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REPORT

Every three years, the governing body of World Scouting meets to evaluate the recent past and consider the immediate future. Since 1922, this sequence of meetings has mapped out the unique destiny of an unique movement for young people. The projection of the Scout Movement towards the future depends on a universal vision, the legacy of Baden-Powell: to create a better world.



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Foreword

The 13th World Scout Youth Forum and 41st World Scout Conference were the largest and most diverse events of their kind in Scouting history. In total, 236 participants from 116 countries attended the Youth Forum and 1,026 delegates and observers from 160 National Scout Organizations (NSOs) participated in the Conference, with several hundred more guests and supporters attending. The large and diverse attendance was made possible by a generous solidarity fund provided through the host, the Association of Scouts of Azerbaijan, which focused on those under the age of 25. In total, 77 NSOs benefited from this support.

It was a great pleasure to welcome a record number of 11 NSOs as full members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) during this Conference.

From the start, the Planning Teams were committed to making the processes and procedures of the Youth Forum and Conference more inclusive, and enabling more transparent decision-making. Several major innovations were introduced. These included:

- revised Conference Rules of Procedure which required all Draft Resolutions to be submitted before the Conference and an earlier deadline for the submission of Amendments,
- early publication of Conference Documents online, offering the opportunity to discuss and clarify all decision-making proposals before the events via online question and answer sessions,
- ensuring most of the Conference Documents were available in all five WOSM working languages,
- e-Voting during the events,
- full coverage through livestreaming, and
- independent Chairpersons of the plenary sessions.

These innovations were well received by participants according to online and focus group evaluations. Whilst there is room for continued development in many areas, the changes were major factors in improving the spirit of the Youth Forum and Conference, the unity of the Movement and, the very positive outcomes from both events.





The Youth Forum and Conference served as a unique platform for displaying the strength of our Movement and our collective commitment to creating a better world. At the events, Youth Advisors and World Scout Committee members were elected, Resolutions and Amendments to the Constitution of WOSM were debated and voted on, and hosts were selected for future World Scout Events. Moreover, growth of several NSOs was celebrated and a renewed

commitment was made by all 169 NSOs to grow WOSM's membership towards Vision 2023.

The Conference also proved the unity of our expanding Movement by a 99% vote in support of the World Triennial Plan 2017-2020, a great testament in the direction

WOSM is taking to reach Vision 2023.



On behalf of the World Scout Bureau, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to making these events such a success. Special thanks to the Host Team for their exemplary hospitality and organisation of these great events. Thank you as well to the Planning Teams, external guests, WOSM Team, and participants for contributing to very successful events.

To reflect the importance of the Youth Forum and youth engagement in WOSM's decision-making, the reports of the Youth Forum and the Conference have been combined in this report to give an overview of the proceedings and outcomes of both.

I hope that you will find the report a helpful and valuable resource and reference tool as we embark on a new triennium to bring us closer to Vision 2023.

Yours in Scouting,

Ahmad Alhendawi

Secretary General,
World Organization of the Scout Movement





Message from the Host of the 13th World Scout Youth Forum and 41st World Scout Conference

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Scouting!

It was an amazing experience and a great honour for us, the Association of Scouts of Azerbaijan, to host the 13th World Scout Youth Forum in Gabala and the 41st World Scout Conference in Baku.

From the very beginning of our journey on the path to host these events, we met many motivated people who supported us from all around the world, and that positively affected our team and gave us even more motivation.

We do remember all the promises we made before we won the bid to host these World Scout Events and we did everything possible to keep those promises.

We are very thankful to all of you, that you believed in us and gave such a big responsibility to our young Association 3 years ago in Slovenia. The Association of Scouts of Azerbaijan has improved and developed tremendously during the last three years and the Youth Forum and Conference have definitely helped in this process.



We believe that you were able to enjoy the hospitality of our people, the magnificent landscape of our nature, taste our amazing cuisine, experience customs and traditions of our different regions and most of all feel the fire in the hearts of the people of the Land of Fire.

We are very proud of our team of staff and volunteers, as well as those of the World Scout Bureau, who were involved in the organising of these historic events.

We had a total of 160 NSOs represented and 1,796 people participating, including volunteers and staff. We believe that we organised one of the most memorable Youth Forums and Conferences and we hope that the spark from the Land of Fire will always stay in your hearts.

Yours in Scouting,

Ilyas Ismayilli

Chair of the Host Committee,
13th World Scout Youth Forum and
41st World Scout Conference,
Azerbaijan 2017





13th World Scout Youth Forum Summary

Youth Forum Report

As a symbolic link between the 13th World Scout Youth Forum and the 41st World Scout Conference, the themes 'Dream ... Believe ... Act!' and 'Together for positive change', confirmed the Youth Forum's important role as an event that empowers and inspires young people by developing their skills in the decision-making process. The full report of the Youth Forum was written and published immediately in advance of the Conference.



[13th World Scout Youth Forum Report - video](#)



[13th World Scout Youth Forum Report](#)



Largest World Scout Youth Forum

This Youth Forum was, with 116 participating countries and 236 participants, the biggest ever World Scout Youth Forum.



