



# **REPORT OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> AFRICA SCOUT YOUTH FORUM 2022**

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## Chairperson's Address

I will start by expressing my deepest thanks to our guests, staff, volunteers, participants and all those who have been working to bring this event to fruition.

I have 5 key words that I believe are key to driving an empowered and involved youth in Africa. These 5 I imperatives are as follows : Inspire, Influence, Innovate, Involve and Impact.

The first – inspire. We must share our stories and energy and inspire our fellow youth to do more. This is about creating space to learn from each other. We must ensure that all parts of our movement listen create understanding, not only to respond. Inspiration is the first step in a greater journey towards change.

Inspired young people have the tools and confidence to influence others towards positive change. As they pass through their communities, Scout organisations and networks, they share the light and warmth of their inspiration, influencing others to grow as well. This grows our sphere of influence – and also grows understanding of our movement out in society.

The next I is about innovation. As youth, we are placed to bring others into the new. The needs of young people today are not the same as the needs of young people ten years ago, and different still from those of the future generations. While some things remain constant, like our scouting values, others change over time. We need to innovate to remain inclusive. We need to innovate to remain relevant. So the next time you get hit by a big idea – don't dismiss it. Take it and run with it, try it and test it. The worst that can happen is you need to try again.

Scouts never travel alone. We are taught to work in patrols and troops and groups – each one leading at times and knowing when to follow. Each one has their part to play in achieving the ultimate outcome. So too must we involve not only youth, but other genders, cultures, races and all those different to ourselves. We must remember to keep the team mindset as we go and involve others so we can all reach the top of the mountain together.

Finally, as scouts and youth we create impact. If we can inspire, influence, innovate and involve we can make a bigger IMPACT. And impact is what it is all about. So I say I CAN. I can inspire. I can influence. I can Innovate. I can Involve. And these things together make an Impact.

Each change you make and each person you impact has a greater ability to make positive change and take their own part in this circle. Every day, make the decision to be the first positive ripple in your network.

I have a quote here from an American missionary who grew up in China, named Pearl Buck – which may seem far from us and our needs, but I believe applies to us here today. “The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt the impossible – and achieve it, generation after generation”.

Don't make the mistake of thinking you're working with ideal circumstances or the perfect world - we need to work from where we are and who we are to make real, sustainable change.

It is not about living a life where everything is easy. It is not about never being afraid. It is not about never struggling. It is about taking all that you are, and all that you can be, and picking yourself up and continuing to Do Your Best- for yourself, for Africa, and for the world. The world is calling on its young people to move humanity forward – to leap into the unknown and bring with us energy, new ideas and inclusivity for all.

## Introduction

The 9<sup>th</sup> Africa Scout Youth Forum was held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 21-23 August 2022 with the theme “Shaping Connected Futures”. The forum was represented by a total of 26 countries present and an additional 4 proxies assigned. The forum is a vital part of the decision making and governance of the Africa Region, as it allows for youth input into these processes. It also allows opportunity for connections and international cooperation amongst participants and member organisations, as well as time for learning, education and development amongst those present. This has been an amazing forum, with high quality discussions and perspectives being presented, and a high level of potential, skill and energy amongst the participants to the event. It is important to highlight our appreciation for all participants, guests, volunteers, planning team members and hosts who contributed to making the event happen.

Please note that this report should be considered alongside the report of the Youth Advisors to the Africa Scout Committee 2018-2022 as well as the reporting of the Africa Scout Committee to be presented to the Conference.

## Objectives of the Forum

The first and foremost objectives of the Africa Scout Youth Forum are youth engagement in decision making and governance within the region, and provide a platform for delegates of member organisations under the age of 26 years to contribute and lead in the future of our movement in Africa. In addition, objectives of the event include education and training on various WOSM programmes, special topics and governance mechanisms. We also aim to provide an exciting and engaging experience to participants from across Africa, and develop connections, friendships and renewed energy amongst the group.

## Highlights from the Forum

Looking at the programme for the 9<sup>th</sup> Africa Scout Youth forum, the key themes of the event were:

- Decision making and youth engagement
- Connecting youth together
- Entrepreneurship
- Sustainability and Community involvement

The event was high energy with many energisers from participants and a packed programme.

