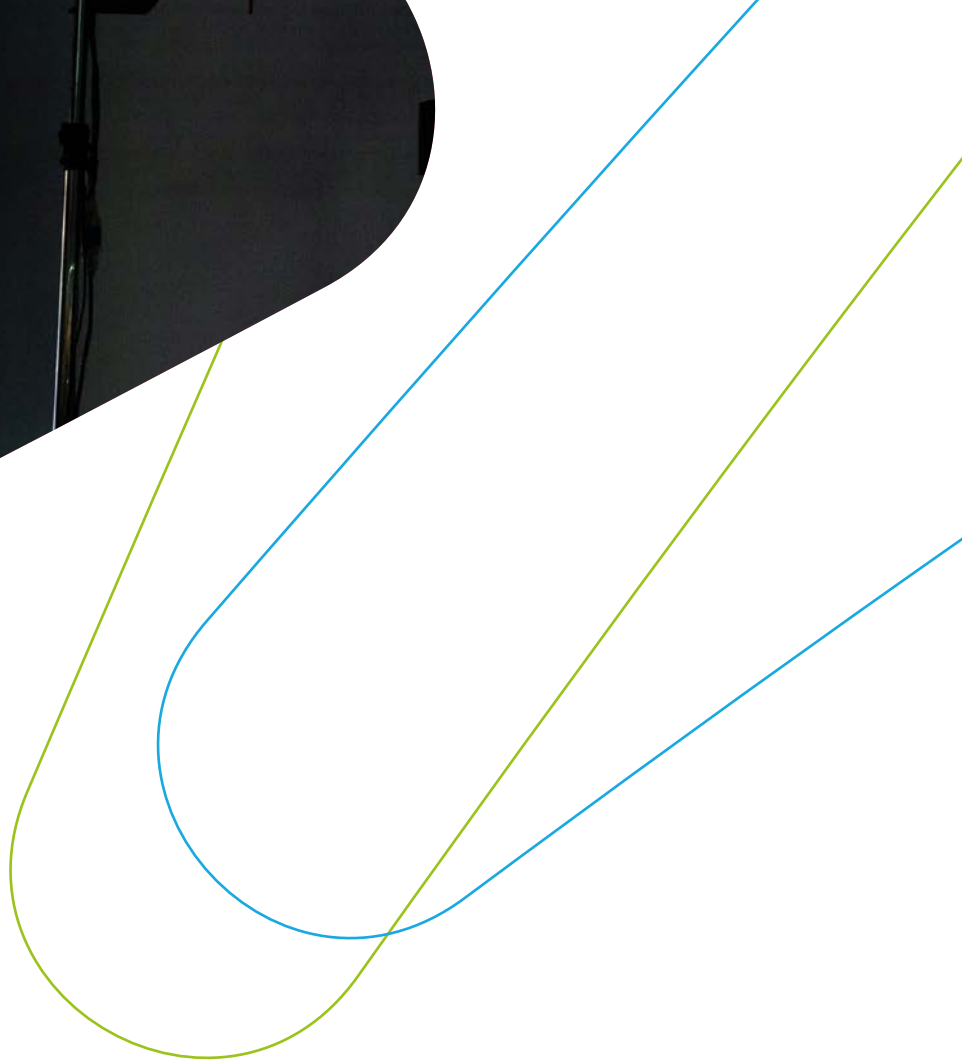
We hope you find this report a helpful resource as you take the learnings and experiences of these events back to your National Scout Organizations (NSOs) and communities, and as we move closer to realising Vision 2023 in the next triennium.



Yours in Scouting,
Ahmad Alhendawi

Secretary General
World Organization of the Scout
Movement





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Youth Forum Overview and Outcomes

Under the theme “Bridging the World”, the 14th World Scout Youth Forum challenged participants to work together and build bridges in their communities and across borders by envisioning a more peaceful and sustainable world. Throughout the five days of the Youth Forum, the 713 delegates and observers, representing 163 National Scout Organizations, had the opportunity to engage and discuss ideas with each other and experts in various fields to strengthen their competencies on innovation, leadership and global citizenship, as well as inspiring actions and solutions towards Agenda 2030.

The Youth Forum was a safe educational space for young people and the first-of-its-kind to be held virtually. The online nature of the event enabled the largest number of young delegates and observers to participate, learn, discuss and raise their voices on pressing issues. These conversations were reflected in both the Youth Forum Declaration and the proposed amendments to the Draft Objectives of the World Triennial Plan and Draft Resolutions to the World Scout Conference.

Through a digital participation platform participants were able to engage in live-streamed plenary sessions, workshops, breakouts, networking sessions, and exhibitions, which catered to all time zones. World Scouting’s dedicated e-Voting system facilitated the involvement of delegates in decision-making processes.

Even with the Youth Forum being organised online, participants were still able to interact and make new friends. They shared their experiences in International Teams and established connections that will inspire and support them to implement their Personal Action Plans to create change and positive impact in their communities and NSOs.



The key Youth Forum decisions, [documents](#), [outcomes](#), [highlights](#) as well as session materials are available at scoutconference.org



The key Youth Forum Final Report is available at scoutconference.org



Youth Forum Agenda

GMT time zone	17 August - Tuesday	18 August - Wednesday	19 August - Thursday	20 August - Friday	21 August - Saturday	22 August - Sunday
0:00 - 7:00						
7:00 - 12:00		Welcome the World * Make the technology work * How to stay safe during the event * Welcome tour and activities	Getting to know the Youth Advisor candidates	Bridge Builder workshops	Exploring the World Visiting the exhibition area	Exploring the World Visiting the exhibition area
			Networking Spaces	Networking Spaces		
		Dialogue for Peace Workshop Leading through Dialogue	Dialogue for Peace Workshops Sustainable Innovation	Empowered to Raise Your Voice Breakout sessions to discuss Conference Draft Resolutions and Constitutional Amendment	Dialogue for Peace Workshop Beyond a Global Citizens Network	
		Meeting in International Teams	Networking Spaces	Networking Spaces	Networking Spaces	Networking Spaces
		Daily Support Session How to make the technology work	Daily Support Session How to make the technology work	Daily Support Session How to make the technology work	Daily Support Session How to make the technology work	Daily Support Session How to make the technology work
		Opening of plenary	Opening of plenary	Opening of plenary	Opening of plenary	Opening of plenary
12:00 - 16:00 Find local time		Opening Session Formal opening and welcoming all participants to create a sense of unity (Symbolic engagements, Youth Forum Chairperson and World Scout Committee Chairperson welcome address, presentation of the Planning Team, greetings from the UN Youth Envoy, promise ceremony and overview of agenda) Understanding the Youth Forum * Presenting the Personal Action Plan * Voting on the Rules of Procedure * Appointment of Drafting Committee * Appointment of Tellers	Bridging the Youth Forum * Spiritual moment Keynote speaker * SDGs and world citizenship * Questions and Answers	Bridging the Youth Forum * Spiritual moment Empowered to raise your voice * Introduction to the Conference Draft Resolutions and Constitutional Amendment * Questions and Answers	Bridging the Youth Forum * Spiritual moment Raise your voice Presenting the main proposals for Amendments to Conference Draft Resolutions and Constitutional Amendment	Bridging the Youth Forum * Spiritual moment Raise Your Voice voting session * Proposed Amendments to Conference Draft Resolutions * Proposed Amendments to Conference Constitutional Amendment
		Break + group photo	Break	Raise your voice Breakout sessions in International Teams to discuss Conference Draft Resolutions and Constitutional Amendment	Raise Your Voice Breakout sessions in International Teams to discuss and prepare the proposed Amendments to Conference Draft Resolutions and Constitutional Amendment	Raise Your Voice Breakout sessions in International Teams to discuss and prepare the proposed Amendments to Conference Draft Resolutions and Constitutional Amendment
		Youth Advisors Report * Reflections with the World Scout Committee	Getting to know the Youth Advisor candidate to the World Scout Committee 2021-2024 * Key reflections on the role of the Youth Advisor	Break	Raise Your Voice voting session * Youth Forum Declaration	Raise Your Voice voting session * Proposed Amendments to Conference Draft Resolutions * Proposed Amendments to Conference Constitutional Amendment
		The River of Expectations * Expectations of International Teams * Youth Forum entry survey	Introduction to the World Triennial Plan 2021-2024 Questions and Answers	Building bridges for the Youth Forum Declaration		
		The Foundations Rally Game * having fun and getting to know each other while discovering more about WOSM	Empowered to raise your voice Breakout sessions on the World Triennial Plan 2021-2024	Youth Voices Breakout sessions in International Teams to discuss and prepare the Youth Forum Declaration	Building Bridges * Developing Personal Action Plans * Youth Forum exit survey	Leading the Way Breakout sessions on preparing for the Conference
		* WOSM decision-making and Youth Forum Declaration				
		Meeting in International Teams	Meeting in International Teams	Meeting in International Teams	Meeting in International Teams	Closing Session Formal closing of the Youth Forum and celebratory moment to unify the Movement (Outgoing Youth Forum Chairperson farewell address, symbolic engagement for the future, expressions of gratitude)
16:00 - 17:00						
17:00 - 22:00		Getting to know the Youth Advisor Candidates	Bridge Builder workshops	Networking Spaces	Bridging Cultures Celebrating diversity and the unity of the Scout Movement	
	Welcome the World * Make the technology work * How to stay safe during the event * Welcome tour and activities	Dialogue for Peace Workshop Leading through Dialogue	Dialogue for Peace Workshops Sustainable Innovation	Empowered to Raise Your Voice Breakout sessions to discuss Conference Draft Resolutions and Constitutional Amendment	Dialogue for Peace Workshop Beyond a Global Citizens Network	
		Exploring the World Visit the exhibition area	Exploring the World Visit the exhibition area	Exploring the World Visit the exhibition area	Exploring the World Visiting the exhibition area	
				PROVISIONAL DEADLINE 23:00 GMT - Submit draft Youth Forum Declaration		

Youth Forum by the Numbers



713
participants
(299 delegates and
414 observers)



68
technology hosts and 98
facilitators helped deliver
the programme



163
Member
Organizations



97%
of respondents were
satisfied overall with
the Youth Forum



10,900
views of the live
streamed plenary
sessions on Facebook
and YouTube



122
plenaries, sessions,
breakouts and
workshops



41,322
interactions generated on
@scoutconf channels on
Facebook, Instagram and
Twitter



“My experience of the World Scout Youth Forum was higher than my expectations. I enjoyed participating in networking sessions, especially exchanging thoughts about resolutions. It was a real opportunity to celebrate diversity and unity of the Scout Movement.”

