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Languages

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In the event of a conflict arising out of the interpretation of this Youth Forum Document or any other official document of the World Organization, the English text shall prevail.*

1. Introduction

a) A message from the Youth Advisors

These last four years were full of learning and a number of successes and significant developments in the governance of World Organisation of Scout Movement (WOSM). This report is split into two parts, the reporting on the 2017 - 2020 triennium and the reporting on the additional year 2020 - 2021 which was necessary due to the postponement of the 42nd World Scout Conference. This report presents the main work and achievements accomplished by the Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee (WSC) and is to be considered in conjunction with the ordinary reporting of the WSC to the 42nd World Scout Conference. The report closes with a reflection on key learnings and the main challenges for the future work of Youth Advisors.

The first, and probably most impactful decision on our work in the WSC, came at the very beginning of our mandate. After being elected the question arose what role we would take in the WSC. Two mutually reinforcing processes came to shape our approach: on one hand, the Committee's introspection and continuously evolving ways of working, particularly towards more consensus-based, participatory and inclusive decision-making, minimizing the importance of the act of voting, and recognizing the "team of 27" as the full World Scout Committee; and on the other hand, the Youth Advisors' early commitment to challenging traditional notions of "youth representation", where the expectation of young people's participation is often limited to their involvement on traditional "youth topics", or speaking as a unified "advisory group" on behalf of "youth" as a heterogenous group.

The deliberate approach chosen by the Youth Advisors was to challenge the existing system, and fully integrate as *de facto* members of the World Scout Committee, each and every one contributing to the decision-making processes of the organization and focusing on our respective strengths and passions. It is our firm belief that this is not only the most effective contribution to the governance of our organization, and the most meaningful and qualitative modality of youth participation, but also an approach which would most forcefully progress the agenda for youth engagement in WOSMs' governance. As *de facto* members of the World Scout Committee, we were able to exercise all functions associated with a World Scout Committee member, except the act of voting. Only once in the four years that we had the pleasure of serving on the WSC, we issued a joint opinion on a specific topic. When the WSC was discussing the future role of Youth Advisors we deemed it appropriate to share a joint perspective with the WSC.

Following this approach each one of us became an expert in their policy areas, and a well-respected member of the Committee. Over the past four years we felt that we were an integrated and valued part of the Committee that was given the opportunity to contribute on a level playing field with other members, elected or ex-officio, of the Committee. We were part of the discussions, agreed and disagreed, but ultimately came together in the decisions that were made.

Over the next pages we will be going into some more detail of the work we did on a strategic and operational level as part of the WSC. The participants of the 14th World Scout Youth Forum (WSYF) are invited to reflect and debate how the work of the Youth Advisors outlined in this report can be used in the future.

b) Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee

The 13th WSYF in Gabala, Azerbaijan elected the following six Youth Advisors to the WSC for the 2017 - 2020 Triennium.

- Diana Carrillo Tiburcio (Mexico)
- Mori Chi-kin Cheng (Hong Kong)
- Julius Kramer (Sweden)
- Edgar Marumbu (Kenya)
- Martin Meier (Liechtenstein)
- Amal Ridene (Tunisia)

Due to the global pandemic caused by COVID-19 and the respective decision to postpone the 42nd World Scout Conference and 14th WSYF, the World Scout Committee, in its March 2020 meeting took the decision to prolong the mandate of the elected Youth Advisors until 2021. This was necessary as the Youth Advisors were elected for the "term 2017 - 2020" (Call for Nominations, Circular No.5, 2017) and not "until the next World Scout Conference" (WOSM Constitution, Chapter V, Art. XIII (3)) as it is the case for elected members of the WSC.

