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Proposed Ordinary Resolutions by Member Organizations
and the Africa Scout Committee

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Languages

The official languages of the Africa Scout Region are English and French. The World Scout Bureau will make all Conference Documents available in both languages. As far as possible, it endeavors to make them also available in Portuguese. In the event of a conflict arising out of the interpretation of this Conference Document or any other official document of the Africa Scout Region, the English text shall prevail.

Proposed Ordinary Resolutions

Africa-OR01-2025 Regional Triennial Plan 2025-2028

Content Proposal

The 19th Africa Scout Conference,

- applauding the improved approach to the development of the Regional Scout Plan 2025-2028, based on the evaluation of the framework employed for the previous exercise,
- taking note of the wide consultations undertaken during the process,
- commending all those involved in this important exercise,

Approves the Regional Scout Plan for the period 2025-2028

Asks the Africa Scout Committee,

- ⇒ to complete a feasibility review, inclusive of the Resolutions approved at this conference,
- ⇒ to set up an Operational Framework to implement the Regional Scout Plan, and
- ⇒ to publish the Regional Triennial Plan 2025-2028

- Recognizing that the official languages of the Africa Scout Region are English and French,
- The Regional Scout Plan is anchored on the Mission of Scouting and reaffirms the Africa Scout Region's active contribution in implementing the Strategy for Scouting and in achieving Vision 2033 and the World Triennial Plan while simultaneously setting a strategic direction for the Region as a whole.
- The Regional Scout Plan 2025-2028 was not only developed through a reflection on the past, but ultimately through making futuristic considerations on the role of Scouting in a dynamic and ever-changing world. conceived as a forward-looking initiative to reinvigorate our Scout Movement in a rapidly changing world.
- The plan integrates innovative strategies to meet the emerging challenges youth and communities face. It captures ideas from different stakeholders, Member Organisations, key volunteers and youth in the region. It is intended to challenge Member organisations to better deliver on their respective mandates and become influential actors in education, development and youth work in respective countries and the region at large.
- It seeks to unify member Organisations in Africa to focus on positive transformation and achievement of the mission of Scouting and inspire future generations through a shared commitment to create a better world.

Proposed by Africa Scout Committee

The Conference adopts Regional Triennial Plan 2025-2028

Africa-OR02-2025 Consideration of Portuguese as a working language of the Africa Scout Region

- Recognizing that the official languages of the Africa Scout Region are English and French,
- Recognizing the WOSM Vision 2033, which aspires to create a Scouting movement that is inclusive, innovative, and representative of all young people, ensuring every Scout, regardless of language, can participate meaningfully and contribute to our shared mission.
- Acknowledging the presence of five (5) National Scout Organizations (NSOs) within the region, namely Angola, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau, Cabo Verde, and São Tomé and Príncipe, that primarily operates in Portuguese, representing a combined membership of around 80,000 Scouts.
- Recommends that the Africa Scout Region progressively look to work to include Portuguese in the translation of key official documents, strategic communications, and capacity-building materials, where feasible.
- The Africa Scout Region explore and develop a cost and impact assessment to implement cost-effective translation mechanisms, including collaboration with Lusophone volunteers, youth networks, NSOs, technologies and support from WOSM structures.

Proposed by Associação dos Escuteiros de Cabo Verde and seconded by Liga dos Escuteiros de Moçambique.

The Conference, instructs the African Support Centre to:

- Prepare a cost and impact assessment towards adopting Portuguese as a working language of the Africa Scout Region and with that consideration.
- Prepare the Rules of Procedure for future Africa Scout Conferences which are to be considered and approved by the Conference to include the adoption of Portuguese as a Working Language for the Conference.

Africa-OR03-2025 Consideration of Swahili as a working language

- Language plays a critical role in fostering unity, cultural identity, and inclusive participation. Kiswahili, being one of the most widely spoken languages across the African continent, serves as a unifying tool among diverse linguistic communities.
- In recognition of its cultural and historical significance, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) declared July 7th as World Kiswahili Language Day — a global milestone that affirms the importance of Kiswahili in fostering African identity and integration.
- Moreover, the African Union (AU), through its Agenda 2063, passed a resolution that by the year 2063, all African countries are to have fully implemented the teaching and use of Kiswahili as a means to promote continental unity, communication, and shared heritage.
- **Considering** the strategic vision of the Africa Scout Region to foster inclusion, unity, and meaningful engagement among young people across linguistic and cultural backgrounds, we hereby propose:
- That Kiswahili be officially endorsed and adopted as a working language in all Africa Scout Region meetings, conferences, and communications.