- Fatma, 23, Tunisia

Programme Highlights

The Youth Forum programme was centred around the themes of innovation, leadership and global citizenship. The programme provided participants with opportunities for personal development and strengthened the involvement of young people in decision-making leading up to the World Scout Conference.

A pre-engagement programme was offered to all Youth Forum participants, comprising of webinars, trainings, vlogs and online videos with two sessions focusing on the Youth Forum Rules of Procedure and International Teams.

Plenary sessions

[Plenary sessions](#) were offered daily during a 4-hour block and streamed on social media to participants from across the globe. The plenaries acted as a gathering space for participants across Regions and started with an animated video recapping the previous day.

The opening ceremony included a [report from the Youth Advisors](#) to the World Scout Committee 2017-2021, the renewal of the Scout Promise, as well as key e-Voting moments to approve the Rules of Procedure and the appointment of the Drafting Committee and Tellers. Much of the plenary session content focused on decision-making processes by proposing and voting on proposals to amend the Draft Resolutions and electing the new Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee for the 2021-2024 Triennium.

Plenary sessions also aimed to highlight the unity of the Scout Movement by sharing youth-led projects related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) from different Regions. The plenaries were also an opportunity to share the achievements of Scouts over the past triennium and inspire participants through a special guest speakers and video messages.

Gitanjali Rao, a STEM Scout and TIME's first Kid of the Year in 2020, shared her experiences using science and technology to tackle issues related to mental health and cyberbullying, while offering insights about how young people can embed innovation into their community service projects. And Jayathma Wickramanayake, the UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, spoke about the power of young people to be change-makers in their communities.

The closing ceremony provided a chance for participants to reflect on how they could best transform the learnings and outcomes of Youth Forum and the Conference into local action.

Breakout sessions and workshops

A total of 15 breakout sessions and workshops were focused on the Youth Forum's themes of innovation, leadership, and global citizenship. With topics ranging from food security to humanitarian action, and climate change to gender equality, participants were able to learn from WOSM partners and experts about the issues they care about and share their opinions and experiences.

An additional 66 "Raise your Voice" breakout sessions were conducted reflecting the institutional aspects of the Youth Forum programme. Participants had time to ask Youth Advisor candidates questions before the elections, understand and discuss the implications of the Draft Resolutions to the World Scout Conference, and learn more about decision-making processes.

International Teams

An important building block of the event's decision-making and youth engagement were the International Teams. Each team reflecting the diversity of the Scout Movement was comprised of eight participants from all over the world. International Team members got to know each other through virtual connections via the online platform's Meeting Hub and daily 15-minute reflection meetings at the end of each plenary which were self-facilitated through a [dedicated programme](#).

The teams worked together on four occasions to develop their Personal Action Plans, provide input into the Youth Forum Declaration, and propose amendments to the Draft Resolutions for the Conference. Participants were guided through decision-making processes [using a guide](#) to take ideas from inception to formal proposals.

Working in mixed International Teams rather than national delegations was instrumental in creating a sense of community among participants. This also ensured that proposals put forward for voting were the sum of discussions among young people from different countries, making the Youth Forum proposals more inclusive and reflective of the Movement's diversity.

Virtual exhibitions

In addition to the institutional programme, a special virtual exhibitions area was designated for World Scouting, Member Organizations and key partners to create a unique experience on the digital participation platform. The exhibitions area offered Member Organizations and partners a chance to share good practices, highlight key programmes and activities, promote training opportunities, and showcase international Scouting events.

Through the digital participation platform exhibitors were able to present videos and on-demand content, organise live meetings and exchange messages with participants. In total, 60 virtual exhibition stands were created in four areas focused on Scouting Around the World, WOSM Services, World Scouting initiatives and events, and an orientation on the digital context of the Youth Forum and Conference. Through the exhibition area a Listening Ears service was offered around the clock to ensure the safety of participants.



"Taking part in the World Scout Youth Forum has given me the opportunity to meet fellow young leaders from around the world. I have enjoyed engaging in strategy discussions and ensuring the issues facing young people are considered in the future priorities of Scouting."

- Sam, 21, United Kingdom

Youth Forum Decision-making and Outcomes

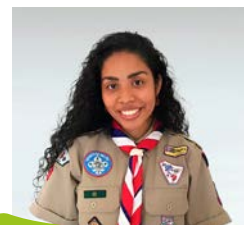
Nine [Youth Forum Documents](#) were published in English and French providing information for delegates to become familiar with important information regarding educational processes in decision-making, key topics to be discussed and decisions to be made during the Youth Forum, as well as the Youth Forum Report.



Fatima Aliyeva
(Azerbaijan)



Yoobinnara Kim
(Republic of Korea)



Reese Medina
(Belize)



Alhassan Soltan
(Egypt)



**Maman Lamine Soumana
Ide Issa** (Niger)



**Melissa Wilm Senna
Pinto** (Brazil)

Youth Advisor Elections

During the Youth Forum, from a total of 18 candidates listed below, six individuals were elected to serve as Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee during the 2021-2024 triennium:

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|---|---|
| 1. Kumar Ritesh Agarwal (India) | 12. Addison Ng Koon-tat (Hong Kong) |
| 2. Ahmed Al-kamyani (Oman) | 13. Evan O'Connell (Ireland) |
| 3. Fatima Aliyeva (Azerbaijan)
- Elected | 14. Andreea-Alexandra
Scriosteanu (Romania) |
| 4. Abril Alonso Sguilla (Uruguay) | 15. Alhassan Soltan (Egypt) - Elected |
| 5. Amina Amrane (Algeria) | 16. Maman Lamine Soumana Ide
Issa (Niger) - Elected |
| 6. Zainab Benabdelkrim-
Filali (Morocco) | 17. Ahmad Syauqi Taufiq (Malaysia) |
| 7. Mohamed Fauzoon (Maldives) | 18. Melissa Wilm Senna Pinto
(Brazil) - Elected |
| 8. Yoobinnara Kim (Republic
of Korea) - Elected | |
| 9. David Yen-Cheng Lai
(Scouts of China) | |
| 10. Reese Medina (Belize) - Elected | |
| 11. Jose Ernesto Mendoza
Guevara (Mexico) | |



Draft Resolutions and Amendments

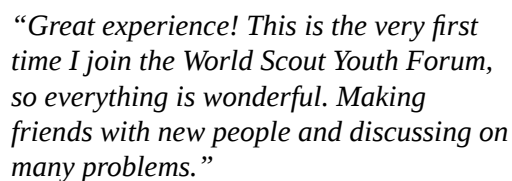
Through the work of the International Teams and using an innovative e-Voting system, 17 draft Amendments to Draft Resolutions and 20 draft Amendments to the Draft Objectives of the World Triennial Plan 2021-2024 were put forward for consideration at the Youth Forum after being reviewed by the Drafting Committee.

A vast majority of these proposals were adopted by the Youth Forum and then put forward by Member Organizations for consideration during the 42nd World Scout Conference. The final proposals from the Youth Forum to the World Scout Conference can be found in the [Youth Forum Report](#).

Youth Forum Declaration

The [14th World Scout Youth Forum Declaration](#) was the result of an intense collaboration between Youth Forum participants through a shared document and virtual discussions across multiple channels. Inspired by the discussions and experiences presented by keynote speakers and experts during the plenaries and workshops, the Youth Forum Declaration captures the voices and key messages of the Youth Forum to the Scout Movement, advocating for solutions to reshape the world we live in.

The Youth Forum Declaration summarises the challenges and opportunities related to youth innovation, and the development of youth leadership competencies for young to contribute as global citizens towards environmental sustainability and COVID-19 recovery. Participants also expressed their views and vision for the future in Scouting in the areas of youth engagement, educational methods, social impact, communications and external relations, and governance. The Youth Forum Declaration provides a foundational document to inform the World Scout Committee's work in implementing the World Triennial Plan 2021-2024.



Virtual Engagement

YOUR PERSONAL ACTION PLAN

1. SELF-ASSESSMENT
Starting point of the journey

You are at the starting point in your Personal Action Plan journey. Here you should get to know yourself and analyse your strongest and weakest points so you understand how to address challenges and risks you might encounter throughout your path. Also, because the PAP is a process of personal development, your initial self-assessment will conclude after finishing your project to see how you have evolved and what new skills you've acquired.

2. FORUM EXPERIENCE

This station of your journey is aimed to inspire you and to create opportunities for the future action plan. Here, you will share best practices, get to know and interact with others, and also experience peer-to-peer communication.

3. NEEDS OF THE NSO

At this station, you should assess and analyze the needs of your own National Scout Organization

4. MY PERSONAL ACTION PLAN

This station is the most technical one. You will put into practice your project management skills and design your future project. At this stage, it is important to consider your NSO's needs and to think of a project or initiative that would benefit Scouts in your country, related mainly to leadership, youth engagement, integration of SDGs, innovation, etc.

5. WHERE I'VE BEEN AND WHERE I AM NOW (as an individual)

At this station, it's important for you to recognize how much you have grown in terms of your personal development and what new skills you have acquired. This is an opportunity for you to acknowledge your own efforts and praise yourself for a job well done.

6. IMPACT OF YOUR PROJECT

This section should be completed by you within six months to one year after the end of the Forum.

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The Youth Forum delegates and observers were invited to embark on a learning journey to reflect on their expectations and personal interests, as well as the expectations for their National Scout Organizations. With the support of surveys and a [workbook outlining a six-step process](#), each participant was challenged to develop a Personal Action Plan to guide their personal growth during and after the event, and to identify how best to transform the outcomes of the Youth Forum and Conference into local and national actions.

Digital engagement

The Youth Forum was promoted and featured on a dedicated @scoutconf account on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, as well as WOSM's main social media channels on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [TikTok](#). The official hashtag was #ScoutYouthForum, which participants, interested Scouts and stakeholders used to share their Youth Forum experiences. On dedicated @scoutconf channels on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, 215 items were published the week of the Youth Forum generating 41,322 interactions.

