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A Messenger of Peace Hero for Africa



Hon. Francis Ole Kaparo Chief Scout Kenya Scouts



Hon. Francis Ole Kaparo the Chief Scout of Kenya Scouts Association has been recognized by the 16th Africa Scout Conference as a **Messenger of Peace Hero for Africa**, for his peace initiatives across the Kenya which has attracted the attention of Scouts all over the world.

Hon. Kaparo was also awarded the prestigious Africa Elephant Award at the Conference which took place at the Speke Hotel, Munyonyo in Kampala. The Africa Scout Conference takes place once every three years.

The Elephant award is given to personalities who have immensely supported the course of scouting in a given country in many ways.

Hon. Kaparo received this award for using personal resources to revamp the operations of Kenya Scouts Association when he was the Speaker of National Assembly, leading the Kenya Scouts as the Chief Scout of Kenya in planting 17 million trees in the last few years, and being an ambassador of peace for the Scouts in Kenya.

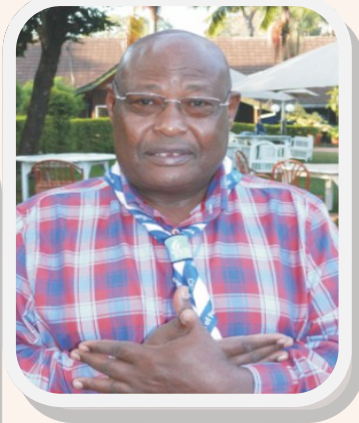
He has lead Scouts in major peace initiatives such as the Marsabit peace caravan which took place from 17th to 22nd August 2015, in which young people from various counties in the country transversed the vast Marsabit County advocating for peaceful coexistence among the 14 communities living in this region.



Hon. Kaparo arbitrating for peace in Baringo County

Hon. Kaparo carries out his duty of arbitration between feuding communities as the Chair of National Cohesion and Integration Commission as a Scout and in Scout uniform.

Messengers of Peace (MoP) is a global flagship project of WOSM that aims to inspire millions of young men and women throughout the world to work for the cause of Scouting: Creating a Better World!



Hon. Kaparo receiving the Elephant Award

SCOUTS CALL FOR PEACE IN MARSABIT

Scouting provides an interface for both peer and intergenerational dialogue. As messengers of peace, the Kenya Scouts Association under its Scouting for Peace in Kenya initiative, held a peace caravan in the vast Marsabit County on the 17th to 22nd of August 2015.

Peace has always been brokered through dialogue and through this peace caravan, Scouts offered the Marsabit communities an opportunity to dialogue with each other.

Scouts from various regions in the country transverse Marsabit advocating for peaceful coexistence among the 14 communities living in this region.

This event was flagged off by Hon. Francis Ole Kaparo, who applauded the Scouts satiating that they have taken it upon themselves to urge communities living in this region they call home, to live in peace and appreciate each other's ethnic diversity.

Hon. Kaparo further stated that he has found in Scouts a brigade of peace messengers who will not only impact this country but the world as a whole as they strive to create a better world.

"With over one million youths calling out for peaceful coexistence in this nation, we can achieve a lot" he said.

The Scouts held discussions on peace in barazas with members of the Marsabit community and were the medium of exchange of peace messages from one community to the next as they transversed through Marsabit through Laisamis, Mt. kulal, Loingelani, North Horr, Maikona, and Sololo to Moyale.

"Our Scouts will be the medium through which the message of peace will be passed from one community to another in this region" said Mr. Moses Danda the National Executive Commissioner at the Association, adding that as Scouts they have a duty to their country and are called upon to be patriotic and responsible citizens; who give back to their communities.

"Peace and cohesion at all levels be it in the family, community, national or even international has always been brokered through dialogue, and this is what we as Scouts are offering these communities - a platform to dialogue" he said.

Mr Richard Iyaya the National Youth Programme Commissioner at the Association commended the Scouts taking part in this noble task stating that the Scout Youth Programme, has molded them into men and women of character and integrity.

Through it they have learnt to be responsible and self-reliant, to be agents of change and development in their communities, promoters of peace and creative persons who continually search for ways to solve problems within their communities he added.