## Recommendations of the 9<sup>th</sup> Africa Scout Youth Forum

The forum proposed and passed 8 recommendations on the floor of the Africa Scout Youth Forum, to be proposed at the 18<sup>th</sup> Africa Scout Conference. These are entitled as below, and the full text may be found online and will be read during the resolutions session at the conference.

1. **ADVANCEMENT OF INCLUSIVE SCOUTING THROUGH INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY**
2. **ENSURING CONTINUED YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN DECISION MAKING AND GOVERNANCE**
3. **PREPARATION OF DELEGATIONS TO THE ASYF AND ASC**
4. **INCREASED PROACTIVE YOUTH CONSULTATION IN AFRICA SCOUT CONFERENCE DELEGATIONS**
5. **PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE FREQUENCY OF GOVERNANCE RELATED EVENTS**
6. **YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING BODIES**
7. **PROMOTION OF THE BETTER WORLD FRAMEWORK**
8. **MOBILISATION OF ALL YOUTH ADVISORS TO THE AFRICA SCOUT COMMITTEE**

## Election of Youth Advisors to the Africa Scout Committee 2021-2024

The voting for the incoming team of Youth Advisors to the Africa Scout Committee were conducted via the e-voting system. The results for the election of the Youth Advisors to the Africa Scout Committee were presented to the participants by the chairperson with the following persons being voted in;

- I. Hamidou Diallo Farouk (Chairperson) - Niger
- II. Isaiah Marikopo (Vice Chairperson) - Zimbabwe
- III. Abdi Shadyat Idd (Secretary) - Tanzania
- IV. Mora Frederick – Chad
- V. Ishimwe Fred - Burundi
- VI. Peter Ampumuza - Uganda.

## Summary and Conclusion

In summary, with a very busy and exciting programme, and excellent and high quality recommendations having been proposed, the 9th Africa Scout Youth Forum was a successful event and we thank the planning team for their continuous contributions.

## Appendix: Detailed report of the programme of the event

### 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022 (DAY ONE).

The forum started at 09:10 HRS East African Time with all delegates and observers seated as designated with country tags.

#### Announcements

Announcements were done by the Youth Advisors to the Africa Scout Committee Ms. Kathleen which included a call to make a donation of 2 USD or more, with each donation resulting in the planting of a brown olive tree here in Kenya.

#### Daily meditation

The daily meditation had the theme being unity.

#### Confirmation of Quorum

All countries present confirmed by raising the tags on their table on call by the chairperson.

#### Safe from Harm presentation

The Safe from Harm team gave a presentation to inform the participants on the programme and gave a practical Safe from Harm activity. This is to promote a safe environment without any form of discrimination. The listening ear team ran a simulation, dividing the forum participants into four international teams which were tasked on how they would respond to a bullying case at a Scout Jamboree. The answers were to be submitted to the team by the end of the days program.

### E-Voting

At 09:50 HRS, the chairperson welcomed all participants to the forum, defined the objectives of the 9<sup>th</sup> Africa and called for registration of members not yet on the E-voting system. She went ahead and assured the participants of system integrity and security of the same.

The chairperson led the heads of delegation from all the National Scout Organisations in running a test for the e-voting by logging in and having some trials and ensure that they can be able to vote.

At 10:25HRS the delegates approved, by simple majority:

- THE AGENDA OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> AFRICA YOUTH FORUM. The motion was carried with thirty eight (38) in favour of the motion.
- RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE 9<sup>TH</sup> AFRICA YOUTH FORUM. The motion was carried with forty(40) votes in favour.
- ENDORSEMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS DRAFTING COMMITTEE. The motion was carried with forty (40) votes in favour.
- APPOINTMENT OF THREE TELLERS. The motion was carried with thirty eight votes in favour and two votes in absentia.

At 11:15HRS, all went for an interactive tea break.

### Inspiration

The team shared inspirational sentences and posted them at the expectations corner as well as collected the expectations of the participants at a poster tree.

### Team building

At 11:50 HRS, all participated in team building activities both indoors and outdoors, after which they proceeded for lunch.