2. Activities undertaken by the Youth Advisors (2017-2020)

The following section is divided into two parts. The first part will focus on the work completed on a strategic level within the WSC. It will focus on four different aspects: youth empowerment, which has naturally always been a prominent topic within the Movement; our work on gender equality; our work on finances and risk management, as well as our approach to World Events. These four points were selected specifically as we believe they are worth highlighting from a Youth Advisor perspective. The second part of this section will focus on the operational work that we have engaged in. It is equally divided into four sub-sections focusing on the Work Streams and Standing Committees we have been part of, the planning of the 14th World Scout Youth Forum, and on our communications with young people as this was one of the key points highlighted during our election at the 13th World Scout Youth Forum. Together with the rest of the WSC, we have over the course of the Triennium engaged on many more topics both strategically and operationally and we would invite you to consult with the official WSC Triennium reporting.

a) Strategic - World Scout Committee

At the beginning of its term, the WSC decided that it was a team of 27 equal in all aspects of their decision making, but in the right of voting, which, constitutionally, is bestowed on the 12 members elected by the World Scout Conference. In spirit with that decision, we, the Youth Advisors, did not act as a single 'block' within the WSC but were a heterogeneous part of a team of 27. In spirit with that decision, we took part in all WSC discussions, agreed, and disagreed with each other but ultimately always stood behind the decision taken by the WSC. This specific way of working allowed for an immense growth of all members of the WSC as we became respected experts in our topic areas. Only once in our term we deemed it helpful to express a shared perspective towards the rest of the WSC. This was the case when we were discussing the future of the Youth Advisor system, and we believed it would be helpful if the current Youth Advisor reflected on their role and shared ahead of time on how the future of the Youth Advisor system could look like. Over the next pages we will be reporting on some of the key aspects of the WSC strategic decision making.

1. Youth Empowerment

The World Scout Conference in Slovenia, 2014, adopted the World Scout Involvement Policy, which highlights the importance of youth involvement at the unit level, the institutional level and the community level. This led to the formation of a Youth Engagement Unit in the 2014 - 2017 Triennium to work on youth involvement at the unit level, a range of Better World Framework initiatives focusing on the community level and a range of developments on an institutional level. At the start of the 2017 - 2020 triennium, the WSC decided to continue the work of the Youth Engagement Unit under its Educational Methods workstream and to continue building on the Better World Framework initiatives to support youth involvement at the unit and community level. To support youth involvement on an institutional level, while considering World Scout Conference Resolutions 2017-12, "Youth Advisor Functions and Responsibilities, 2017-11 "Review of World Scout Committee Size for Improved Efficiency, Accountability, and Effectiveness" as well as 2017-07 "Inclusive Decision Making - Developing the World Scout Conference and the World Scout Youth Forum", the WSC created two Task Forces to address the actions points in the respective resolution. In its September 2019 meeting, the World Scout Committee was presented with a document containing a decision tree which included the question if, and in what capacity, the Youth Advisor system should be continued if it was decided to either merge, or not merge the World Scout Conference and the World Scout Youth Forum. For further information, we refer you to Conference Document 4a containing the draft resolutions proposed by the WSC and to the respective supporting documents.

During its initial deliberations, the WSC agreed that the current system of Youth Advisors should be reviewed, but opinions were mixed as to the most appropriate mechanism to ensure youth participation moving forward. The WSC is committed to advance the topic of youth engagement at all levels and

considerable effort and time was spent on understanding different members' perspectives and reaching an outcome which all members felt comfortable supporting.

The Youth Advisors united in expressing a joint position during the September 2019 WSC meeting highlighting the need for a comprehensive youth involvement strategy which aims at setting direction, addressing obstacles to youth participation coming from the local and national levels, and outlining the multiple approaches necessary to ensure meaningful youth engagement. The new structure could consist of several complementary mechanisms and should guarantee the representational and capacity building functions of the current system, while moving away from the current format of an interim side structure of "Advisors". The strategy should focus on WOSM's structures while addressing the need to ensure participation and empowerment of young people at all levels of the Movement. More concretely, while calling for progress beyond the Youth Advisor system, the Youth Advisors stressed the importance to uphold the WSC Size and Effectiveness Task Force's recommendation to not replace the current Youth Advisor system until a new system could be established.