Youth Forum Agenda

	Sunday 6 Aug	Monday 7 Aug	Tuesday 8 Aug	Wednesday 9 Aug	Thursday 10 Aug	11-13 Aug
Early AM	Arrival and registration	Breakfast (1h15min)	Breakfast (1h15min)	Breakfast (1h15min)	Breakfast (1h)	Departure and Intervent
		Meditation and info (15min)	Meditation and info (15min)	Meditation and info (15min)	Meditation and info (15min)	
		Welcome session (1h15min) - (P)	WHY and WHAT active citizenship? Youth Involvement in the present and future (1h30min) - (P & OP)	"Unlock your Potential" Break-out sessions (1h30min) - (P & BOS)	Global Challenges and Social Impact of Scouting (1h) - (P & OP)	
		Group Photo			voting session 1 (1h) - (P)	
Late AM	Set up the market place and deadline for amendments	International Team building (2h) - (OP)	Coffee Break (30min)	Coffee Break (30min)	Coffee Break (30min)	
			Introduction to the SDGs (1h30min) - (P)	continue "Unlock your Potential" Break-out sessions (1h30min) - (BOS)	voting session 2 (1h15min) - (P)	
		Lunch (1h30min)	Meet the Candidates Lunch (1h30min)	Lunch (1h30min)	Lunch (1h30min)	
Early PM	Arrival and registration	WOSM Game (1h30min) - (OP)	Leadership In Scouting (1h) - (P & OP)	360 Marketplace (1h30min) - (OP)	voting session 2 (1h30min) - (P)	
		Coffee Break (30min)	YAs election and its results (45min) - (P)	Coffee Break (30min) WSJ 2019		
		candidates presentation (1h15) - (P)	Coffee Break (30min)	Writing the amendments workshop (1h15min) (P & OP)		
Late PM	Report from YA, response to 12th WSYF outcomes and report from the regions (Oh-Scout). (1h15min) - (P)	Be Smart - Go Strategic (The Strategy for Scouting and Triennial Plan 2017-2020) (1h5min) - (P & OP)	Forum declaration drafting workshop (1h15min) - (P & PO)	Open Forum (1h15min) - (BOS)		
		Be Smart ... Go Institutional (Draft Resulation and How to make amendments) (1h10min) - (P & OP)		Evaluation (1h) - (P)		
Evening	Dinner (1h30min)	International Team time (30 min) - (OP)	International Team time (30 min) - (OP)	International Team time (30 min) - (OP)	Closing Session (30min) (P)	
	Welcome Session "Let's rock this forum" (2h) - (OP)	Dinner (1h30min)	Dinner (1h30min)	Dinner (1h30min)	Dinner (1h30min)	
		Opening ceremony (1h30min) - (OP)	Azerbaijan Fire (1h30min) - (OP)	The Cultural Night (1h30min) - (OP)	Closing ceremony (1h30min) - (OP)	
	Free time	Evening with the candidates (optional)	Free time	Free time	Free time	
Free time						



Forum Document 1 – Provisional Agenda

Daily Recap Videos

[6th Aug](#)



[7th Aug](#)



[8th Aug](#)



[9th Aug](#)





Youth Forum Documents

Nine Youth Forum Documents were published, providing information for delegates to become acquainted with important information regarding educational processes in decision-making, topics to be discussed and decisions to be made during the Youth Forum.



[Youth Forum Documents 2017](#)

Youth Advisor Elections

During the Youth Forum, the following six young people were elected for the 2017-2020 triennium as Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee (WSC):

- Ms Diana Carrillo (Mexico)
- Mr Mori Cheng (Hong Kong)
- Mr Julius Kramer (Sweden)
- Mr Edgar Marumbu (Kenya)
- Mr Martin Meier (Lichtenstein)
- Ms Amal Ridene (Tunisia)

Youth Forum Outcomes

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

Through this work of the International Teams, eight draft Amendments to Draft Resolutions and 16 draft Amendments to the draft objectives of the World Triennial Plan 2017-2020 were put forward to Member Organizations for consideration at the Conference. A vast majority of these proposals were then adopted at the Conference, showing the benefits of this model of decision-making.

The 13th World Scout Youth Forum Declaration, the result of an intense collaboration between the Youth Forum participants, is the message of the Youth Forum to the Movement. In it, participants made recommendations on our Strategic Priorities and called on the Movement to consider some other aspects such as the Sustainable Development Goals.

It is the hope of young people that this Youth Forum Declaration will help to guide the WSC to shape actions in implementing the World Triennial Plan 2017-2020.



[13th World Scout Youth Forum Report](#)

Youth Forum Programme

The Planning Team worked to make this Youth Forum an educational experience by giving participants opportunities to get to know each other, learn from each other and about the different ways of doing Scouting all over the world. Participants also learned and then debated on the decision-making proposals for the Conference.

In an effort to further develop the leadership of participants and equip them with better skills to be active members of society, skill-focused trainings and reflective sessions on the topics of active citizenship, leadership and sustainability were organised to build the capacity of participants to make the world a better place.



Reaching Young People Around the World

Besides the internal focus, livestreaming and constant social media interactions through one and a half million social media posts allowed us to get the message out about the Youth Forum, generating about four million impressions. The largest yet!





