



# ScoutOnline Newsletter

## TAKING UP THE LEADERSHIP MANTLE



### The 11th National Youth Forum in session

The 11th National Youth Forum took place at Rowallan National Scouts Camp from 27th to 30th September 2017 with over 40 County Youth Representatives drawn from the 47 counties in the country attending. The newly elected leaders were taken through what is expected of them, as they embark on their new role as Youth Leaders and urged to lead from the front.

"Be proactive and voice your ideas on how the lives of young people in the country can be positively impacted", said Mr Moses Danda the National Executive Commissioner, KSA who further (Cont. pg 3)



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## IN SUPPORT OF SAFE SUPPLY OF BLOOD IN THE COUNTRY



Extreme left: Mr Patrick Wambua National Executive Resource Mobilization & Partnerships KSA, Mr Peter Mwema National Executive Training KSA, Mr Josephat Gitonga Deputy National Commissioner & Youth Program Executive KSA, Dr. Josephine Githaiga Deputy Director KNBTS and Mr Joseph Kamotho Communications Officer KNBTS

In recognition of the Kenya Scouts Association zeal and efforts in blood donation drives in the country, The Kenya National Blood Transfusion Service (KNBTS) awarded the Association with a Trophy and Certificate for its noble contribution in supporting the safe supply of blood in Kenya.

The award was presented by Dr Josephine Githaiga the Deputy Director at KNBTS who thanked the Association for their continued support in the endeavor of saving lives through blood donation. "When you donate, you don't only donate blood but you give life", said Dr. Githaiga as she encouraged the Association to reach out to more Young People and Adults in the movement and beyond with the message of saving lives through regular blood donation.

Mr Gitonga the Deputy National Commissioner and National Executive in charge of the Youth Program at the Association, assured KNBTS of increased blood donation awareness campaigns by the Association through its various programs and inclusion of information on the same in the Scout Youth Program.

"This is an area that will be incorporated in the Scout Youth Program under the aspect of Community Service", said the executive".

The Kenya National Blood Transfusion Service (KNBTS) was established in the year 2000 in the Ministry of Health.

Its mandate is to collect, test, and process and distribute blood and blood products to all transfusing hospitals in Kenya.



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## LEADING FROM THE FRONT

stated that the Association has a devolve effective platform for young people to make their voices heard at Management level.

The forum also saw the youth being enlightened on Youth Employability and Personal Branding with the Association's International Commissioner Mr Antony Gitonga sharing on the impact of branding on creation of employment opportunities among the youth by the youth.

"I have learnt quite a bit on brand Me", said Claris Kwaya from Machakos County who is exited about being an entrepreneur. "I now know how to market my skills as a brand", she said.

The essence of the Youth Forum is to develop youth participation, empower and inspire them through a participatory approach, prescribed to help them develop skills in decision making which can be used within Scouting and in the wider society.

## ANTI RADICALIZATION CAMPAIGN

Eric Masaba, a member of the the Kenya Scouts Association Scout Board is leading a team of Rovers representing the Association at a Training of Trainers in Citizenship Education: Global Responses in Preventing Radicalization project in Halong Bay, Vietnam. The 10 days training is scheduled to end on 10th November 2017 with 19 participants drawn from Belgium, Cameroon, Croatia, Kazakhstan, Kenya and Macedonia attending.

The project aims at developing capacities of educational and youth leaders to work on combating violent radicalization, by designing and delivering educational programmes that promote Global Citizenship Education.

It will provide participants with the theory and tools necessary to design, implement and evaluate effective training programmes for global citizenship education and bridges educators and youth organizations in the promotion of anti-radicalization and citizenship education.

This is a project by Out Of The Box International funded by the European Commission.