Following the September 2019 WSC meeting, the discussion around how to strengthen youth involvement further continued. Ahead of the March 2020 WSC meeting, which originally included in its schedule decisions around potential constitutional amendments and World Scout Conference resolutions, some of the Youth Advisors created a "Background paper to ensure youth involvement in our governance", which was shared with all members of the WSC ahead of the meeting. The background document also included a proposal to bring forward to the World Scout Conference an amendment to temporarily amend the WOSM Constitution to reserve a fixed number of seats, out of the 12 elected members, for young people. The Committee did not reach a consensus on proposing a quota to ensure full youth participation in the governance of WOSM. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the WSC decision to ask Member Organizations (MOs) for a postponement of the 2020 World Scout Conference, the agenda item regarding potential constitutional amendments and World Scout Conference resolutions was postponed. Elements supporting a more comprehensive strategy to empower young people can be found in the express plan (a one-year plan outlining WOSMs work between 2020-2021) under the heading "Initiate developing a new Youth Engagement Strategy". During the additional year we served on the WSC the discussion around creating a Youth Engagement Strategy and if / how the YA system should look like in the future, continued. The outcome of those discussions, which managed to bring together the whole WSC behind a proposal that we believe will considerably strengthen the role of young people in our organisation's governance can be found in the respective resolutions outlined in Conference Document 4a and its supporting documents.

2. Gender Mainstreaming

Following the appointment of the Operational Framework, and after reflecting on the lack of equal gender representation in leading roles within WOSMs' structures, the Steering Committee identified a need for internal analysis and strategic discussion on institutional barriers and enablers of gender equality in WOSM. A short-term "innovation group" to support the World Scout Committee with internal analysis and facilitate introspective conversations to progress gender mainstreaming in WOSM, was established. Led by Julius Kramer, the gender mainstreaming team delivered the following:

- A data report on gender and age representation in WOSM leadership at World and Regional levels.
- A two-hour long gender mainstreaming workshop with the WSC and WSB Senior Management Team, to discuss experiences, obstacles and opportunities, and assess the root causes of gender inequality in WOSM.
- A gender mainstreaming component of WOSM's 100-day Covid-19 response plan, including an online Gender Glasses training for WSB staff and WOSM volunteers.

In our view, this topic needs to be taken into consideration for the next triennium and could have a similar approach to the Youth Engagement Strategy, where first it is necessary to understand the barriers that undermine gender equality at all levels of the Movement.

3. Finances & Risk Management

Considering her professional background, Amal Ridene has joined the finance committee as a non-voting member. The finance committee oversees budgeting, income, and expenditure, as well as recommends best practices. Having YAs with a financial / legal background naturally led to a situation where some of the YAs would develop a deeper understanding of WOSMs finances and risk management and focus their energy and work on the WSC partly on this key aspect of governance. Moreover, when finances and risk

management topics were discussed, all YAs were involved, posing strategic questions and reflections to ensure financial resources are utilised based on the priorities.

4. World Events

As part of the WSC we were invited, based on our roles in the WSC and operational framework, to take part in various WOSM events over the four years and support them in a strategic and/or operational capacity. Next to attending regional conferences, the two most notable events were the World Scout Jamboree co-hosted by Scouts Canada, Boy Scouts of America, and Scouts Mexico, and the World Non-Formal Education Forum in Brazil.

Additionally, together with the rest of the WSC we were part of the discussion and debates around the upcoming Moot and Jamboree asking critical questions to the organisers, sharing our experiences aiming at creating well-run, inclusive and meaningful events for young people.

b) Operational - Operational Framework

I. Work Streams

(1) Educational Methods

From the Youth Advisors, Amal Ridene joined the Educational Methods workstream as an EM WS core member supporting the Youth Engagement unit, and later on in the triennium as a lead volunteer of the unit. The WS led the promotion of 328 educational resources all of which are existing now on the WOSM services platform to support NSOs in the 8 Educational Methods services as well as supporting key world events including the World Scout Jamboree 2019 and the first World Non-Formal Education Forum.

During the one-year plan, the EM WS focused on delivering projects around youth programmes during COVID-19, the Better World Framework, diversity and inclusion, humanitarian action and youth engagement. Two key outcomes were the [Scoutship](#) and the [Guide to Youth Programme in Scouting \(GPS\)](#).