41st World Scout Conference Summary

Address by the Outgoing WSC Chairperson

Mr João Armando P. Gonçalves addressed the Conference with his final message as the Chairperson of the 2014-2017 WSC. He referred to the successful Conference where delegates were able to report, share, celebrate and make decisions for the future of WOSM and he thanked all of the key people, volunteers, staff and the Conference Host who made it a very memorable event.

During his address, he shared with the Conference his experiences as Chairperson, and the belief that through our sense of unity and pride in who we are as a Movement, we have an extraordinary opportunity to create a better world through goodwill and good actions. Wrapping up his address, he thanked all who made the journey possible through their support and wished the new WSC a successful term in taking our Movement to new heights!



[Address by the outgoing WSC Chairperson - video](#)

... "I took it as a service to this Movement that we love. We all want the world to be better, and we do that by helping young people to grow. I believe that the role we hold is far less important than the mission we carry, and that mission is the same for each of us. In the last three years, I heard your concerns, I shared your laughter, I rejoiced in your successes and learned from your stories. All of this confirmed for me that we serve in the best youth movement of this entire world." ...





Address by the New WSC Chairperson

Mr Craig Turpie began his address to the Conference as the new Chairperson of the 2017-2020 WSC by reflecting on his journey from a Cub Scout to the Chairperson, and the time he has spent as a member of the Worldwide Scouting family. Importance was given to recognising and thanking the hard work of those who made the 2014-2017 triennium and the Conference a success.

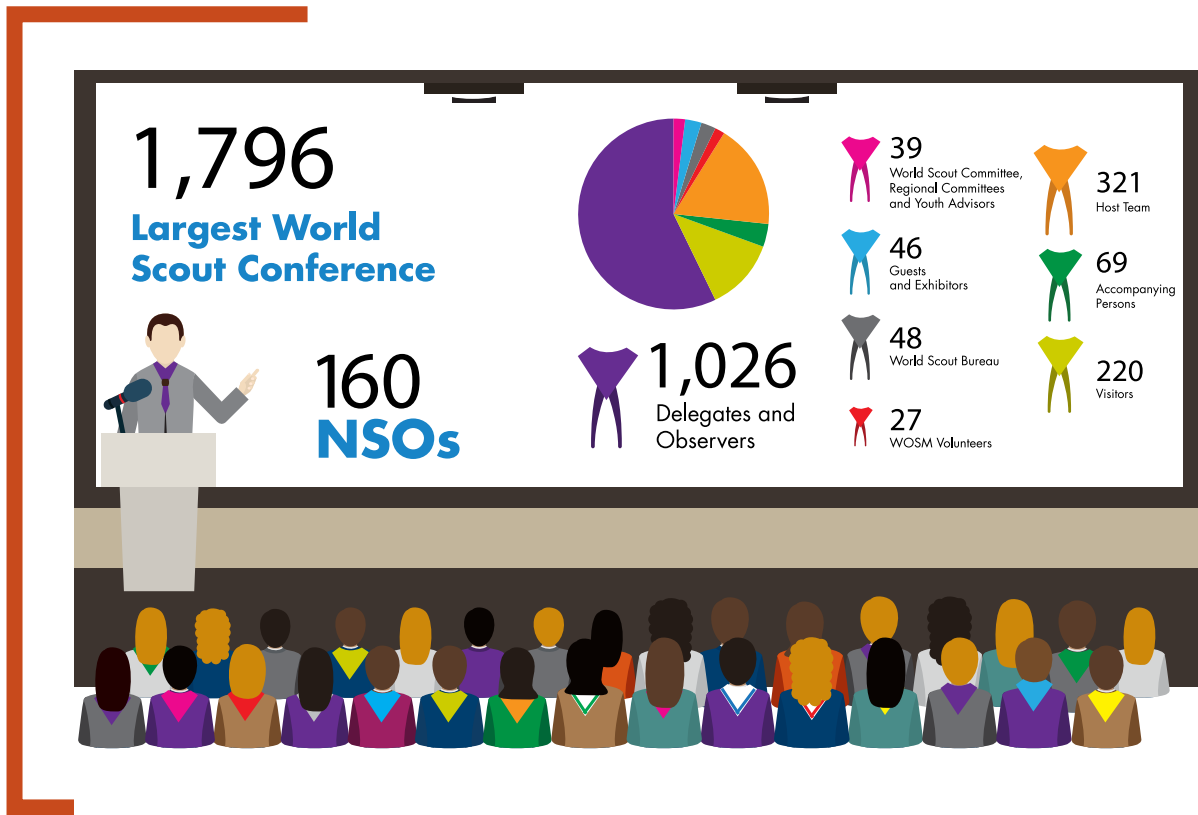
Reflection was made on the future of our Movement and the triennium ahead. He shared with the Conference the talents of the members within the new WSC and the values they hold for their work in serving WOSM. He shared expectations on how we will move forward in acting on the decisions of the successful Conference.