How to draft resolutions and amendments;

After the lunch break, at 14:00HRS, the team was guided on how to draft resolutions that were to be presented to the conference after the youth forum.

The hierarchy of the recommendation to become resolution was;

- Recommendations
- Conference
- Resolution

The objectives for a draft were presented with key thoughts while doing recommendations being;

- Purpose- the intention or objective of the draft
- Policy- does the recommendation impact a certain policy?
- Scope-something that impacts the National Scout Organisation generally or specific bodies.
- Historical impact- consider what has already been done and do something different or better the existing.
- Language- official language is used to ensure information is well understood.
- Grammar- short sentences are used with basic words, clear description for it to be easily understood by all.

Structure;

- I. Heading- the name; what is it for
- II. Pre-ambulatory clause- use history to connect the draft as to why you want it.
- III. Operative clauses- this answers what must be done, by who and who is proposing and who is seconding.

Types of resolution;

Four types of resolution were presented which included;

- General policy resolution

- Constitutional amendments
- Resolution drafting amendments
- Resolutions amendments to the rule of procedure

The team was assigned to submit their recommendations by 10:30 on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 2022.

The participants later proceeded to break out sessions in their cohorts with different discussion queries.

Opening ceremony;

The forum was officially opened at 17:00 HRS by the chief guest Mr Roy after prayer and speeches from;

- The National Youth Chair, Mr Sheldon Marumbu; who warmly invited everyone to the forum and Kenya, praising it as the home of Baden-Powell; who was buried at his second home PAXTU in Nyeri. He went ahead to invite all the youth to the first ever Africa Rover Moot
- Mr Lamine, on behalf of the Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee; who urged all to fully understand their purpose knowing that their recommendations and decisions would affect the whole of Africa.
- Ms Kathleen; Chairperson of the Youth Advisors to the Africa Scout Committee; who urged the youths to; Inspire by motivating each other, influence others towards positive change, be innovative to the dynamic changes to fit the current needs for all people especially young people, involve all people in creating a better place and impact by creating positive memory across society.
- Mr Frederick Kama Kama, the regional director of the Africa Region; who congratulated the outgoing Youth Advisors for their accomplishments and presented the vision 2030 growth in membership numbers. He advocated for being prepared for a rapidly changing Africa and world, adapting to the dynamic world through innovation so as to build consensus and urged the youth to live to leave a legacy to humanity.
- CEO NATIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE- MR ROY, (CHIEF GUEST)

The chief guest shared his story to success and shared reasons for being meaningful in creation of change that impacts positively to all. He also urged the youth to;

- Take responsibility as leaders to create the world they want to live
- Build international solidarity
- Called for action to help society recovery from COVID 19
- Liberate and take up the power of showing up
- The power of personal branding

After the chief guest's speech, all members present convened for official photo session at 18:20HRS. Delegations present took an official photo with the guests each at a time. During this period.

Candidates for Youth Advisor to the Africa Scout Committee

The chairperson guided and presented all candidates for election as youth advisors to the Africa Scout Committee as well as the process and procedure for the election.

Each of the 14 candidates was allowed 3 minutes to present on their campaign.

Evaluation

The evaluation, being a critical measure for success of an event was conducted to enable the team gauge how the forum was onset. The responses were to be noted by each international cohort and forwarded to the logistics team.

**22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2022 (DAY TWO)**

Announcements

Morning meditation

The morning meditation was led with the theme being; Innovation

Safe from harm presentation

The Safe from Harm team awarded persons who answered the previous day challenge and assigned a new challenge.

Report of the Youth Advisors to the Africa Scout Committee 2018-2022 (available in full online)

The team reported to have had their strengths and weaknesses, challenges and accomplishments. They reported to have experienced growth as well as challenges in the zones and added that though it was not an easy time in office, it was a worthwhile. The team accredit team work to be their main strength and reasons for success.

The team encouraged the participants to:

- Start where you are; there is no a best time to start but the accomplishments that come with just starting are greater.
- Youths need to take challenge out of comfort zone and make the world a better place.

Safe from Harm workshop

What WOSM has done to ensure the safety of young people.

- Ensures the policy for the safe from harm; which ensures a safe environment for people emotionally, psychologically and physically.
- Ensures that everyone understand what it means to be safe.