(2) Communication and Strategic Partnerships

From the Youth Advisors, Edgar Marumbu supported the Work Stream as a volunteer in the communications unit and Martin Meier led the unit working on partnerships and strategic engagements. The Work Streams mandate was to coordinate the overall work of communications and partnerships, to support the implementation of the Communications and Strategic Engagement Strategy (CSE) and to work on optimizing the public profile of Scouting. Some of the key achievements of the workstream include:

- Training and involvement of a network of youth representatives in global events and advocacy efforts
- Design and implementation of an internal communications strategy to improve outreach to NSOs
- Launching and engaging members of the new Global Communications Network
- Updated WOSM's position papers on non-formal education with Big 6 partners, and produced the Rio Declaration on Non-Formal Education
- Developing key resources, e-learning courses and support to NSOs through the WOSM Services areas of communications and partnerships
- Coordinating communications, branding, visual production, media relations and partnership engagement for the 24th World Scout Jamboree and World Non-Formal Education Forum
- Engaged partners and NSOs in the Global Development Village at the 24th World Scout Jamboree
- Launching the Scouts for SDGs mobilization and digital hub at UN headquarters
- Starting work on a business development and fundraising plan for WOSM

(3) Good Governance

The beginning of the Triennium saw the development and launch of WOSM Services, a platform and approach redefining the ways in which NSOs could engage with and receive support from WOSM in areas

ranging from Good Governance to Youth Programme. Julius Kramer joined the WOSM Services team to provide strategic oversight on behalf of the World Scout Committee.

(4) Growth and Strategy Coordination Group

From the Youth Advisors, Mori Cheng supported the Growth and Strategy Coordination Group. As part of the group, Mori was involved in the strategic oversight of the Triennial Plan implementation and also took on responsibility around implementing resolution 2017-10 Environmental Sustainability Impact. Some of the key achievements of the Growth and Strategy Coordination Group include:

- Organised the workstream induction workshop in Turkey
- Monitored and reviewed the progress of implementation of the triennial plan, including the mid-term and final evaluation
- Reviewed and evaluated the meta indicators of Vision 2023
- Drafted and reviewed the one-year plan 2020-2021 after the triennial plan 2017-2020
- coordinated the growth unit and the growth service unit in WOSM services
- prepared the draft triennial plan 2021-2024, including engagement with different stakeholders and regions

II. Standing Committees & Task Forces

Amal supported the WOSM Languages task force, which was initiated as a response to the resolution 2017-09, asking the organization to re-evaluate the needs, use and strategy of WOSM in regards to the languages it uses. The task force conducted a thorough analysis about the languages spread and use within NSOs and developed new practices and guidelines to support the operation procedures that would reflect language.

Martin supported the creation of WOSMs Ethics Committee (EC) as well as the creation of the WOSM Code of Conduct (CoC). Since its establishment, the EC and CoC have proven important structures to address disputes and impunity within the organization.

Julius served on the Steering Committee of the World Scout Committee, providing leadership to the WSC and support to the Chairperson, handling major executive matters in-between WSC meetings, handling issues of sensitive/strategic nature, preparing matters for submission to the WSC, planning the agenda of WSC meetings, following up on decisions taken by the WSC, overseeing and monitoring the implementation of the Triennial Plan, and advising the Secretary General on matters within the Secretary General's mandate.

Moreover, Diana was part of the Task Force in charge of updating a key document that guides the principles of our global Movement, named "The Essential Characteristics of Scouting", which the former version was published more than 20 years ago.

Diana was also part of the Task Force in charge of following up on resolution 2017-07 "Inclusive Decision Making - Developing the World Scout Conference and the World Scout Youth Forum", developing a proposal for consideration of the World Scout Committee, which emphasized the importance of mainstreaming youth engagement. The work of this task force also contributed to identifying the need for a comprehensive Youth Engagement Strategy.

Additionally, Diana took on a role with the Continuous Improvement Unit of the WSC working on making our WSC meetings more efficient, sustainable, culturally friendly and fun. This unit also guided and supported the operational framework mid-term and final evaluations. Lastly, during the one year plan (2020-2021), key reflections were made and a plan was developed around the open call to be launched to recruit volunteers for the next Triennium.

Furthermore, Mori contributed to the work of the task force that followed up on the resolution on sustainability after the Conference in 2017. The task force focused on reviewing the current environmental impact on the organization, including conducting some baseline study and research. Besides, the task force also engaged a professional consultant to look into the future sustainability strategy of WOSM and launched the guidelines for World Events on sustainability. The WSC has put forward a resolution on WOSM's environmental sustainability for approval to the World Scout Conference.