[Address by the new WSC Chairperson - video](#)

...“Dear Scouts, dear friends, it is an absolute honour and privilege to be standing here before you as the Chairperson of your World Scout Committee. I as your Chairperson, will do everything I can, to harness the unique potential, energy and vision of each of the members of the World Scout Committee to propel this Movement forward.”...





Conference Attendance

A total of 160 NSOs attended the Conference, with all being full Member Organizations of WOSM by the end of the Conference. It was a great success to have such a high NSO turnout, making for the largest and most diverse World Scout Conference with 1,026 delegates and observers, and nearly 1,800 people attending overall.



[Official List of Member Organizations in Attendance at the 41st World Scout Conference](#)



New WOSM Members

The Conference observed with pleasure the admission of Aruba, Curaçao, State of Palestine, Myanmar, Seychelles, São Tomé and Príncipe, Timor-Leste, San Marino, Guinéa-Bissau, Macao and Iraq as Member of WOSM during the 2014-2017 triennium. Recognition of these Member Organizations was given during the Conference plenary session.



[Conference Resolution 2017-01 and 2017-02](#)

NSO Growth Commitments and NSO Growth Awards

In advance of the Conference, NSOs were asked to make a commitment regarding their anticipated membership growth by 2020. It was exciting to report that the combined growth that was committed during the Conference was more than nine million new Scouts by 2020.

Mr Ahmad Alhendawi, WOSM Secretary General, reminded the Conference that "to reach Vision 2023 and our goal of 100 million, we need to both become better at measuring our impact and to be even bolder in growth of our NSOs. We will achieve our Vision 2023 of Influence, Growth, Impact and Unity by working together, 169 NSOs around the world".

A commitment was given for all staff and volunteers of the World and Regional levels to be there in support of these growth commitments. The Secretary General thanked members for the great successes in the last three years, and the hard work and commitment ahead for all members to reach Vision 2023.

"...it's in our hands. We can do this. We will do this."

NSO GROWTH AWARDS

During the Conference, the WOSM Secretary General took pleasure in recognising some of the most significant examples of growth in NSOs. The following NSOs were celebrated for achieving the highest growth in absolute numbers and growth in reaching an increased proportion of young people in their country between 2010 and 2015. These numbers were recognised as a tribute to the outstanding quality and attractiveness of their Youth Programmes, and of the leaders who deliver it.



TOP NSOS FOR ABSOLUTE GROWTH		TOP NSOS FOR INCREASE IN % OF YOUNG PEOPLE REACHED	
<p>Worldwide Kenya Indonesia Philippines India Bangladesh</p>		<p>Worldwide Kenya Botswana Israel Bhutan Fiji</p>	
<p>Africa Kenya South Africa Ethiopia</p>	<p>Eurasia Ukraine Georgia Republic of Moldova</p>	<p>Africa Kenya Botswana South Africa</p>	<p>Eurasia Georgia Republic of Moldova Armenia</p>
<p>Arab Oman Lebanon Libya</p>	<p>Europe Turkey United Kingdom Israel</p>	<p>Arab Oman Lebanon Tunisia</p>	<p>Europe Israel Czech Republic San Marino</p>
<p>Asia Pacific Indonesia Philippines India</p>	<p>Interamerica Argentina Brazil Mexico</p>	<p>Asia Pacific Bhutan Fiji Philippines</p>	<p>Interamerica Trinidad and Tobago Bahamas Argentina</p>



[WOSM Membership Report 2017](#)





Strengthening the Decision-making of WOSM

Striving to address delegate feedback from previous Conferences, the WSC proposed and the Conference approved changes to the Conference Rules of Procedure to create a more engaging and informed decision-making process for all. This process was streamlined, inclusive, created relevant resolutions, and provided a deeper understanding of the effects on the organisation.

The key changes accounted for included:

- advance deadlines for proposing Draft Resolutions and Amendments,
- translation of majority of Conference Documents to the five WOSM working languages,
- background information documents,
- online and in-person discussions, and
- a Resolutions Committee available to support in the months leading up to the Conference.

To learn more about the changes made to the Rules of Procedure from previous Conferences, please visit www.scout.org/rop2017.



[Conference Document 2 - Rules of Procedure](#)



Online Question and Answer Sessions

To increase the inclusiveness of the decision-making process and provide a deeper understanding of the decisions to be made by the Conference, WOSM hosted 12 online Question and Answer sessions in the five WOSM working languages prior to the Conference.

These Question and Answer sessions provided NSOs with an opportunity to ask questions about and discuss the Draft Resolutions and draft objectives of the World Triennial Plan 2017-2020 proposed by the WSC, Draft Resolutions proposed by Member Organizations and Constitutional Amendments.

These sessions had a big impact on the preparation of delegations to the Conference, with over 570 people registering for these Question and Answer sessions and nearly 10,000 people viewing the sessions on Facebook Live.

Review of the 2017 Conference Rules of Procedure

Due to the efforts to strengthen WOSM's decision-making process and the substantial changes in the 2017 Conference Rules of Procedure, it is important as an organisation to review the success and impact of these changes.

Feedback on the 2017 Conference Rules of Procedure has been received both through the Focus Group evaluations at the Conference and the participant survey after the Conference. This feedback will be taken into consideration for future Conference Rules of Procedures. To see full details of the evaluation, please refer to Figure 29 and the Focus Group Evaluation sections of the Conference Evaluation.



