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PRESS RELEASE

Kenya Scouts Association Achieves Over One Million in Membership

11 November 2015, Nairobi, Kenya: The Kenya Scouts Association (KSA) is today the sixth largest National Scout Organization in the world, with more than one million members, announced the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM).

Since 2013, the membership of KSA has grown steadily by 702,498 to reach the current 1,026,427 members.

"This is a great achievement and a good example of how National Scout Organizations can help to achieve the vision of World Scouting," said the Chairperson of the World Scout Committee, João Armando Gonçalves.

The new vision for the Movement, adopted at the 40th World Scout Conference in 2014, states that "*By 2023 Scouting will be the world's leading educational youth movement, enabling 100 million young people to be active citizens creating positive change in their communities and in the world based on shared values.*"

"This growth in membership will allow many more young people to access and benefit from the value-based education offered by the Movement. Scouting provides young people with opportunities to learn and develop their character and leadership through exciting, involving and empowering non-formal learning activities," said the Secretary General of WOSM, Scott Teare.

Since its establishment in the country in 1910, KSA has continued to offer great and valuable contribution to youth development and empowerment. Supported by over 40,000 adult volunteers and working with different partners, the Association will continue to play a vital role in complementing the role of government and other stakeholders in addressing issues facing young people in Kenya.

The Scout Movement is committed to making the Scout Programme – a progressive system of value-based non-formal education – accessible to as many young people as possible through growth in membership and continuous adaptation of the Youth Programme to suit the dynamic needs of the young people.

"As a Movement we are proud of this great achievement and commend the leadership of KSA for its efforts and dedication towards improving and enhancing the development of Scouting in Kenya," said the Regional Director of the World Scout Bureau Africa Support Centre, Frederic T. Kama-Kama.

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About the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)

Scouting is one of the world's leading educational youth movements, engaging millions of young people around the world to be active citizens to create positive changes in the communities they live in. Since 1907.

Founded by Lord Baden-Powell, WOSM is a confederation of 161 National Scout Organizations in a network of over 40 million members, including some 7 million volunteers. As it has been doing for more than a century - creating a better world - it will continue to do so, and even better with the many Messengers of Peace across the globe. For more information, visit scout.org

About Kenya Scouts Association

Kenya Scouts Association (KSA) is a registered member of the World Organization of Scouting Movement and is the largest Youth Movement in Kenya, with over 1,000,000 boy and girl Scouts and a support team of over 40,000 adult volunteer Scout Leaders. Scouting in Kenya was established in 1910. The

Association, through its programmes, aims at educating young people to play a constructive role in society and to contribute in preparing free, supportive, responsible and committed citizens, who are needed to build a better future for Kenya – men and women of character and integrity, agents of development, creative persons and spiritual people. For more information please visit www.kenyascouts.org

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