The Facebook channel generated the highest engagement rate with over 33,000 reactions, clicks, comments, shares and messages. Instagram was also active leading the @scoutconf page to grow by 35% (692 new followers) throughout the week. Approximately 250 user stories tagged the channel. The plenary sessions were streamed live on Facebook (@scoutconf) and YouTube (@worldscouting) where they were watched a total of 10,900 times.

Participants engaged through different spaces on the event's digital participation platform which enabled people to meet other Scouts and explore World Scouting's key initiatives and programmes. Gamification was also a key part of the platform and proved to be very popular, increasing attendance and engagement in several areas such as the virtual exhibitions and online workshops.

Social events and networking

During the Youth Forum there were a variety of opportunities for participants to connect with each other in the spirit of meeting new people, building friendships and unity. The Bridging Cultures side event offered a chance to learn about different cultures and featured AY Young, a Scout and musician passionate about the Sustainable Development Goals.

During the five-day event there were several meet and greet opportunities for Scouts to connect and make friends with other participants. Five self-facilitated networking sessions were offered in a variety of themed rooms for participants to connect with other people interested in the same topics. The digital platform's Meeting Hub allowed participants to reach out individually or in groups to each other through text messages and video calls. Other channels such as WhatsApp and Facebook were also used among delegations.

A fun [dance challenge](#) was launched online before the event and delegates were encouraged to record themselves dancing with a chance to be featured during the plenaries and on social media.



"My favourite moment was when we voted for the Declaration and Resolutions, because I felt empowered and that it was part of something very important like shaping Scouting."

- Andrés, 21, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Evaluation Highlights

A comprehensive evaluation system allowed participants to provide continual feedback about the Youth Forum to the Planning Team. Inputs were collected through session ratings, daily questionnaires, focus group discussions and a survey at the end of the event. Reflection sessions were an integral part of the programme. The following are a few highlights from the Youth Forum evaluation:



96%

of respondents were satisfied overall with the Youth Forum by the end of the event



85%

of respondents thought the online e-voting tool worked well



86%

of respondents agreed that the Youth Forum helped them to develop skills to take part in decision-making within Scouting and in society



88%

of respondents were able to get the support they needed for meaningful participation during the Youth Forum



89%

of respondents felt the Youth Forum embodied Scout values



92%

of respondents had opportunities to connect with Scouts from other NSOs and the Meeting Hub was the most used networking feature



Out of the various Youth Forum themes and topics, leadership came up **most frequently**



The **most mentioned** areas for improvements were the digital participation platform, Internet connection issues and the heavy schedule



The **most appreciated** parts of the Youth Forum experience mentioned by respondents were the programme and friendship with other Scouts from around the world



Planning Team and Volunteers

The 14th World Scout Youth Forum Planning Team worked for two years in preparing for the event and showed great flexibility in adapting the original design of the programme to fit a new virtual format and context.

The delivery team was comprised of 406 volunteer and staff members who worked together over many months before and during the event to ensure everything was ready to provide participants with an engaging and meaningful experience. The team members worked in shifts to ensure the event was successfully delivered across time zones and Regions.

40 volunteers and 28 staff members were specifically involved to provide technology hosting and support for the 122 workshops and breakout sessions, including over 200 hours of rehearsals to ensure the platform and programme were delivered to a high-quality.



Youth Forum Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Diana Carrillo Tiburcio, Chairperson (Mexico)
Mori Chi-Kin Cheng, Vice-Chairperson (Hong Kong)

Youth Forum Planning Team

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Nour Mahmoudi (Algeria)
Sarah Moinet (France)
Sarah Rita Kattan (Member of the World Scout Committee and liaison for the Youth Forum)
Carla Simões (World Scout Bureau, Director, Youth Programme)

Youth Forum Drafting Committee

Fatma Zahra Dridi (Tunisia)
Jason Gingrich (Canada)
Nareg Hanneyan (Armenia)
Eleanor Hewitt (Australia)
Martin Meier (Youth Advisor)
Emmah Mbugua (World Scout Bureau, Junior Manager, NSO Capacity Strengthening)

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Robert Hill (South Africa)
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Meghan Pierson (United States of America)
Mohammad Salahat (Jordan)
Ellen Van Campenhout (Belgium)
Lim Wei Yung (Singapore)





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MESSAGE FROM THE WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

The 14th World Scout Youth Forum and 42nd World Scout Conference were a needed opportunity for us to connect and work together as a strong and united Movement, and set in motion a new mandate for the World Scout Committee for the 2021-2024 Triennium.

Together we will be embarking on a new journey, building on the work carried out over the past two trienniums, and moving closer to achieve the ambitions of Vision 2023, our Strategy for Scouting.

The World Scout Committee commits to embody the values of the Movement in our ethics and actions as we implement the decisions of the Conference and continue to serve and support the 172

Member Organizations and 57 million young people and volunteers who make up our incredible global Movement.

Across Regions and at all levels of Scouting, we aim to embolden National Scout Organizations to deliver a modern and attractive Youth Programme that speaks to the needs and aspirations of the largest generation of young people in history. And in doing so to ensure that more young people and volunteers have an opportunity to experience the transformative education that Scouting has to offer.

I look forward to working alongside the entire World Scout Committee, as we continue our collective efforts towards strengthening the unity and impact of the Scout Movement, now and for the future.



Yours in Scouting,
Andy Chapman

Chairperson
World Scout Committee



[Watch the Conference video](#) message
from the outgoing Chairperson of the
World Scout Committee



[Watch the Conference video](#) message
from the incoming Chairperson of the
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Conference Overview and Outcomes

The [42nd World Scout Conference](#) concluded with 2,246 participants representing 170 NSOs connecting from around the world to be part of the event. The Conference was the largest in the history of WOSM, and the first time the event had been convened virtually, breaking new ground for the world's leading educational youth movement. As the highest decision-making body of WOSM, under the theme "Bridging the World" the Conference challenged both participants and the Planning Team to innovate the way we engage and connect in a new virtual format and context.

During the five-day event which took place from 25 to 29 August 2021, delegates and observers joined the virtual event to look back on the achievements of the past four years since the Conference last convened in Baku, Azerbaijan, and to make key decisions to shape the future direction of the Scout Movement for the 2021-2024 Triennium. The Conference was preceded by the 14th World Scout Youth Forum which engaged 700 young people in a unique learning and growth opportunity to provide input into the decisions taken during the Conference.

NSO delegations had the opportunity to take part in plenary sessions, breakouts and workshops to strengthen their capacity and meet WOSM partners. The workshop topics focused on some of the major themes from the past triennium, including membership growth, environmental action, diversity and inclusion, child and youth protection, as well as Scouting's youth-led contribution to peace and sustainable development through educational initiatives such as Messengers of Peace, Scouts for SDGs and Earth Tribe.

The Conference highlighted the [strong growth and resilience](#) of the Movement and Scouting's collective response to support communities and young people impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Also highlighted during the Conference were the hundreds of cutting-edge services, supports and other direct engagements [delivered through WOSM Services](#) to Member Organizations since 2017, enabling NSOs to strengthen their capacity in everything from good governance to volunteer engagement to youth programming.

During the Conference, Member Organizations elected the new voting members to the World Scout Committee, debated and voted on key Resolutions and Amendments to WOSM's Constitution, adopted the Draft Objectives of the World Triennial Plan 2021-2024, selected the Hosts for future World Scout Events and welcomed three new Member Organizations to the Movement.



[Official list of Member Organizations in attendance](#)



[Full list of attendees by Member Organization](#)



Conference by the Numbers



2246
participants (891
delegates and 1355
observers)



121
hours of content
delivered by 125
facilitators



170
Member
Organizations
present



99%
of respondents
were satisfied with
the Conference on
its final day



429
chat interactions
with participants



109
workshops and
breakout sessions



2781
tickets solved
by the Help Desk



70,500
social media
engagements during
the Conference



1,900
new followers of
@scoutconf channels on
Instagram, Facebook
and Twitter during the
Conference



Conference Agenda

GMT	24 August - Tuesday	25 August - Wednesday	26 August - Thursday	27 August - Friday	28 August - Saturday	29 August - Sunday
0:00 - 8:00	Regional Meetings **					
8:00 - 12:00	Regional Meetings **	Welcome the World * How to make the technology work * How to stay safe during the event * Meet your International Patrol * Dialogue	Q&A sessions and networking * Draft Resolutions * Constitutional Amendment Networking Space World Scouting Showcase WOSM Services	Capacity Building and Partner Workshops Networking Space Q&A sessions and networking * Draft Resolutions * Constitutional Amendment	Workshops with NSO Showcases Networking Space Q&A Session about 25th World Scout Jamboree (Republic of Korea, 2023)	Q&A on how to endorse volunteers for World Scouting Scouts for SDGs workshops with NSOs and partners International Social Event Implementing Conference outcomes in my NSO
		Daily Support Sessions *How to make the technology work *Well-being space *Spiritual space Conference Live Studio	Daily Support Sessions *How to make the technology work *Well-being space *Spiritual space Conference Live Studio	Daily Support Sessions *How to make the technology work *Well-being space *Spiritual space Conference Live Studio	Daily Support Sessions *How to make the technology work *Well-being space *Spiritual space Conference Live Studio	Daily Support Sessions *How to make the technology work *Well-being space *Spiritual space Conference Live Studio
12:00 - 16:00 find local time	Regional Meetings **	Opening Session Formal opening and unifying the Movement to come together and celebrate the strength and achievements over the last Triennium (Symbolic engagements, appointment of Officers, report on last Triennium, Youth Forum Report) Break Breakout Sessions * Draft Resolutions * Constitutional Amendment Break DEADLINE 15:00 GMT - Amendments to Constitutional Amendments Breakout Sessions * Draft Resolutions * Constitutional Amendment	Strategy for Scouting - Vision 2023 * Progress report * Celebrating Growth * Welcoming new WOSM members * Introduction to Triennial Plan 2021-2024 Breakout Sessions Discovering the World Triennial Plan 2021-2024 Break Presentations Candidates to World Scout Committee 2021-2024 Voting Instructions Meet and greet of Candidates to World Scout Committee 2021-2024 Break Financial Report 2017-2021 Constitutional Amendments voting session Vote on 2021-B - WOSM Registration Fee System	Reporting * 24th World Scout Jamboree (North America, 2019) Let's talk about the WOSM Services panel discussion Break Reporting * World Scout Foundation * Kandersteg International Scout Centre Let's talk about youth development in a post pandemic world panel discussion with WOSM and partners Break Presentations bidders to host World Scout Events * 26th World Scout Jamboree * 16th World Scout Moot * 43rd World Scout Conference and 15th World Scout Youth Forum Announcement of the election of the World Scout Committee 2021-2024	Reporting * World Non-Formal Education Forum (Brazil, 2019) Conference Resolutions voting session * World Triennial Plan Break Conference Resolutions voting session * Draft Resolutions Break Conference Resolutions voting session * Draft Resolutions Break Conference Resolutions voting session * Draft Resolutions	Reporting * JOTA-JOTI (2017-2020) Conference Resolutions voting session * Draft Resolutions Break Conference Resolutions voting session * Draft Resolutions Break Closing Session Formal closing and unifying the Movement to come together and celebrate the strength and future of Scouting (Bronze Wolf, outgoing WSC Chairperson Farewell address, Investiture of new WSC members, new WSC Chairperson Address, expressions of gratitude)
		Wrap up of the day	Meeting in international patrols	Meeting in international patrols	Meeting in international patrols	
16:00 - 17:00		Meeting in international patrols			* Extra time for voting if needed	
	Regional Meetings **	Q&A sessions and networking * Draft Resolutions * Constitutional Amendment Networking Space	World Scouting Showcase WOSM Services	Q&A Session about 25th World Scout Jamboree (Republic of Korea, 2023) International Social Event	World Scouting Showcase WOSM Services Q&A on how to endorse volunteers for World Scouting	
17:00 - 22:00	Welcome the World * How to make the technology work * How to stay safe during the event * Meet your International Patrol * Dialogue	Scouts for SDGs workshops Workshops with NSO Showcases	International Social Event Networking Space	Capacity Building and Partner Workshops Networking Space	Networking Space Implementing Conference outcomes in my NSO	
			DEADLINE 23:59 GMT - Emergency Resolutions and Amendments to Draft Resolutions			
22:00 - 23:00						