[13th World Scout Youth Forum and 41st World Scout Conference Evaluation](#)





Conference Organisation

Conference Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons

The WSC appointed at its March 2017 meeting the following persons as Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the 41st World Scout Conference:

- Ms Johanna Nyman, Conference Chairperson (Finland)
- Mr Winston Adams, Conference Vice-Chairperson (South Africa)
- Ms Nargiz Balakishiyeva, Conference Vice-Chairperson (Azerbaijan)
- Mr Cheng Kiong Tan, Conference Vice-Chairperson (Singapore)
- Mr Wahid Labidi, Conference Vice-Chairperson (Tunisia)

Non-Committee Members as Chairpersons of the World Scout Conference

For the first time, the WSC appointed non-committee members as Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons for the World Scout Conference, bringing a deeper sense of impartiality to the decision-making process. This was a big success and proved to be a strong shared leadership approach for future Conferences.



[Circular No. 17/2017](#)



Conference Tellers

The Conference endorsed the following Conference Tellers during its opening session on 14 August 2017:

- Ms Clara Drammeh (Germany)*
- Mr Gary Gaughan (Ireland)
- Mr Pamane Masego (Botswana)
- Ms Sarah Van Ruyssevelt (Belgium)*
- Gen Cedrick Train (Philippines)
- Ms Caitlin Weich (New Zealand)

**Two additional Tellers were appointed by acclamation of the Conference on 16 August 2017.*

Conference Resolutions Committee

The Conference endorsed the following members of the Resolutions Committee during its opening session on 14 August 2017:

- Mr Daniel Corsen Jr (Curaçao – Chairperson)
- Ms Elise Drouet (France)
- Mr Joseph Khalil (Lebanon)
- Ms Lydia Kiburu (Kenya)
- Ms Assiya Kobzhassarova (Kazakhstan)
- Mr Jason Ng (Hong Kong)



Support to NSOs Prior To and During the Conference

To assist with providing support and a deeper understanding of the decision-making process, the Resolutions Committee was, for the first time, provisionally appointed four months in advance of the Conference. The Committee assisted NSOs in understanding and developing strong and meaningful Draft Resolutions and Amendments.

Conference Steering Committee

The WSC appointed at its March 2017 meeting the following persons as members of the Steering Committee of the Conference:

- Ms Johanna Nyman (Finland)
- Mr Winston Adams (South Africa)
- Ms Nargiz Balakishiyeva (Azerbaijan)
- Mr Wahid Labidi (Tunisia)
- Mr Tang Cheng Kiong (Singapore)
- Mr Ahmad Alhendawi (WOSM Secretary General)
- Mr João Armando Gonçalves (WSC Chairperson)
- Ms Mari Nakano (WSC Member)
- Mr Göran Hägerdal (WSB)
- Mr Stephen Peck (WSB)

Conference Credentials Committee

The WSC appointed at its March 2017 meeting the following persons as members of the Credentials Committee of the Conference:

- Mr Derek Pollard (United Kingdom)
- Mr Ahmad Alhendawi (WOSM Secretary General)
- Mr David Berg (WSB)

Conference Planning Team

In February 2016, the World Scout Conference Planning Team had its first meeting to begin their preparations. Their leadership made for a successful and innovative Conference. Setting the stage to further increase the inclusiveness of future Conferences.

- Mr João Armando Gonçalves (WSC Chairperson)
- Ms Mari Nakano (WSC Member)
- Ms Máire Fitzgerald (Youth Advisor)
- Mr Ahmad Alhendawi (WOSM Secretary General)
- Mr Göran Hägerdal (WSB)
- Mr Stephen Peck (WSB)
- Mr David Berg (WSB)
- Ms Hana Pasic (WSB)
- Mr Dong-Wook Lee (WSB)
- Ms Noha Shawky (WSB)





Conference Host Committee

The Host Committee of the Youth Forum and Conference worked extremely hard to organise these great events. A very warm welcome to Azerbaijan was received by all Youth Forum and Conference participants and wonderful opportunities were provided to experience local cultures and traditions of the Land of Fire. Here are the members of the Host Committee, who were supported by a large and diverse group of Azerbaijani and International Volunteers.

- Mr Ilyas Ismayilli
(Chair of the Host Committee)
- Ms Oleksandra Tulina
(C4 Director of the Host Committee)
- Mr Emin Babayev
(Venue Manager)
- Ms Nargiz Balakishiyeva
(13th World Scout Youth Forum Director)
- Mr Teymur Abdullayev
(Accommodation Manager)
- Ms Lala Abdullayeva
(Volunteers Manager)
- Mr Izzat Nurali
(Technology Manager)
- Mr Rufat Valizada
(Cleaning, Catering & Waste Manager)
- Ms Sevil Isgenderova
(Transport Manager)
- Ms Zuleykha Aslanli
(Conference Office Manager)
- Mr Abbas Fatullayev
(Public Relations & Communication Manager)
- Mr Arif Garayev
(Accompanying Persons' Program Manager)
- Mr Akbar Atakishiyev
(Procurement & Logistics manager)
- Ms Gulsara Gasimova
(Side Events Manager)



Conference Documents and Other Publications

A total of 20 Conference Documents were published, with many of them being published three to four months in advance of the Conference, to allow sufficient time for delegations to become acquainted with important information regarding decisions to be made during the Conference.