Forms of abuse;

the safe from harm cohort led the participants of the youth forum through forms of abuse that could make a space unsafe for scouts.

- Gender-based Violence
- Sexual harassment
- Neglect
- Emotional abuse
- Bullying

They also educated the participants that everyone needs to be safe, and that it is important to speak about safety in scouting as it ensures safety of everyone and ensures that everyone is aware of abuse that they can be exposed to. They also educated the youths on how to create awaereness and gave tasks to be discussed in the international cohorts.

Key note address

At 11:05 HRS, the team reflected on the theme shaping connected futures in the context of youth leadership led by Mr Evans Njoro, the director National Jeunes Scientifiques, Kenya.

His key points on how to prosper collaboratively and make impact with the necessary tools to influence included but not limited to;

- Human Resource- ensure you sharpen yourself everyday through reading or academic discussions.
- Social capital- he emphasized on the need to invest in people by connecting with people and letting them know what you are good at.
- Three dimension- always look for something that gives you a spark, for instance scouting and let it brighten you.
- Inspire – he encouraged the youth to find their voice and inspire others to find theirs.
- Ask for help- the speaker emphasized on the significance in asking for help in leadership.

In an open discussion, the speaker was asked what drives their leadership and responded that they love what they do, they encouraged the youth to be outgoing and always have the drive and a teachable spirit.

At 12:15 Mr Njoro, the National Director, Young Scientists Kenya. He took the team through a brief statistical history of Africa's youth composition. He presented three considerations that would save Africa;

- Leadership- there is need to have young people guided, morally supported and self driven as leaders.  
He gave the characteristics of entrepreneurs as
  - Decision makers.
  - Risk takers
  - Creative
  - Visionary
- Innovation- he encouraged youths to look for mentors in their innovations, do research on organisations that help them out in their innovations and emphasized that one cannot succeed in innovation without support.

At 13:00 HRS all went for lunch and resumed for the breakout sessions at 14:08HRS.

### Breakout sessions

The topics for the breakout sessions were;

- Exploring the Better World Framework
- Entrepreneurship – SCOUTpreneur programme and how to become a sustainable visionary entrepreneur
- Spaces for Advocacy- youth led advocacy in scouting, types of advocacy and impact of advocacy
- Mental health- Healing invisible wounds.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Africa Rover Moot

A presentation for the first ever Africa Rover Moot was given, with the speaker presenting the theme for the moot; “Innovating the Next Steps”, the dates for the moot; 15<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023, the slogan “Let’s Go!”, and the charges for the moot. She explained more on the activities of the moot and assured the participants of thorough preparedness by the NSO to ensure the participants enjoy and learn more from the Moot as there were committees formed each with a specific task for preparation.

### 23<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2022 (DAY THREE)

At 09:00HRS, all convened at the plenary

Announcements were made and the team was taken through the daily meditation by with the theme being; environment conservation.

#### Safe from Harm Presentation

The listening team led the participants through the previous days question on sexual abuse and discussed on how to respond to such situations. They also awarded the participants who had submitted their answers for the challenge.

#### Marketplace

At 09:40 HRS, the members went to the open outdoor sessions which they were guided on several WOSM programmes.

#### Elections

At 10:50HRS all delegates with the assistance of the technical team logged into the e-voting system and were guided on the voting procedure. At 11:00HRS, voting began and ended at 11:45HRS.

## The Africa Scout Foundation

The foundation was started in 1995 and officially registered in 2020. It is an educational platform that champions Scouting in Africa with some of their activities being:

- Resource mobilization
- Business Partnerships
- Youth support

The speaker encouraged the youth leaders to join the foundation as a way of assisting in accomplishing Scout activities in benefit of the society and gave the appropriate procedure to joining.

## Results declaration

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The chairperson of the forum congratulated the team and promised to work in collaboration with the team to ensure inclusive and diverse representation. She advised the team to work together to ensure the achievement of their goals set for the region.

The new team was invested into office and welcomed by the outgoing team.

At 17:00 all heads of delegation from all national scouting organisations logged into the e-voting and went ahead to vote for and against the proposed recommendations as they were read by the chairperson.

The forum closed officially at the campfire.