Programme Highlights

Pre-engagement programme

Prior to the Conference, a comprehensive pre-engagement programme was conducted to support NSOs in preparing for the event, understanding the proposals and how to vote, providing an overview of Committee candidates and event bidders, highlighting how to make technology work, and sharing opportunities for bringing our Movement together.

A total of 17 webinars were conducted and 19 videos were produced to share via the website and Conference social media channels. A series of manuals, checklists and other resources were also published to prepare delegations to participate in the virtual Conference experience, including a tour of the digital participation platform, introduction to the Amendments and Draft Resolutions, and training for World Scouting's e-Voting system.

To ensure delegations had an equal opportunity to access and participate in the Conference, outreach was conducted with NSOs to assess their Internet connectivity and offered solutions to improve digital capacity. Technology ambassadors were also appointed by Member Organizations and trained to help their delegations use the online platform and e-Voting system, and to get the most out of their Conference and Youth Forum experience using the digital participation platform. Before and during the events, online and direct one-on-one support was also provided through the virtual Help Desk to address any inquiries and technical issues.

Live studio

Each day the plenary started with a 15-minute live studio session to recap the previous day through daily wrap-up videos, explore the programme for the upcoming plenary session, and highlight key moments during the Conference. The live studio also offered the opportunity to interview Planning Team members, delegates and volunteers from different Scout Regions about their Conference experience.



Plenary sessions

The Conference centred around a daily 4-hour plenary block which gathered participants across the globe. A total of 25 hours of plenary session content and 90 recorded videos were delivered during the five-day event, and each plenary was live-streamed on WOSM's social media channels and [made available on the website](#).

The plenary sessions focused on the institutional and decision-making aspects of the Conference, including a [report from the World Scout Committee Chairperson and WOSM Secretary General](#), as well as discussions and voting on the Draft Resolutions and Constitutional Amendment. The plenaries provided a space to present Candidates and vote to elect the new voting members of the World Scout Committee, and to select the Hosts for future World Scout Events. Updates from key collaborators and partners such as the World Scout Foundation and Kandersteg International Scout Centre were also shared during the plenaries.

The plenary sessions also demonstrated the unity of our Movement through a number of symbolic moments such as lighting the global campfire and recognising Scouts who had Gone Home since the last Conference. We welcomed three new Member Organizations to the Movement, celebrated the growth of Scouting worldwide, and recognised Bronze Wolf Awardees during a ceremony in the closing session. Throughout the Conference, we shared stories of Scouting's impact in communities around the world and took time to thank and recognise the outgoing and newly elected members of the World Scout Committee. An international campfire on day three led by the Chairperson of the World Scout Conference also provided another moment to bring our Movement together and showcase our diversity and unity.

Breakout sessions and workshops

A total of 121 breakout sessions and workshops were delivered during the Conference. Some 65 institutional breakouts and Question & Answer sessions were run on various topics. These included engaging around the Draft Resolutions, meeting World Scout Committee candidates, discovering the World Triennial Plan, learning about the 25th World Scout Jamboree, understanding the volunteer endorsement process for the next Operational Framework, and implementing the outcomes of the Conference.

40 workshops were delivered during the Conference with a focus on World Scouting's key initiatives, programmes and areas of focus such as Scouts for SDGs, showcasing NSO good practices, membership growth, Safe from Harm, youth engagement and environmental sustainability. Daily spiritual and well-being sessions before the plenary, and regular technology support sessions were also offered as part of the programme.



Virtual exhibitions

In addition to the institutional programme, a special virtual exhibitions area was designed to create a unique space for World Scouting, Member Organizations and key partners to highlight their programmes, initiatives and events on the digital participation platform. The exhibitions area offered Member Organizations and key partners of the Movement a chance to share good practices, highlight programmes and activities, promote training opportunities, and showcase international Scouting events. In total 60 virtual exhibitions were hosted during the Conference and Youth Forum.

- **Welcome the world** - 5 exhibition stands were available for delegates to explore the Conference content and sessions, as well as learn about institutional and decision-making processes taking place during the event.
- **Scouting around the world** - 25 NSOs hosted exhibition stands to share information, videos and presentations for delegates to connect and learn more about Scouting around the world.
- **World Scouting showcase** - 14 service-based exhibition stands were available for participants to explore the achievements of WOSM over past triennium, explore WOSM Services, talk to topic-based experts, and learn more about how World Scouting provides support to Member Organizations.
- **World Scouting partners and initiatives** - 16 exhibition booths, including those from the World Scout Foundation, Youth and United Nations Global Alliance (YUNGA), UN World Food Programme, Global Youth Mobilization, KACIID and The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, were available for participants to meet World Scouting's key partners and explore opportunities for collaboration.



Side events and networking sessions

The programme of side events and networking sessions were a great way for participants to connect with like-minded Scouts from all over the world and deepen their interest in specific topics and WOSM initiatives. Side events were open for all participants of the Conference with the exception of Bronze Wolf Awardees gathering which is by invitation only. The side events offered at this year's Conference included:

- Scouting and The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award – A framework for the future
- Fundraising for development hosted by the Eric Frank Trust
- Global Youth Mobilization event
- Youth and United Nations Global Alliance (YUNGA) Exchange Hub hosted by FAO
- Interamerican Scout Foundation event (2 sessions)
- World Scout Foundation update event (2 sessions)
- Bronze Wolf Awardees gathering
- National Volunteering Plan hosted by the Scouts of Argentina
- Launch of "Scouting for Boys 'round the world"
- Africa Scout Foundation event
- The Council of Protestants in Guiding and Scouting (CPGS) meet-up
- Kandersteg International Scouting Centre (KISC) event

Networking spaces were also available every day throughout the Conference for participants to connect with other Scouts during dedicated coffee breaks or to join designated networking spaces for specific attendee groups such as first-time participants and Heads of Delegations.

Partners and collaborators

Several key partners and collaborators attended and engaged in the Conference programme, sharing updates in the plenary sessions, co-leading the delivery of workshops, hosting exhibitions and side events, and participating the event alongside other delegates and observers. Key partners, sponsors and collaborators who participated in the Conference included:

- World Scout Foundation
- Kandersteg International Scout Centre
- Organizations with Consultative Status with the World Scout Committee
- Big 6 Youth Organizations (WAGGGS, IFRC, YMCA, YWCA and The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award)
- Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- KAICIID
- Ledarstudion
- Office of the UN Secretary General's Envoy on Youth
- Office of the Special Representative on Violence Against Children
- Ubuntu Leaders Academy
- UNHCR
- UNICEF
- United Nations Volunteers
- World Food Programme
- World Health Organization
- WWF





Conference Decision-making and Outcomes

Rules of Procedure

The [Rules of Procedure for the Conference](#) in 2021 continued to strengthen the measures put in place during the Conference in 2017 to promote an inclusive and streamlined decision-making process during the event. Further updates were also made to the Rules of Procedure for this Conference to accommodate different delivery methods, including provisions for virtual attendance. The Rules of Procedure were approved by Member Organizations in February 2021 to guide the institutional proceedings before, during and after the Conference.

Conference documents

A total of 18 [Conference Documents](#) and other supporting documentation were published in English and French, with nearly all of the Conference Documents also translated to Spanish, Arabic and Russian to increase the accessibility and inclusiveness of WOSM's decision-making processes for the event. These documents provided information for delegates to become familiar with important information regarding the topics for discussion and decisions to be made during the Conference.



I like that there are many young people in key positions. It shows that we appreciate them and adhering to the fact that we are a youth movement. I see the world is in good hands.