Translation to the five WOSM Working Languages

As one of the efforts to strengthen and increase the inclusiveness of WOSM's decision-making process, nearly all the official Conference Documents were translated into all five WOSM working languages.



[2017 Conference Documents](#)

Conference e-Voting System

For the first time, an electronic voting (e-Voting) system was used during the Conference and Youth Forum.

During the Conference, the e-Voting system was used for voting on the following matters:

- Appointment of Tellers,
- Appointment of Resolutions Committee,
- Constitutional Amendments (including Amendments to the Constitutional Amendments),
- Conference Resolutions (including Amendments to the Draft Resolutions),
- Amendments to the draft objectives of the World Triennial Plan 2017-2020,
- 42nd World Scout Conference and 14th World Scout Youth Forum host.

Due to technical issues present on 16 August 2017, the voting for the following items were undertaken using paper:

- Constitutional Amendments 02, 03 and 04,
- Conference Resolution 2017-B,
- Elections for the 2017-2020 World Scout Committee,
- 25th World Scout Jamboree host.



Advancing WOSM's Decision-Making Process through e-Voting

The use of the e-Voting system undoubtedly increased efficiency and saved time required for the decision-making process at the Conference and Youth Forum. Despite teething problems, it is definitely the way forward not just for future World Scout Conferences and Youth Forums, but also to be considered for Regional Scout Conferences and Youth Forums.





Conference Outcomes

Future World Scout Events



[Circular No. 46/2017](#)

The following NSOs were appointed as Hosts of future World Scout Events:

- 42nd World Scout Conference and 14th World Scout Youth Forum (2020)
Egyptian Scout Federation
- 25th World Scout Jamboree (2023)
Korea Scout Association

Conference participants expressed their sincere gratitude to the two other candidates, Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia (The Scouts Association of Malaysia) and Związek Harcerstwa Polskiego (The Polish Scouting and Guiding Association) for the time and effort invested in putting forward their respective invitations for consideration by the Conference.



World Scout Committee Elections

Out of the 19 candidates put forward by Member Organizations, the 12 individuals listed below (ordered alphabetically) were elected as Voting Members of the 2017-2020 WSC on 16 August 2017:

- Mr Mehdi Ben Khelil
- Mr Peter Blatch
- Mr Edward Andrew 'Andy' Chapman
- Mr Jo Deman
- Mr Janaprith Salinda Fernando
- Mr Ilyas Ismayilli
- Ms Sarah Rita Kattan
- Mr Leonardo Morales Morales
- Ms Pia Melin Mortensen
- Ms Jemima Nartemle Nartey
- Mr Juan Reig
- Mr Craig Turpie

At the first WSC business meeting on 17 August 2017, the following three individuals were elected as Officers for the 2017-2020 triennium:

- Mr Craig Turpie, Chairperson
- Ms Jemima Nartemle Nartey, Vice-Chairperson
- Mr Edward Andrew 'Andy' Chapman, Vice-Chairperson



[Conference Document 11 - World Scout Committee Elections](#)



[Circular No. 45/2017](#)



Business Resolutions

The Business Resolutions approved by the 41st World Scout Conference, along with all other Business Resolutions dating back to 1920, can be accessed on the World Scout Conference Resolution Database at www.scout.org/resolutions.



[Business Resolutions as approved by the 41st World Scout Conference](#)



[Draft Objectives for the World Triennial Plan 2017-2020 as approved by the 41st World Scout Conference](#)



Youth Involvement in the Decision-making of WOSM

Participants at the Youth Forum had the first opportunity to debate in-person and develop draft Amendments. Many of these great decision-making inputs from the Youth Forum were subsequently supported by Member Organizations and officially put forward to the Conference.

A great success was seen in youth involvement in the decision-making of WOSM through inputs to the World Triennial Plan 2017-2020, with seven of the 16 Triennial Plan Amendments coming from the Youth Forum and five of the 11 Amendments to Draft Resolutions coming from the Youth Forum.

Constitutional Amendments

Amendments to the WOSM Constitution as approved by the 41st World Scout Conference

- 01 Constitutional Amendment: Scout Method
- 03 Constitutional Amendment: Electronic Communications
- 05 Constitutional Amendment: Obligations of Member Organizations
- 06 Constitutional Amendment: Co-options to the World Scout Committee
- 07 Constitutional Amendment: Virtual Meetings
- 08 Constitutional Amendment: Functions of the World Scout Committee, financial reporting
- 11 Constitutional Amendment: Annual Registration Fee
- 12 Constitutional Amendment: Dissolution of WOSM (as amended)

Resolutions of Courtesy



[Resolutions of Courtesy as approved by the 41st World Scout Conference](#)



[Constitution of the World Organization of the Scout Movement - 2017](#)





Conference Reports

Report of the WSC Chairperson and WOSM Secretary General

Lord Baden-Powell once said, "It is a Movement, because it moves forward. As soon as it stops moving, it becomes an Organisation, and is no longer Scouting". This triennium has indeed been one marked by movement.