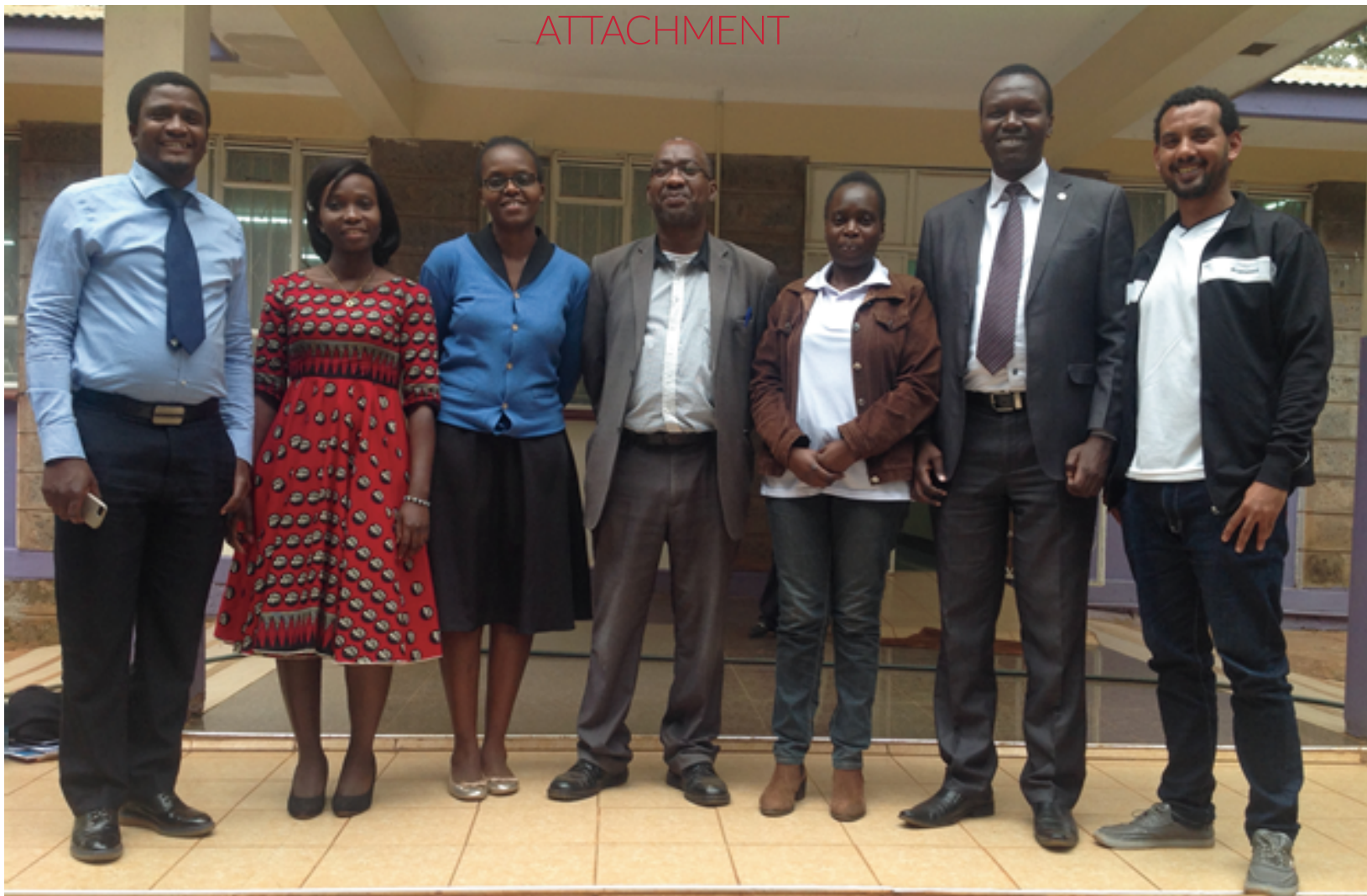


**Top:** The Kenyan delegation in a brain storming session

**Bellow:** A group photo of the Kenyan team with fellow participants



## NATIONAL SCOUT ORGANIZATIONS CHIEF EXECUTIVES ON ATTACHMENT



From left: Edward (Malawi), Manueela (DRC), Risper (Communications officer, KSA), Patrick (Projects and Partnerships Executive, KSA), Pricila (Zimbabwe), Moses (National Executive Commissioner, KSA) and Teklay (Ethiopia) pose for a group photo at the end of their attachment.

The Kenya Scouts Association was privileged yet again to have four NSO Chief Executives from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Malawi and Zimbabwe on attachment as they underwent an on the Job Training at the World Scout Bureau Africa Support Centre for a period of three weeks.

"Kenya Scouts is the Pride of Africa" said Teklay one of the participants from Ethiopia who was grateful for the opportunity to have a feel of the day to day running of the Association. "We will definitely follow in your footsteps", he added as he thanked all the Association's Head of Departments for taking them through the functioning of each of their departments.

Edward a participant from Malawi stated that his mission was fulfilled after learning a lot from the Association, sentiments echoed by Manueela from

DRC who in addition appreciated the professionalism exhibited at the KSA HQ and the great relationship between the staff and volunteers. She attributes the Association's success to these two great strengths.

Priscilla from Zimbabwe thanked the Heads of Departments for the interactive sessions and further encouraged similar interactions as the movement forges towards creating a global nation of Scouting.

The training took place from the 28th of August to 15th September 2017 with an aim of building capacity of the executives to better manage and support Scouting activities in their countries.



**Kisii University Rovers Scouts Band pose for a group photo with with World Scout Committee Members at BP Park, Nyeri.**

The World Scout Committee induction workshop and first meeting took place in Nyeri on 5th to 8th October, 2017.

The Kenya Scout Association Chief Commissioner, Mr Ray C. Musau in his presentation to the committee proposed that the Kenyan Founderee celebrations that take place in Nyeri every year, to be sanctioned as an International Scouting Event in which Scouts from all over the world can participate after every two or three years.

He also proposed the development of BP Park in Nyeri to a theme park which could further relay the rich history of Scouting all over the world.

Chipkizi (junior) and Sungura (cub) Scouts from the region mounted a guard of honor at BP Park led by a Scout band from Kisii University, in honor of the committee members and Nyeri County officials as they laid wreaths at the Founder's grave.