Mori was also involved in the WSC size and effectiveness task force, where the task force conducted a substantial review on the historical development of the WSC governance structure and evaluated the

effectiveness of the entire composition of the WSC. The task force also reviewed the roles of the Youth Advisors and provided recommendations to the WSC and engaged in the subsequent discussion on the youth engagement strategy and the merger of the World Scout Conference & Youth Forum.

III. Planning of the 14th World Scout Youth Forum

Following the World Scout Youth Forum (WSYF) guidelines, Diana and Mori were elected by the Youth Advisors to be part of the Planning Team (PT) of the 14th WSYF. The process of recruiting the other PT members started in September 2018 with the identification of potential candidates from the regions to be interviewed. After the selection process concluded, the first meeting took place in May 2019 to start conceptualizing the Forum and its main programme elements. The PT developed the theme for the Forum ("Bridging the World") and put forward the idea of having just one theme for both the WSYF and the World Scout Conference, which was adopted by the World Scout Committee with great enthusiasm.

The team continued the planning process, which unfortunately was slowed down due to the uncertainty of having a physical event. In March 2020, when the events were postponed, the team started to consider how to keep the spirit of the Forum alive, while engaging young people from around the world in a series of conversations to discuss the impact of COVID-19 in their lives. This is how "Youth Dialogues" came to life from August to November 2020, completely planned and delivered by young people for young people. The topics included education, mental health, peace and resilience, climate change, innovation and economy, and inequalities, all in the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals.

At the start of 2021, the team began discussions on how to potentially deliver a virtual Forum, with the experience gained from the Youth Dialogues. After the decision to have a virtual event was voted by the NSOs, the Planning Team continued to work full speed, in coordination with the World Scout Conference planning team to deliver the biggest and first ever virtual WSYF, engaging in strategic and operational decisions and activities.

The Planning Team members of the WSYF were:

- Ms. Diana Carrillo Tiburcio (Mexico), Chairperson and YA to the WSC
- Mr. Mori Chi-Kin Cheng (Hong Kong), Vice-chairperson and YA of the WSC
- Ms. Sarah Moinet (France)
- Ms. Nour Elhouda Mahmoudi (Algeria)
- Mr. Dadé Adamou Raphael Mahaman Bassirou (Niger)
- Ms. Anastasia Iarvoi (Republic of Moldova)
- Mr. Ahmed Elhalfawy (Egypt)

IV. Communication

During the 13th World Scout Youth Forum communications as a whole was discussed among participants, with particular focus on how the YAs communicated. After our election, we decided to revamp our Facebook page, previously called Youth Wall, and share our thoughts after WSC Meetings via a live-stream and promote relevant topics online. One important discussion and decision that we took was to rebrand the Facebook page and change its name to "World Scout Youth Forum", since we agreed that the Forum is more of a platform and beyond an event. Over time the interest in our broadcast and sharing declined and we ended up putting considerable additional work into communications without seeing a return.

Additionally, the use of the previous 13th WSYF Facebook group and the Whatsapp group were a means to allow former participants to exchange good practices and share information. With that being said, it may be worthwhile for the 14th World Scout Youth Forum to consider what kind of communications they would like to see from the next generation of YAs considering that the WSC as a whole already communicates with NSOs and young people.

3. Activities undertaken by the Youth Advisors (2020-2021)

Due to the global pandemic caused by COVID-19 and the respective decision to postpone the 42nd World Scout Conference and the resulting prolongment of voting members' terms, the World Scout Committee, in its March 2020 meeting took the decision to prolong the mandate of the elected Youth Advisors until 2021. Together with the leadership of our operational structure, the WSC, including the YAs, defined and implemented the 100-day COVID-19 response plan as well as the 2020-2021 one-year plan. The focus of the work of the World Scout Committee, which held an additional two meetings, shifted towards

supporting NSOs and Regions during the pandemic, ensuring the financial stability of the World Organisation, supporting world event hosts and preparing the first ever online World Scout Youth Forum and Conference. As Youth Advisors, we continued engaging in some of the previously stated units and workstreams, while preparing the 14th WSYF and supporting the preparations of the World Scout Conference.