[World Scout
Committee 2014-
2017 Triennial
Report](#)

Mr João Armando P. Gonçalves and Mr Ahmad Alhendawi, gave their report presenting the successes and challenges WOSM has faced as an organisation during the 2014-2017 triennium. They highlighted that there have certainly been many achievements:

- dedication to excellence in the WSC
- a strong bond with our NSOs and Regions
- a shared passion for Scouting and true belief of its impact
- a united Movement
- a growing Movement
- a Movement answering to the needs of its members



[Report of the World Scout Committee Chairperson and WOSM Secretary General - video](#)



[World Scout Committee 2014-2017 Triennial Report - video](#)

During their report, importance was given to Vision 2023 and that the six Strategic Priorities had set the foundation for the World Triennial Plan 2014-2017 (Forward together: Towards Impact and Growth). It was confirmed that these priorities have always been the compass throughout the triennium as WOSM aimed for Influence, Growth, Impact and Unity.



Financial Report

During the Conference, Mr Dan Ownby, Vice-chairperson of the World Scout Committee 2014-2017, presented a financial report to the Conference participants. Several financial accomplishments during the 2014-2017 triennium were reported. These included ensuring that audited financial statements were completed within six months from financial year end, successful implementation of a new financial management system across all World

Scout Bureau Support Centres, as well as development of Finance Best Practices, New Fee Collection Policy and Volunteer Expense Reimbursement policy that ensure sound financial management. All the Finance Committee's accomplishments and action items for looking forward to the next triennium can be viewed in the World Scout Committee 2014-2017 Triennial Report.

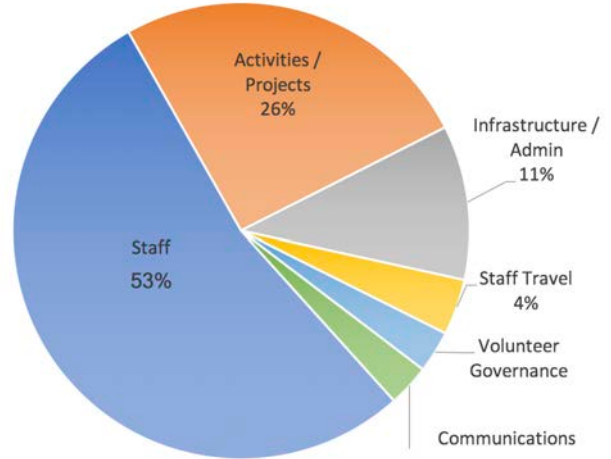
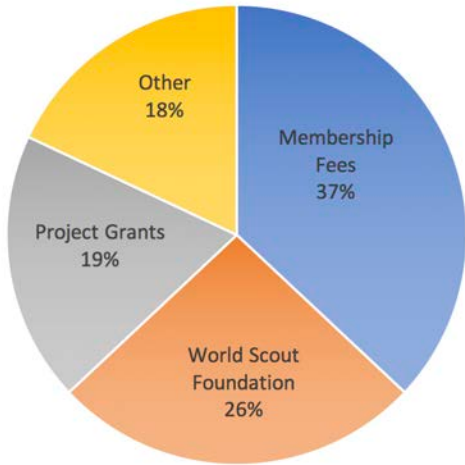


[Financial Report - video](#)



[World Scout Committee 2014-2017 Triennial Report - Finance and Audit Committees](#)

REVENUE: USD 12.5 MILLION



Resolutions Committee Report

The Resolutions Committee published two reports during the Conference, one in advance of the Constitutional Amendments session and one in advance of the Business 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 4D – Resolutions Committee Report](#)



[Conference Document 7D – Resolutions Committee Report](#)





Conference Programme

Breakout Sessions on Draft Resolutions, Constitutional Amendments and Other Key Topics

With the advance deadline for submitting Draft Resolutions, time was allocated at the Conference for in-depth discussions and debates on the Draft Resolutions, Constitutional Amendments and other key topics.

These breakout sessions gave Member Organizations an opportunity to learn more about the intent of the proposals, ask questions and discuss with other Conference participants, providing a deeper understanding of the decision at hand for the Conference. The topics presented in the breakout sessions were the following:

- 13th World Scout Youth Forum Outcomes
- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Concept Review of the World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference
- Constitutional Amendments
- Draft Resolutions by Member Organizations 2017-I (Languages), 2017-K (WSC size), 2017-L (Youth Advisors)
- Draft Resolutions by Member Organizations 2017-J (Sustainability), 2017-M (JOTA-JOTI), 2017-N (Bidding for Events)
- Fees and Voting
- Membership Growth
- Scout Method
- Spirituality in Scouting
- Transparency in Scouting
- World Safe from Harm Policy
- WOSM Membership Requirements (see Constitutional Amendment 02)



Breakout Session on World Triennial Plan 2017-2020

The World Triennial Plan 2017-2020 small group breakout session proved to be a great opportunity to engage all Conference participants in the discussion, debate, and prioritisation of the draft objectives of the World Triennial Plan 2017-2020, which were being put forward later in the Conference for vote. A total of 60 small groups, in the five WOSM working languages, were made available to participants to increase the inclusiveness of the discussions.