-Dianne, Trinidad and Tobago



Mehdi Ben Khelil
(Tunisia)



**Edward Andrew
"Andy" Chapman**
(United States of America)



Mori Chi-Kin Cheng
(Hong Kong)



Wayne Adrian Davis
(Ethiopia)



Jo Deman
(Belgium)



Nika Gorovska
(Ukraine)



Pia Melin Graasbøll
(Denmark)



Sarah Rita Kattan
(Lebanon)



Eun Gui Kim
(Republic of Korea)



Daiana Neil
(Argentina)



Christine "Chrissy" Pollithy
(Germany)



Juan Reig
(Spain)



World Scout Committee elections

During the Conference, from a total of 25 candidates listed below, [12 individuals were elected](#) to serve as Voting Members to the World Scout Committee during the 2021-2024 triennium:

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| 1. Mehdi Ben Khelil (Tunisia) - Elected | 13. Eun Gui Kim (Republic of Korea) - Elected |
| 2. Edward Andrew "Andy" Chapman (United States of America) - Elected | 14. Rodgers Mfunwa Lukhele (Eswatini) |
| 3. Mori Chi-Kin Cheng (Hong Kong) - Elected | 15. Muhigirwa Gilbert Musumba (Democratic Republic of the Congo) |
| 4. Wayne Adrian Davis (Ethiopia) - Elected | 16. Daiana Neil (Argentina) - Elected |
| 5. Jo Deman (Belgium) - Elected | 17. Christine "Chrissy" Pollithy (Germany) - Elected |
| 6. Janaprith Fernando (Sri Lanka) | 18. Sarfraz Qamar (Pakistan) |
| 7. Nika Gorovska (Ukraine) - Elected | 19. Khalil Raihani (Morocco) |
| 8. Pia Melin Graasbøll (Denmark) - Elected | 20. Juan Reig (Spain) - Elected |
| 9. Jose Antonio Hernandez Gallegos (Mexico) | 21. Sherman Hsiao-Ming Sheng (Scouts of China) |
| 10. Ilyas Ismayilli (Azerbaijan) | 22. Olusoga Sofolahan (Nigeria) |
| 11. Sarah Rita Kattan (Lebanon) - Elected | 23. Clarke Truscott (New Zealand) |
| 12. Steve Kent (Canada) | 24. Sahali Marie Louise Charlotte Ycossie (Côte d'Ivoire) |
| | 25. Mohammad Atiquz Zaman (Bangladesh) |



The World Scout Conference is truly a remarkable moment in the history of scouting

-Matas, Lithuania



At the first World Scout Committee business meeting on 28 August 2021, the following three individuals were [elected as Officers](#) for the 2021-2024 Triennium:

- Edward Andrew "Andy" Chapman, Chairperson (United States of America)
- Sarah Rita Kattan, Vice-Chairperson (Lebanon)
- Jo Deman, Vice-Chairperson (Belgium)

An overview of candidates nominated as Voting Members of the World Scout Committee can be found through [Conference Document 13](#) and [Circular 44/2021](#)

Support for Committee candidates

Support to all Candidates running for election to the World Scout Committee was provided before and during the virtual Conference, including a detailed briefing package for the election process. All candidates had access to virtual tools, such as Zoom and Calendly, to help facilitate meetings with delegations and provide a fair way of promoting their candidacy ahead of the virtual event.

At the Conference, delegations had the opportunity to get to know the candidates through meet and greet sessions. Each candidate was also asked to produce videos to be used on the website and during plenary sessions to share their motivations for running for election.

Time for rehearsals and extra support was provided to ensure that candidates had sufficient access to fully engage with the process through the digital participation platform. Where necessary, extra support was given to make sure that candidates had access to the right Internet connections and technology to use the digital participation platform and engage fully with the process.



Hosts for future World Scout Events

The [Hosts of future World Scout Events](#), including the World Scout Conference in 2024, World Scout Moot in 2025, and World Scout Jamboree in 2027, were decided and appointed during the Conference. The following NSOs were appointed as Hosts:

- 43rd World Scout Conference (2024) – Egypt – Egyptian Scout Federation
- 17th World Scout Moot (2025) – Portugal - Federação Escutista de Portugal
- 26th World Scout Jamboree (2027) – Poland – Związek Harcerstwa Polskiego

New Member Organizations

Three new Member Organizations from Viet Nam, Afghanistan and the Solomon Islands were formally welcomed this Conference, bringing WOSM's official membership to 172 National Scout Organizations representing 57 million young people around the world.

- Effective 10 January 2019 - Pathfinder Scouts Vietnam
- Effective 9 January 2020 - Afghanistan National Scout Organization
- Effective 30 June 2021 - Solomon Islands Scout Association

Draft Objectives of the World Triennial Plan

The [Draft Objectives of the World Triennial Plan](#) for 2021-2024 were discussed, amended and endorsed by Member Organizations during the Conference to be implemented in the 2021-2024 Triennium. The World Triennial Plan outlines the key priorities and strategic objectives for the Scout Movement until the next World Scout Conference in 2024. The Draft Objectives will undergo a final reality assessment by the World Scout Committee to determine available resources and align them with other approved Conference Resolutions. The final version of the World Triennial Plan 2021-2024, after approval by the World Scout Committee, will be published in December 2021.

Conference Resolutions

The Resolutions approved by the 42nd World Scout Conference, along with all other Resolutions dating back to 1920, can be accessed on the World Scout Conference Resolution Database at www.scout.org/resolutions.

Nine Draft Resolutions were put forward for consideration of the Conference. These items are listed below with Draft Resolutions B to H proposed by the World Scout Committee, and Draft Resolutions I and J proposed by Member Organizations.

- 2021-A Registration of Member Organizations (*already approved by the Conference through postal ballots*)
- 2021-B WOSM registration fee system
- 2021-C Strategy for Scouting - World Triennial Plan 2021-2024
- 2021-D Strengthening Safe from Harm in the Scout Movement
- 2021-E Youth Engagement Strategy
- 2021-F Evolving the World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference
- 2021-G Youth Advisor System and youth involvement in decision-making
- 2021-H Strengthening WOSM's environmental sustainability
- 2021-I Scout events in the modern world
- 2021-J Leadership in peace

The Conference considered 13 proposed Amendments to the Draft Objectives of the World Triennial Plan 2021-2024 and 20 proposed Amendments to the Draft Resolutions. All but one proposed Amendment was approved by the Conference, and all of the Draft Resolutions were approved as amended.



[42nd World Scout Conference- Resolutions](#)

[42nd World Scout Conference – Draft Objectives of the World Triennial Plan 2021-2024](#)

Constitutional Amendment

One Amendment to the Constitution of WOSM was put forward for consideration by the Conference. This Constitutional Amendment had no further proposed Amendments put forward and was subsequently approved by the Conference.

- Constitutional Amendment-01 Safe from Harm



[42nd World Scout Conference - Constitutional Amendment](#)

[Constitution of the World Organization of the Scout Movement - 2021](#)

Resolutions of Courtesy

A Resolution of Courtesy was approved by the Conference recognising the great efforts during the global COVID-19 pandemic by National Scout Organizations, Scout leaders, Scouts and partners. Further recognition was also given to various parties involved in the planning and delivery of the Youth Forum and Conference.



[42nd World Scout Conference - Resolutions of Courtesy](#)

Report of the Resolutions Committee

The Resolutions Committee published two reports during the Conference, one in advance of the Constitutional Amendment session and one in advance of the Conference Resolution voting session. They reported on their review of Amendments submitted by Member Organizations and compliance with the Rules of Procedure, as well as the Resolution and Amendment Guidelines.



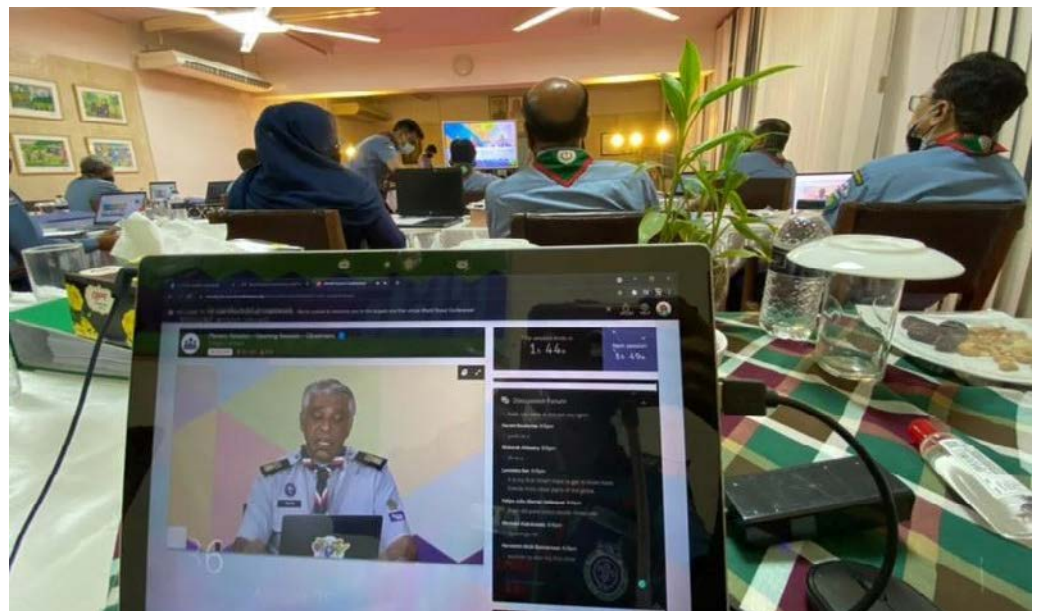
[Conference Document 4c– Resolutions Committee Report on the Draft Resolutions](#)

[Conference Document 7b– Resolutions Committee Report on the Constitutional Amendments](#)

Virtual engagement

Digital participation platform and website

A digital platform was customised specifically for the Conference enabling participants from all corners of the globe to access and join the event's engaging programme of activities. The platform offered a wide range of functionalities for digital Engagement during the events and was used during live plenaries, workshop and breakout sessions, and networking events. Participants could use the platform to customise their profile and build a personalised agenda.



The platform featured options to visit exhibition spaces, chat with other delegates, meet online in groups, and set up individual one-on-one calls. Participants could also take part in friendly gamification challenges and fun activities to earn points, get on the leaderboard, and compete against other delegates. To help participants navigate and understand how to use the event's digital participation platform, a number of user guides, webinars and tutorial videos were developed and offered to participants in advance of the event.

The Conference and Youth Forum website served as the primary source of information before, during and after the events. On the website, participants could access relevant information, resources and webinars to get prepared, understand the registration process, explore the programme schedule, access institutional documents, and learn about the e-Voting system and decision-making processes.

E-Voting system

Another key innovation of the Conference was World Scouting's e-Voting system which was used during the Conference and Youth Forum to make the decision-making process possible for delegates of the virtual events.