4. Learnings and Challenges

Joining the World Scout Committee and becoming part of the leadership of an international organisation with more than 54 million members around the world, hundreds of employees and thousands of volunteers and is a steep learning curve for everyone involved, no matter in what capacity you serve on the Committee or your age. Hence considering the YA system as a "learning experience" within the context of Educational Methods is a flawed approach, as it is a learning experience for everyone involved. Having young people take part in decision making, both in the World Scout Committee and the World Scout Conference, is not entirely about young people "learning" but about a diverse set of actors making the best decisions for our Movement. It is also about governance. Youth engagement should not be siloed in Educational Methods but mainstreamed across the management and governance of our organization. Young people have a right to be involved, as equal actors, in all decisions that affect them. Those are the rights we jointly as young people have to claim and defend.

Young people have to be equal actors in decision making to ensure the best possible governance outcomes. From the start of our mandate, the World Scout Committee considered itself a team of 27 all equal, except in the act of voting. We dare to say that except for title and vote, we were fully integrated in the operations and decisions of the World Scout Committee. Nevertheless, we need to recognize that the advisory title systemically puts the YAs in a different "youth sphere" which could often be observed when engaging outside of the Committee and the lack of vote creating a power structure that cannot be overcome by creating an atmosphere around a team of 27.

By engaging in several discussions with the World Scout Committee members, as well as with regional youth advisors and other young people in leadership positions in our Movement, we came to realize that there are still barriers to youth engagement that vary from region to region, and that, in order to achieve better levels of youth engagement at the world level, it is absolutely necessary to start identifying those root causes and acting to overcome those challenges at the local and national levels. Furthermore, we learned that youth engagement is much more than being involved in decision-making processes or the institutional aspects of Scouting but is something embedded in the Scout Method since the Movement began and it has the purpose of developing the skills and attitudes to be active citizens in our communities.

We can and must do better. In 2021 it is not good enough anymore for young people to be 'advisors' to the governance board of a youth organisation. They must be an equal, non-discriminated, part of it. Considering the momentum around merging the World Scout Youth Forum and the World Scout Conference into one event that allows young people to be decision makers and the momentum around building a new Strategy for Scouting, the time to act is now.

5. Conclusion

Together, with our colleagues in the World Scout Committee, we believe young people around the globe should benefit from our educational approach around empowering young people to take on leadership positions at the highest level. We believe that the proposed Youth Engagement Strategy will enable us to do so.

But the Strategy cannot achieve this alone. Governance changes are needed at all levels.

Bringing together the ideas of young people from the World Scout Youth Forum with the decision-making powers of the World Scout Conference will enable our youth movement to be directly steered by young people. Together with the intention to discontinue the YA system, which gives young people the opportunity to serve as voting members of the World Scout Committee we can take the next step towards a World Scout Committee which is equipped to make the best possible decision for our Movement. We count on NSOs to encourage and put forward young delegates and candidates.

6. Annex

a) Implementation of the 13th World Scout Youth Forum Declaration

WSYF Declaration Action Points	Action Plan
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT	
<p>1.1 We call on the World Scout Committee to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • seek assurance from Member Organizations that they are developing intergenerational partnerships 	<p>During its engagements with NSOs the WSC highlighted the importance of including all generations in decision making processes.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pledge to continue Youth Involvement in global decision-making 	<p>The discussion on how to strengthen YI within the WSC and WOSM as a whole was a key part of WSC discussions</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monitor Member Organizations to make sure that they have democratic structures that enable young people to be part of decision-making processes at all levels within the Member Organizations 	<p>A monitoring framework is implemented via the annual reporting package & GSAT as well as the support provided by the Youth Engagement unit, where surveys have been developed in the frame of the Youth Involvement Strategy implementation 2017 - 2021 progress report.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increase support structures to build the capacity of young people in various roles of responsibility and increase the inter-generational relationship and practical Youth Involvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting regional and national events • Direct work on the topic via the YE Unit
<p>1.2 We request the World Scout Committee and Youth Advisors to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • critically assess the added value of the current system 	<p>Task forces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WSC size and effectiveness - Evolution of WSYF / WSC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consider the possibility of, as a potential way forward in the spirit of meaningful Youth Involvement, reversing the current roles in the WSC by establishing an Elderly Advisors system for the young World Scout Committee 	<p>Task forces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WSC size and effectiveness - Evolution of WSYF / WSC
<p>1.3 We recommend Member Organizations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • take steps that allow their representatives to have a sufficient level of preparation to ensure that they can actively contribute in all aspects of the Forum and Conference. Young people should be encouraged to attend these events and supported throughout the preparation and the events' activities. 	<p>This is a request towards NSOs. However, the Planning Team of the Conference and Forum published guidelines to support the preparation of the delegations of these events.</p>
<p>1.4 We also call on Member Organizations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increase youth representation in the World Scout Conference, and to have youth members in their delegations as delegates 	<p>This is a request towards NSOs</p>