Feedback was shared through commenting and placing stickers directly on large cardboard boxes where the draft objectives were presented. This feedback was displayed throughout the Conference for all participants to review and see what others discussed. It laid a great framework for Member Organizations wishing to propose Amendments and for the decision-making of the Conference.

Breakout Sessions on Messengers of Peace

As Scouts, we work hard to support our communities, working together to create a better world. At the Conference, 16 NSOs shared with participants strong examples of Scouts in action through the Messengers of Peace initiative. This helped to show other NSOs the impact of Scouting around the world and to showcase the benefits of getting involved in Messengers of Peace.

Breakout sessions were focused around the five themes of Messengers of Peace projects: Capacity Strengthening, Environmental Protection, Humanitarian Action, Inspiring Messengers of Peace, and Peace and Dialogue.



[H.E. Mr Jakaya Kikwete, former president of the United Republic of Tanzania - video](#)

Partnerships

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

His Excellency Mr Jakaya Kikwete, former president of the United Republic of Tanzania, attended the Conference as the keynote speaker. His Excellency has been a champion of education in his own country and abroad. He has also demonstrated true leadership and extraordinary commitment to his country and his people.

During the Keynote, His Excellency encouraged Scouts worldwide to continue to advance their Mission and urged them to make a positive contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals.



[World Scout Foundation Update - video](#)

World Scout Foundation

Mr John Geoghegan, Director of the World Scout Foundation, provided a progress update to the Conference on work that has been completed during 2014-2017 triennium in partnership with WOSM, the success of the Messengers of Peace initiative and the exciting launch of the Scout Donation Platform.



[Joint WOSM and WAGGGS Address - video](#)

Joint WOSM and WAGGGS Address

Ms Nicola Grinstead, WAGGGS World Board Chairperson and Mr João Armando P. Gonçalves, WOSM WSC Chairperson, shared with the Conference the work that had been undertaken in the 2014-2017 triennium to continue building a strong partnership between WAGGGS and WOSM.





Guest Speakers

The Conference was addressed by partners of WOSM who shared motivating and empowering messages with the Conference participants. The following addresses were delivered during the Conference:



[H.E. Mr António Guterres, United Nations Secretary General \[video message\]](#)



[Ms Elizabeth Nyamayaro, Senior Advisor to Under-Secretary-General and Executive](#)



[H.E. Mr Faisal Bin Muaammar, Secretary General of the King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz](#)



[Mr Niels Caszo, Global President of AIESEC](#)



[Mr Gordon Brown, United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education \[video message\]](#)

NSO Showcase

NSOs that underwent an Assessment, using the Global Support Assessment Tool, were invited to help demonstrate the accomplishment of WOSM's Global Support System by recognising their participation in the system and sharing their good practices. A total of 20 best practices were shared by NSOs covering eight of the ten Dimensions of the Global Support Assessment Tool.

Some of the exciting topics discussed were Conflict of Interest policies, young people in decision-making, internal communication systems, financial controls, improving safety of children, growth strategies, and GSAT for the group level.

The NSO Showcase helped to build synergies within WOSM for Global Support, allowing participants to connect with other NSOs through the learning and exchange opportunity, offering them a chance to better understand the Global Support system from their peers.





Youth Forum and Conference Digital Communication

Since 2015, various digital engagement strategies were implemented for the Youth Forum and Conference. At the beginning, the focus was to promote participation in both events, and as the events neared, the focus was on providing users with the latest event information and news, as well as promoting the outcomes of the events.

The Youth Forum and Conference were used to introduce some innovations in World Scouting digital engagement, and an overview of these innovations are highlighted in the Youth Forum and Conference Communication Report. Significant national press coverage was also received for the Youth Forum and Conference, specifically in the host country and countries which were candidates to host World Scout Events or who were being recognised as new WOSM members.

Social Media

Both the Youth Forum and Conference resulted in unprecedented digital engagement by leveraging various online and social channels including scout.org, Youth Forum and Conference event mobile apps, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. Efforts on social media generated over 17 million impressions resulting from over 6.5 million social media posts and online conversations around #ScoutForum and #ScoutConference.



[13th World Scout Youth Forum & 41st World Scout Conference Communication Report](#)



Youth Forum and Conference Evaluation

The participant evaluation survey that was sent out to 1,025 participants of the Youth Forum and Conference received 339 responses. Focus Group evaluations were also conducted at the 41st World Scout Conference in all five WOSM working languages. The overall feeling from respondents was that the Youth Forum and Conference were great successes!

Great support was given to new institutional initiatives like e-Voting, non-WSC member Chairpersons, and the new Rules of Procedure. While many comments were positive, constructive feedback was also received for looking at ways to further improve such items as the technology for the e-Voting, transportation and the availability of a variety of catering options.

The full details and data can be reviewed in the 13th World Scout Youth Forum and 41st World Scout Conference Evaluation report.



[13th World Scout Youth Forum and 41st World Scout Conference Evaluation](#)







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