- Total voting time (excluding the extended votes): 143 minutes
- Total number of votes: 46 votes
- Total number of voters: 170 Member Organizations
- Total number of votes cast: 34,349 votes cast
- Average voter turnout: 128.3 out of 170 (75.4%)
- Rate of votes casted as abstention: 859 out of 34,349 (2.5%)



All decisions of the Conference, comprised of a total of 46 votes, were made using the e-Voting system on the following decisions:

Decision	Total Votes	Total Voters	Voter Turnout (%)
Test vote	1	128	75.3%
Appointment of the Tellers	1	118	69.4%
Appointment of the Resolutions Committee	1	126	74.1%
Constitutional Amendment	1	126	74.1%
Conference Resolutions (including Amendments to the Draft Resolutions)	27	average 126.2	average 74.2%
Amendments to the Draft Objectives of the World Triennial Plan 2021-2024	11	average 122.5	average 72.1%
Hosts for future World Scout Events	3	average 158.7	average 93.3%
Elections of the World Scout Committee for the 2021-2024 Triennium	1	170	100%
TOTAL	46	average 128.3	average 75.4%



A success! Our Scouting spirit is triumphant. We ARE building bridges: inter-regional networking, sharing of best practices, as well as exchanging culture, dance, music, and beautiful places of the countries.

-Aliza, Belize

World Scouting's e-Voting system offered a big step forward in the digital transformation of WOSM's decision-making process. Bringing voting online offered the most accessible opportunity in WOSM's history for Member Organizations to engage in shaping the future of World Scouting.

This was evident in the voter turnout of all 170 Member Organizations attending the Conference voting on the election of the World Scout Committee for the very first time. To help facilitate a smoother voting session within a timeframe available for participants around the world, an innovative solution was implemented to vote simultaneously on groups of Amendments which did not contradict each other. This solution saved substantial time for all participants, but also supported the saving of resources and cost for the event.

Delegations were given ample opportunity to become familiar with how to cast their votes through longer voting times with a progressive reduction to three minutes per single vote. The votes for the election of the World Scout Committee and selection of the Hosts for future World Scout Events were opened for an extended period of around 20 hours. This allowed time for all delegations to discuss and cast their votes while accommodating different time zones.

To build on the great success of using this electronic voting process, the system will be upgraded further to accommodate additional language support to enhance the user experience. Increased flexibility of the system will also be developed for use in multiple voting opportunities across World Scouting.

Networking and social events

Three meet and greet networking sessions were held for participants to connect with each other during short chats. Six scheduled networking sessions were offered for everyone from first-time participants to Heads of Delegations to join and self-facilitate discussions based various topics such as good governance, educational methods, and communications and partnerships. The Meeting Hub feature also provided a fully equipped space for delegates and observers to connect with each other and setup their own bilateral conversations and group meetings.

To promote the feeling of belonging and unity during the event, three social occasions were offered to explore the regional diversity of the Movement. These sessions were each co-led by two Regions to encourage a wider attendance and exploration of Scouting's global impact among participants.



Gamification

Participants were encouraged to engage throughout the virtual Conference by exploring the difference spaces of the digital participation platform, taking part in fun challenges, and meeting with other Scouts. Gamification was a key aspect of the virtual experience and was a very popular feature, increasing attendance across several spaces such as exhibitions and workshops, and providing fun opportunities for engagement during the event.

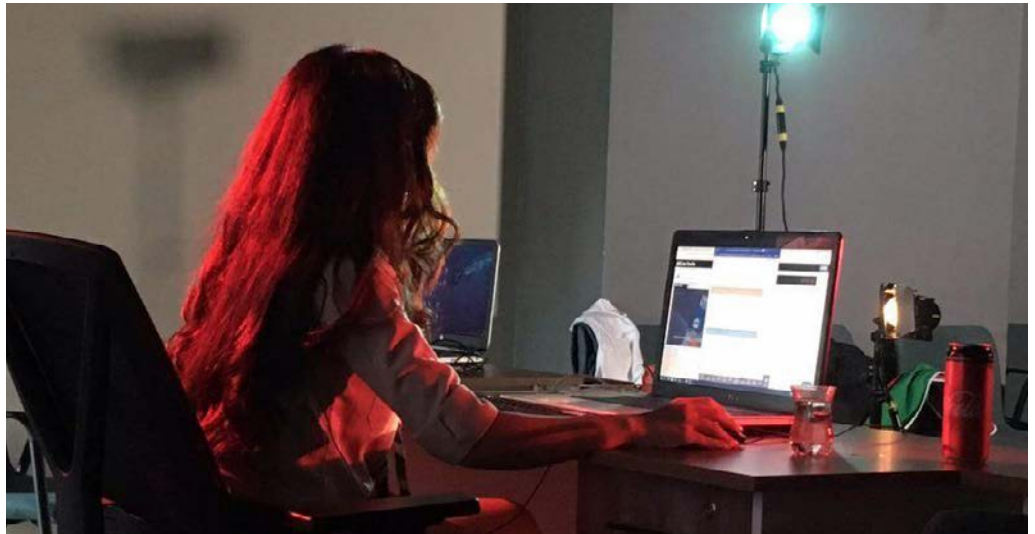
The gamification challenges were designed to encourage participants to connect with each other, organise meetings, attend sessions, visit exhibitions, answer trivia questions on a variety of topics, and join networking sessions. By completing the challenges, participants could earn up to ten special Conference badges. Interest from participants was high with the top three point leaders managing to answer nearly all 60 trivia questions and complete all 120 challenges.



Planning and Logistics

Code of Conduct

Through the bidding and election process, all World Scout Event bidders and World Scout Committee and Youth Advisor candidates were required for the first time to abide by the new [WOSM Code of Conduct for bidders for World Scout Events](#) and [WOSM Code of Conduct for Elections](#) to ensure a fair and equal decision-making process was carried out and aligned with Scouting's values.



Registration and fees

Registration for the Conference and Youth Forum opened in May and remained open until the events. Registration was by invitation only through NSO Official Contacts as identified in the World Scouting Directory. Up to 6 people per Member Organization (2 delegates, 4 observers) could register to attend the Youth Forum, and up to 20 people per Member Organization (6 delegates, 14 observers) could register to attend the Conference. Through the online registration system, Heads of Delegations could update information about their delegation at any time before the events. Live-streaming was made available for all plenary sessions to enable more participants from around the world to tune-in and follow the event.

Member Organizations were strongly encouraged to appoint a delegation reflecting the diversity of the Scout Movement, including a balanced delegation in terms of gender, geographic and cultural representation, and young people under the age of 30. It was also strongly encouraged for Member Organizations to register their Youth Forum delegation as part of their Conference delegation to ensure a strong involvement of young people in decision-making for the event.

The World Scout Committee decided to make the cost to participate in the Conference and Youth Forum free of charge for Member Organizations taking into account the economic impact of the pandemic. Member Organizations were encouraged during the registration process to make a voluntary contribution to the [Re-energising Scouting Fund](#) facilitated through the Scout Donation Platform. A total of nearly \$20,000 was raised through this effort to support membership recovery, retention and growth plans among NSOs impacted by the pandemic.



"The experience was beautiful, wonderful, and very useful."

-Abdullah, Saudi Arabia

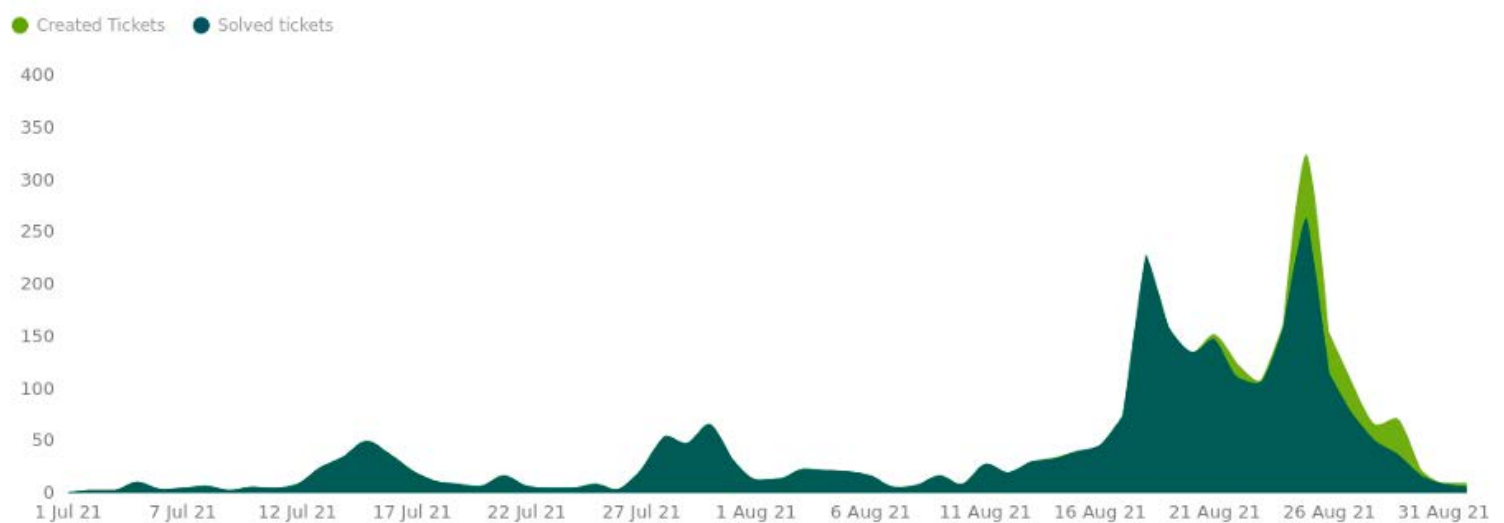
Help Desk

The Help Desk Centre was established to provide delegations with timely support in the five WOSM languages. The Help Desk helped ensure that each Member Organization was registered, and were able to connect and meaningfully participate during the events. A dedicated team of 40 volunteers and staff members were organised across 6 Regional Support Centres to respond to inquiries, and escalate any key issues to members of the programme, production, communications and logistics teams. The Help Desk provided support from 1 July onwards and centralised communication and inquiries arriving through emails, the digital participation platform and social media.

- 2781 tickets were resolved by the Help Desk
- 46 minutes average response time
- 13 hours average full resolution time

In order to provide fast and dedicated support during the events plenary sessions, live chat was enabled and supported by staff and volunteers in five WOSM languages.

- 429 live chats with participants
- 92.1% satisfaction for the provided support
- 11.2 minutes average chat duration





Safe from Harm

Mandatory Safe from Harm courses, Listening Ears, online chat moderation and a dedicated team staff and volunteers available to respond to any safety concerns were among the strict safeguarding measures put in place for the virtual Conference and Youth Forum to ensure participants had a safe and inclusive experience.