<p>1.5 We call on the Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> work on establishing a network ideally consisting of at least one representative from every Member Organization that attended the Forum: 	<p>An informal network was kept via the 13th WSYF Facebook group, and the Whatsapp group, but due to lack of engagement, it was discontinued.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensure continued communication between the Youth Advisors and those they are representing 	<p>The YAs do not “represent” young people but are part of the WSC to contribute to its discussion with their own youth perspective. Continued communication with former WSYF participants was maintained on various levels (personal, online, via official NSO communication).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> act as a support mechanism for youth 	<p>The YAs acted as a supporting mechanism for young people in a variety of circumstances.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensure the continuation of the work started at this forum 	<p>We believe that the resolutions brought forward by the WSC are a direct continuation of the work done during the 13th WSYF</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> find other easy access channel of communication besides the ‘Youth Wall’ to ensure that every scout is able to be fully informed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rebranding of Youth Wall Regular updates via FB and personal social media YAs are part of the WSC -> reporting happens via WSC channels
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> promote the inclusion of young people in national delegations as delegates to the World Scout Conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WSYF/WSC Evolution TF Merger Resolution
<p>1.6 We invite those involved in the review process of the Forum to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> develop a set of measures to ensure quality participation and youth contribution in the new event to ensure coherence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WSYF/WSC Evolution TF Merger Resolution
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> strive forward to keep the educational value for the less experienced participants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WSYF/WSC Evolution TF Merger Resolution The Planning Team of the WSYF considered this profile of attendees while developing the programme
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> propose a pre-event for this new model focusing on less experienced participants, aiming to ensure their proper preparation for the conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WSYF/WSC Evolution TF Merger Resolution Pre-engagement webinars were developed and made available online on the Conference website
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> establish one consolidated agenda for all participants 	<p>This will be the case if there is one merged event. Reflections around this were taken into consideration in the WSYF/WSC Evolution TF.</p>

COMMUNICATIONS AND STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENTS

<p>We request WOSM to: effectively communicate messages and announcements through official online channels and work towards minimising unnecessary unofficial channels in order to streamline communications and reach out to all</p>	<p>Official updates after every WSC meeting.</p>
<p>ensure that leaders and young people are made aware of; 1.) what World Scouting is 2.) upcoming events 3.) the impact of Scouting as a global movement</p>	<p>This is part of the overall WOSM communications strategy.</p>

<p>SOCIAL IMPACT</p>	
<p>3.1 We call on the World Scout Committee to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> review and consider the concept of 'non-political' in the constitution in order to enable Scouts to be active citizens in contemporary times </p>	<p>TF update of "Essential Characteristics of Scouting" defines this concept.</p>
<p>3.2 We also call on the World Scout Committee to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> further promote tools for the continuation of successful projects that create sustainable long term social impact on targeted beneficiaries including, but not limited to, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, processes for sharing best practices and coordinating large scale projects, etc. </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WOSM Services Scoutship

<p>DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION</p>	
<p>We call on the World Scout Committee to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> promote to NSOs and Scouts all over the world to, when possible, be aware of the diversity of sexual orientations that exist in the world </p>	<p>Special attention was given that at all world Scout events included safe spaces for people, regardless of their sexual orientation.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> design a framework for concerned NSOs to use for the planning and implementation of activities that takes into consideration the diversity of sexual orientation and ensures equality without discrimination 	<p>This topic was advanced by the Diversity and Inclusion unit.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> create a comfortable environment with support (financial and social) for Scouts with different backgrounds and socio-economic status 	<p>Via different methods - financially and socially - a safe space was created for all Scouts at world events.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensure Scouts with different backgrounds and socio-economic status are able to participate in the delivery of World-level programmes 	<p>Funds are made available to individuals in need to take part in world events</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> create and promote the use of a more inclusive language in all Scouting environment 	<p>Gender Mainstreaming in WOSM - initiative This topic was advanced by the Diversity and Inclusion unit.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> discourage the funding which origins goes against Diversity and Inclusion standards of our Movement 	<p>An active conversation was held during the Triennium with all involved stakeholders around risks resulting from funding sources which do not live up to our ethical standards.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> discourage the funding and promotion of events and programmes that go against Diversity and Inclusion 	WOSM does not fund nor promote any events or programmes that do not align with its Diversity and Inclusion policies.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensure gender diversity is represented in all levels of Scouting 	Gender Mainstreaming in WOSM – initiative
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensure that all Scouting events are accessible and suitable for people with disabilities 	This was a topic discussed in WSC meetings relating to Scout events. Additionally, webinars with NSOs took place as part of the D&I work,