Rationale

- **Inclusivity:** With millions of Kiswahili speakers across East, Central, and parts of Southern Africa, adopting Kiswahili enhances access and participation among grassroots Scouts.
- **Continental Alignment:** This aligns with the African Union's language policy and the broader Agenda 2063 aspirations.
- **Youth Empowerment:** Promoting Kiswahili in Scouting activities encourages pride in African heritage and identity, which is central to the movement's values.
- **Operational Efficiency:** Kiswahili is already used in several regional and sub-regional Scout events. Its official endorsement will standardize and legitimize its use.

Proposed by Tanzania Scout Association and Seconded by Kenya Scout Association

The Conference, instructs the African Support Centre to:

- Prepare a cost and impact assessment towards adopting Kiswahili as a working language of the Africa Scout Region, and with that consideration.
- Prepare the Rules of Procedure for future Africa Scout Conferences which are to be considered and approved by the Conference to include the adoption of Kiswahili as a Working Language for the Conference.

Resolutions Moved by the Youth Forum

Africa-OR04-2025 Increasing Participation in National, Zonal, Regional and World Events

The Conference:

- Considering the importance of young people's participation in Scouting events for their personal development, particularly in leadership training, youth forums, jamborees, Moot conferences and other conferences.
- Considering the low representation of young people under the age of 30 at these events, due, in particular, to a lack of access to advance information and a lack of financial resources.
- Noting that the new World Scouting strategy, adopted in Cairo in 2024, emphasizes a world shaped by youth involvement.

The Proposer hereby moves the following resolution.

Proposed by 10th Africa Youth Conference

Requests the Conference to encourage NSOs to actively support youth participation in Zonal, Regional, and World Events by ensuring timely sharing of information, and by providing adequate financial and technical support to enable youth from their respective NSOs to be represented at these events.

Africa-OR05-2025 Recognition of Non-formal Education through Scouting

The Conference underscores that non-formal education, as provided by Scouting, is a cornerstone of holistic human development and must be recognized, measured, and validated. National Scout Organizations are therefore mandated to operationalize competency-based matrices, certification systems, and advocacy strategies to ensure that the skills acquired through Scouting are fully acknowledged and valued in education systems, labour markets, and society at large.

The Conference,

- Recognizing the importance of holistic education that goes beyond the classroom;
- Affirming that non-formal education (NFE) contributes significantly to the acquisition of life skills, values, and competencies necessary for personal development, employability, and active citizenship;
- Acknowledging that Scouting and National Scout Organizations (NSOs) are among the largest global providers of structured non-formal education, equipping young people with leadership, resilience, problem-solving, and community engagement skills;
- Concerned that the contributions of NFE often remain undervalued and unrecognised in national education systems, policy frameworks, and labour markets,

The Proposer hereby moves the following resolution.

Proposed by 10th Africa Youth Conference

The Conference hereby instructs the Africa Scout Committee (ASC) to mandate the creation of a task team who shall, under the guidance of WSB and the ASC:

- Develop standardized competency matrices that define and categorize the learning outcomes gained through Scouting programs, and developing a guidance mapping them against national and international qualification frameworks;
- Develop frameworks of systems to document, assess, and certify non-formal education outcomes, including through digital credentials, certificates, and skills passports.
- Develop a strategy to enable NSO's, in partnership with relevant Ministries such as those of Education, Labour, and Youth, to advocate for the formal recognition of Scouting's NFE outcomes within national education policies and qualification frameworks. The framework to be developed should align the assessment matrices with global benchmarks such as UNESCO's lifelong learning frameworks and the UN Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth);
- Develop a model to systematically collect data, conduct impact assessments, and publish evidence demonstrating the value of Scouting's NFE in fostering employability, civic responsibility, and social innovation;
- Identify and establish partnerships with research institutions and independent evaluators to ensure credibility and accountability.
- Develop an implementation plan under which NSOs could actively engage with governments, employers, and educational institutions to secure recognition of non-formal education credentials for recruitment, admissions, and professional development;

Africa-OR06-2025 Development, Adoption and Implementation of a Youth Involvement Policy.

The Conference,

- Recognizing the need for NSOs youth engagement to align with the new WOSM strategy 2033 which addresses a fit for purpose, as well as a World Shaped by Youth;
- Reaffirming the youth as key stakeholders of the Scout Movement.

The Proposer hereby moves the following resolution.

Proposed by 10th Africa Youth Conference

The Conference hereby requires that member NSOs in the Region develop, adopt, and implement National Youth Involvement Policies that aligns to the WOSM Strategy, so as to improve the youth participation in both their leadership, and representation of their respective NSOs in regional events.