Mandatory Safe from Harm e-learning courses were also made available in multiple languages and delegates were required to share their certificates of course completion with their Head of Delegation to gain access to the events.



As an Ambassador I was able to experience many aspects of the Conference, including supporting our delegation, sharing ideas, and strengthening partnerships. More than ever this online experience proves that digital transformation should be an important means for reaching more Scouts, especially the younger ones to experience a new way of doing Scouting.

-Ismaila, Senegal

Evaluation Highlights

A set of evaluation tools enabled Conference participants to provide feedback to the Planning Team throughout the event. Feedback was collected using session ratings, daily questionnaires, focus group discussions and a survey at the end of the event. Daily summaries of the evaluation results allowed organisers to make adjustments to the Conference operations in real-time and provide clearer communication to participants during the event. A final evaluation report will inform the organisation of the next Conference. The following are a few highlights from the Conference evaluation:



99%

of respondents were satisfied overall with the Conference by the end of the event



87%

of respondents thought the Resolutions and decisions made during the Conference were relevant to their NSO



89%

of respondents was able to get the support they needed for meaningful participation at the Conference



79%

of respondents had opportunities to connect with Scouts from other NSOs and the Meeting Hub was the most used networking feature



48%

of respondents used the interpretation service and 87% of the respondents who used interpretation were satisfied



96%

of respondents agreed that participating in the Conference makes them feel part of the global Scout Movement



81%

of respondents thought the online e-Voting system worked well



92%

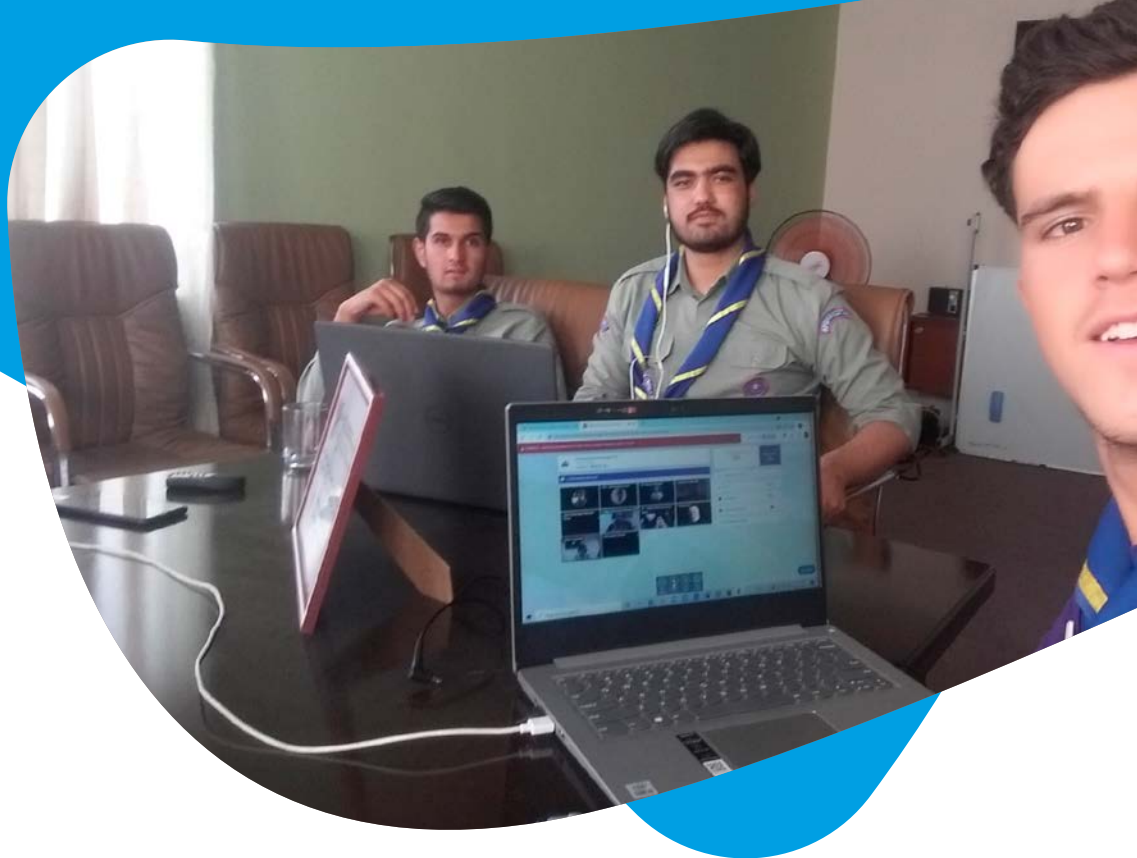
of respondents felt the Conference embodied Scout values



The **most appreciated** part of the Conference experience mentioned by respondents was the programme and the decision-making process



The **most mentioned** areas for improvements were the digital participation platform and technical issues, and some respondents urged the organisers to return to delivering an in-person Conference when possible



Planning Team and Volunteers

The planning and delivery of the Conference was made possible thanks to a dedicated WOSM Planning Team of 406 volunteers and staff from across all Scouting Regions who worked virtually together for many months to put on the milestone event.

The teams worked in shifts during long days and across time zones to ensure the event could be planned and delivered to the highest and most professional quality. Workshops required over 300 staff and volunteer hours to provide support and technical hosting during the week.



Conference and Youth Forum Coordination Team

The WOSM coordination structure for the Conference was updated in April 2021 to realign the scope and responsibilities during the planning phase and to accommodate for the virtual delivery of the events. The teams were led by World Scout Bureau staff members and volunteers, forming the co-leads coordination group:

- Jacob Murray, Coordination
- David Berg, Coordination
- Göran Hägerdal, Coordination
- Elise Drouet, Coordination
- Karin Nolke Grubbström, Programme
- Ruth Potts, Programme
- Carla Simões, Programme
- Diana Carrillo, Programme
- Mihajlo Atanackovic, Production
- Victor Ortega, Production
- Raúl Molina, Production
- Dave Venn, Communications
- Farah Sayegh, Communications
- Hany Abdulmonem, Logistics
- Mihaela Ciobanu, Logistics
- Goran Gjorgjiev, Logistics
- Shayla Scarlett, WSC Liaison
- Kumiko Sugiyama, WSC Liaison

Conference Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons

To continue the good practice set in 2017, the World Scout Committee appointed at its March 2021 meeting the following persons as Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the 42nd World Scout Conference to maintain impartiality in the decision-making process.

- Param Palany, Chairperson (Malaysia)
- Djuna Bernard, Vice-Chairperson (Luxemburg)
- Mohammad Omar, Vice-Chairperson (Egypt)



Being a part of the World Scout Conference and Youth Forum has truly been an amazing experience - not only for meeting new friends from all over the world, but also taking part in the decision-making process that will shape WOSM in the next triennium.

-Anne, Denmark



Conference Steering Committee

The Conference Steering Committee is the strategic decision-making body to enable the Conference to execute its constitutional responsibilities. At its March 2021 meeting, the World Scout Committee appointed the following people as members of the Conference Steering Committee:

- Param Palany (Conference Chairperson)
- Craig Turpie (outgoing World Scout Committee Chairperson)
- Ahmad Alhendawi (WOSM Secretary General)
- Diana Carrillo (Youth Forum Chairperson)
- Mehdi Ben Khelil (World Scout Committee liaison for the Conference)
- Sarah Rita Kattan (World Scout Committee liaison for the Youth Forum)
- David Berg (World Scout Bureau, Chief Operating Officer)
- Jacob Murray (World Scout Bureau, Director, World Events)

Conference Resolutions Committee

The Conference endorsed the following members of the Resolutions Committee during its opening session on 25 August 2021. These committee members worked entirely online, providing Member Organizations with virtual support before and during the Conference for the Resolution and Amendment process.

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| • Oscar Sundås, Chairperson (Sweden) | • Mónica Figueroa (Colombia) |
| • Emmanuel Vete (Angola) | • Rafael Macedo (Brazil) |
| • Imane Charegan (Morocco) | • Wanyada Budhtranon (Thailand) |



Conference Credentials Committee

The World Scout Committee appointed at its March 2021 meeting the following people as members of the Conference Credentials Committee.

- Paul Parkinson (Australia)
- José Luis Vargas (Bahamas)
- Ahmad Alhendawi (WOSM Secretary General)
- Charles Ng (World Scout Bureau, Constitutions & Legal GRC & Chief Risk Officer)

Conference Tellers

The Conference endorsed the following Conference Tellers during its opening session on 25 August 2021. The Tellers were critical to ensuring the integrity of the voting process as the Conference experienced a fully virtual voting system for the first time. The presence of Member Organizations and voter turnout was monitored, and votes scrutinised for accuracy of the results.