GOVERNANCE AND NSO SUPPORT	
<p>5.1 We encourage the World Scout Conference to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> commence a review and make recommendations regarding the possible full integration of the Youth Advisors into the World Scout Committee 	Please refer to the resolution around the future of the YA system.
<p>5.2 We call on the World Scout Committee to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> encourage Member Organizations to have younger people participating in all levels of their governance structure. It is fundamental that these young people are supported in these roles by the Member Organizations. 	During its engagements with NSOs the WSC highlighted the importance of involving young people in governance structures to allow for the best possible strategic decisions to be made.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide guidance and training material to Member Organizations on how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> prepare young people to participate in governance conversations. select young people who will provide value at the national and world level. ensure long term continuity as delegations change between Youth Forums. 	Please refer to resources from WOSM Services. This will be further strengthened with the development and implementation of the Youth Engagement Strategy.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> develop better governance practices relating to the fulfilment of Vision 2023 through methods such as, but not limited to, improving accountability and transparency of those we elect through increased communication on their progress 	The communication and report of the WSC is part of a continuous improvement exercise. We believe significant progress was made over the last years in terms of accountability and transparency.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> create a space in the current online platforms (Facebook, WSYF app, scout.org, etc.) where Youth Advisors engage, consult and interact with young people around the world, generating dialogue by sharing and updating their work. 	FB page - after very little engagement, and a lot of invested time, this practice was discontinued.
<p>5.3 We request the Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> work for a greater involvement of young people in Vision 2023 through improved collaboration between WOSM Youth Advisors and Regional Youth Advisors and other young people 	Strategy for engagement of Regional YA. Regional YAs were called for joint initiatives and global discussions.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS	
<p>We:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • urge all Scouts of the world to take ownership of these goals and start actions to reach these goals by 2030. 	<p>This is a general call to Scouts worldwide.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encourage the Youth Advisors, as a part of the World Scout Committee, to continue their efforts in making world level meetings more sustainable. 	<p>The YAs, together with the rest of the WSC, engaged in efforts to increase the sustainability of WSC meetings.</p>
<p>6.2 We recommend the World Organization of the Scout Movement to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • help provide guidance on how to achieve the SDGs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDGs hub created https://sdgs.scout.org/ • Better World Framework reviewed and better aligned with SDGs • Other world events considered SDGs as a framework
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • create a space at scout.org that showcases best practices of the implementation of SDGs in local communities with the aim of inspiring all NSOs to work actively on the implementation of the SDGs at all levels 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • take the SDGs in consideration of all parts of WOSM not only in program and as an educational subject, more, it should be regarded in all levels of decision-making on local, national, regional and international level as the SDGs does not concern one single decision-making group but all together. 	

FINALLY, WE:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encourage WOSM to serve all the Young People of the Movement, not just those who can attend the Forums and Conferences. 	<p>This World Scout Committee, in its deliberations, at all times served the Movement as a whole. In its decisions it aimed at supporting all Scouts regardless of their age and background to allow safe Scouting to take place all over the world.</p> <p>Considering the high level of implementation of the 13th WSYF Declaration we are confident to say that the Declaration has been warmly embraced and deeply respected.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encourage WOSM to serve Scouts of all ages and backgrounds, not just those who can attend international events. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • request the World Scout Conference, the World Scout Committee, all Member Organizations and the Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee to embrace the 13th World Scout Youth Forum Final Declaration and respect the views and needs of young people all over the world. 	