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| • Aiman Ashimbayeva (Kazakhstan) | • Fahad Fayrouz (Kuwait) |
| • Jacob Baboun (State of Palestine) | • Mariana Fragkou (Greece) |
| • Mohammad Effendy Bin Rajab (Singapore) | • Lamin S Jawara (Gambia) |
| • Kevin Camilleri (Malta) | • Olivier Mathieu (France) |
| • Idylliène Corsen (Curaçao) | • Yorimasa Matsudaira (Japan) |
| • Ahmed Emeiqil (Libya) | |

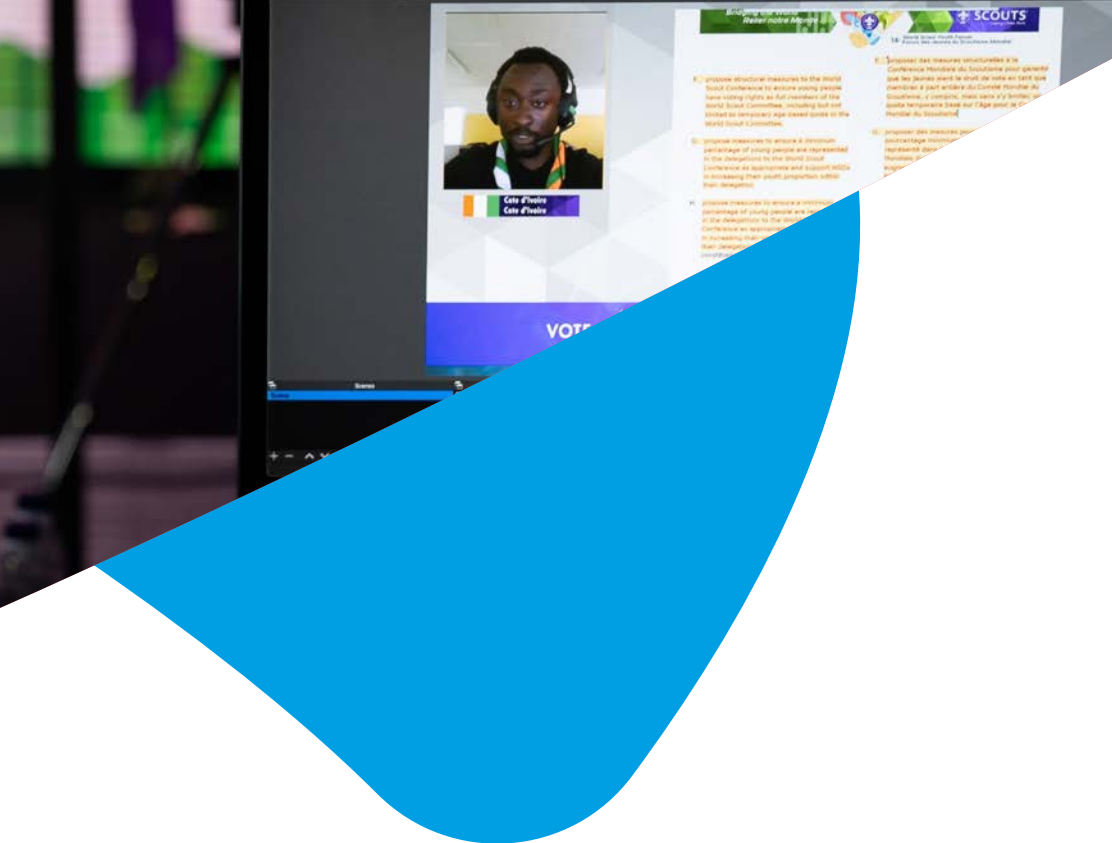


Financial Report

In order to support its members and ensure inclusive participation in governance structures, WOSM covered all expense related to planning and delivering the 14th World Scout Youth Forum and 42nd World Scout Conference. Given the economic challenges facing our Movement due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the World Scout Committee decided to waive the traditional registration fees for participation. The funding was derived from savings in WOSM's Yearly Operational Plan drawn from the lowered operational costs due to the pandemic, travel restrictions, and working from home arrangements.



[Watch the Conference video message on WOSM's financial report](#)

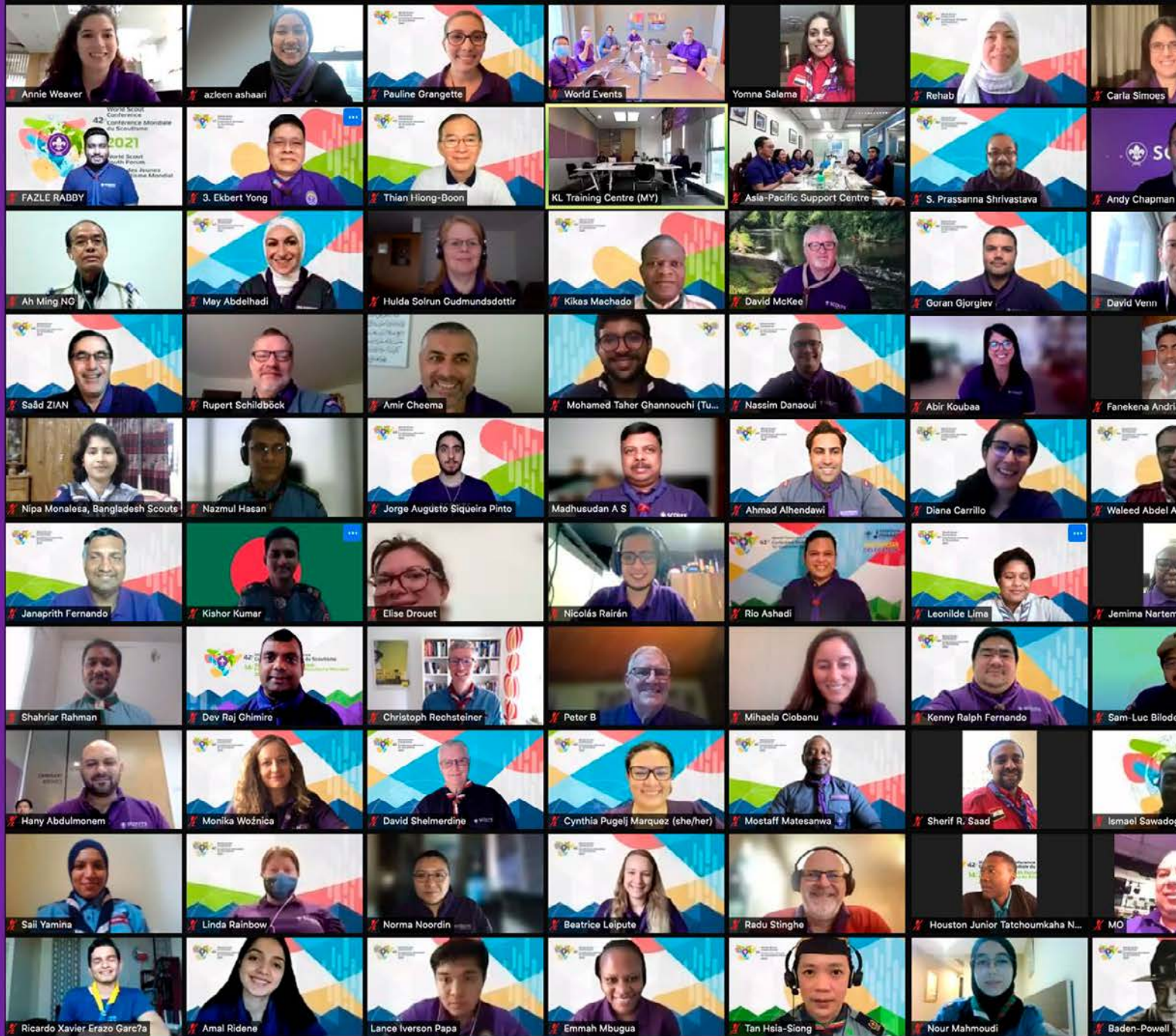




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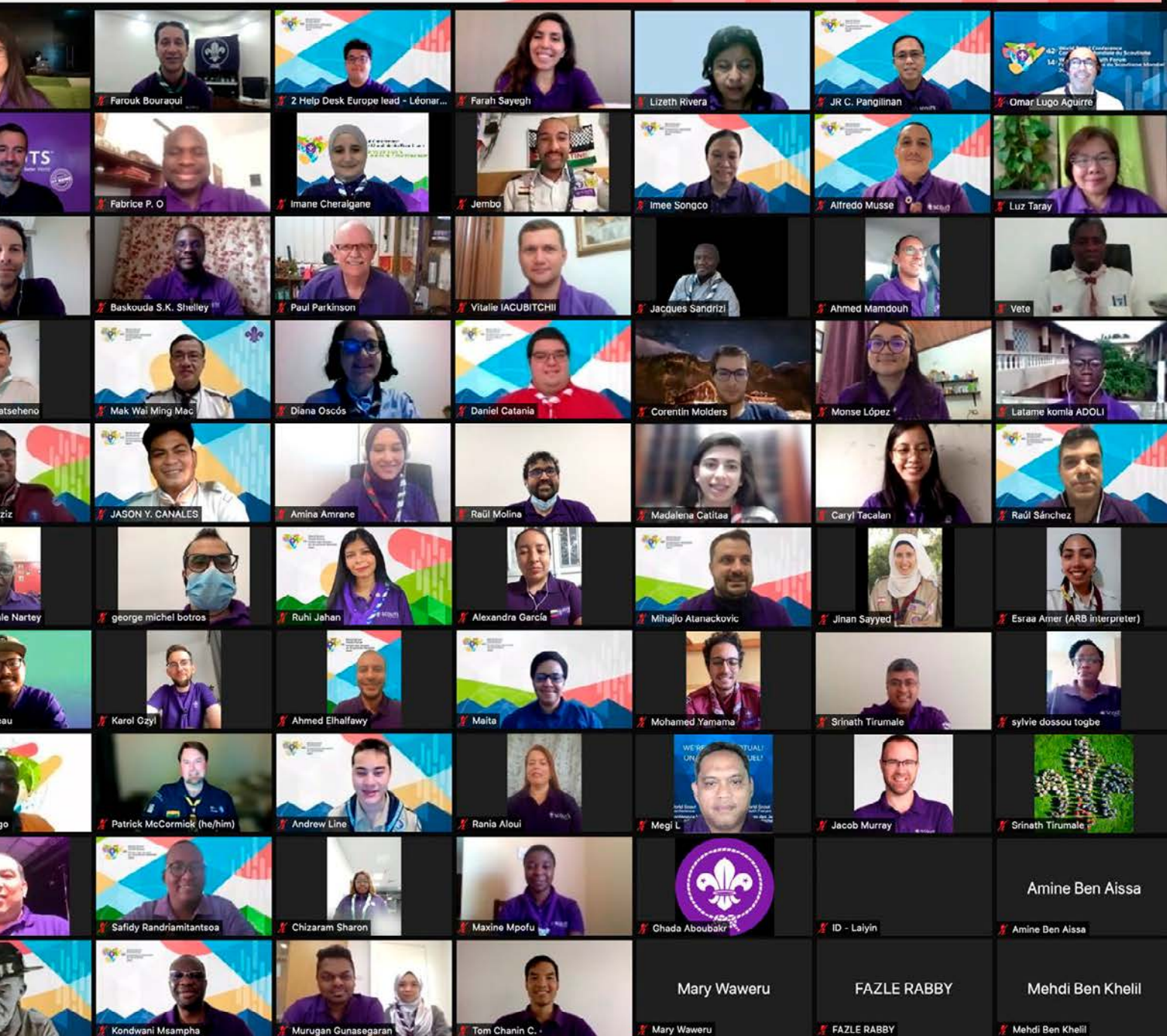
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