



MINUTES
OF THE SECOND CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICA REGION OF
THE INTERNATIONAL SCOUT AND GUIDE FELLOWSHIP
"ISGF-AFRICA"

In the year two thousand and seventeen (2017), from 24 February to 1 March, the 2nd conference of the Africa Region of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship was held at the National Center Cardinal Paul ZOUNGRANA in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

It was chaired by Mr. Henry LUKWELE (Chairman of the Africa Committee of ISGF-Africa) and Mr. Emmanuel ZOMBRE (President of the National Network of Adult Scouts and Guides of Burkina Faso "RENASAB").

In his opening speech, Mr Emmanuel ZOMBRE welcomed and thanked all the participants from the countries of Africa and Europe. Special mention was made to Mida RODRIGUES, President of the ISGF World Committee and Mrs. Martine LEVY, former President of the ISGF World Committee who provided interpretation in French / English / French.

He wished, in a world where youth education is facing many difficulties, that NSGFs should be stepping stones to meet the challenges of education and that its members should be women and men responsible for reflection, advice and support for the development and training of young people.

He therefore hoped that, at the end of the work, important decisions would be taken for the real development of ISGF-Africa.

Mida RODRIGUES, Chairperson of the ISGF World Committee, welcomed and congratulated, on behalf of the World Committee and on her own behalf, all the NSGFs present. She wished to assure the Assembly for its support to the various regional ISGFs and in particular to that of Africa.

Mr. Henry LUKWELE, President of ISGF-Africa Regional Committee, in his turn, welcomed the various delegations and thanked Burkina Faso for agreeing to organize this 2nd conference. Above all, he wished and requested that delegates participate actively and responsibly in the work so that this conference would not be one more, but the one that would propel the African region.

After these three speeches, President Henry LUKWELE declared open the work of the 2nd conference of the Africa region.

Upon resumption of the work, Mr. Emmanuel ZOMBRE, secretary of the meeting, verified the quorum and noted the presence of seven (7) NSGFs, five of whom were present with at least one delegate and two who gave proxies.

The NSGFs present:

- Benin: 4 delegates,
- Burkina Faso: 4 delegates and 3 observers,

- Côte d'Ivoire: 1 delegate,
- Ghana: 1 delegate,
- Senegal: 1 delegate.

Countries that have given a proxy:

- Zambia has given proxy to Ghana,
- Uganda has given proxy to Burkina Faso.

The Chairman then noted that the quorum of the statutory members was reached (7 out of 10 NSGFs were present). He then declared the 2nd ISGF-Africa conference regularly constituted, able to validly deliberate and take decisions by the required majority.

The program proposed and transmitted to the various delegations was approved without amendment by the Conference.

See the program in the appendix.

The work began with the preliminary observations given by the President of RENASAB (NSGF of Burkina Faso) on the health aspects, safety, regulations of the premises management that houses the conference and the holding of the conference.

The various delegations were introduced and, following the Chair of the World Committee, the Chair of the Africa Committee took the floor to give the reasons, objectives and expectations of the conference.

During this conference, it will be necessary to read, process and deliberate the amendments made by the NSGFs to the constitution of ISGF-A, to the renewal of the Africa committee which will lead the destiny of the Region for the next three years and at the choice of the NSGF to host the third Africa conference in 2019. The 2nd Africa Conference in 2016 is a turning point for the Africa region.

The opening ceremony was honored by the presence of many Scout and Guide personalities of Burkina Faso.

On the second day of the conference, the Guides of Burkina Faso, represented by its General Commissioner, Mrs Somé / SOMDA Mimimalo Alice, gave a brilliant presentation on the Guide Association of Burkina Faso. Following this, the General Secretary of the Scout Association of Burkina Faso "ASBF" also presented his association.

Work then proceeded with the presentation of the candidates for the next Africa Committee. Out of four candidates, there were 3 present and one absent in the person of Miss SUSAN ABALO of Uganda.

The candidates present were:

- Mr Pierre Damien BABO of Benin,
- Mr Iddrissu HUSSAIN from Ghana,
- Mr Henry LUKWELE of the Zambia (outgoing Chair)

As the NSGF of Senegal did not receive on time the nomination documents for the Africa Committee, the Conference decided that the NSGF of Senegal would be co-opted by the committee that will be elected.

At the end of the votes made according to the relevant texts in the ISGF constitution, the four (4) candidates were elected. A suspension was observed to allow the newly elected members of the Africa Regional Committee to consult and propose the board of the committee. Thus, the Committee in charge of the management of the fate of ISGF-A for the next three (3) years (2016-2019) is composed as follows:

- President : LUKWELE Henry (Zambia)
- Vice-President : HUSSAIN Idriss (Ghana)
- Secretary General : BABO Pierre Damien (Benin)
- Deputy Secretary General : THIBAUT Jean Paul (Sénégal) co-opted member to support the Committee
- Treasurer : ABOLO Susan (Ouganda)

Initially scheduled to last 45 minutes, the discussions on the proposed amendments by the NSGFs were very long and lasted more than 8 clock hours.

NSGFs were keen to provide greater clarity and transparency in the texts governing ISGF-Africa. All modifications and amendments to the original text can be found in the amended statutes attached to these minutes.

The ISGF-Africa Constitution amended by the 2nd Conference is subject to the disposal and decisions of the Legal Committee of the ISGF World Committee.

In order to enable the Committee to carry out its activities, the conference decided that each NSGF would contribute € 50 per year. This decision takes effect immediately after the 2nd conference. The committee was also asked to work towards the establishment of NSGFs in countries where none exist.

A recommendation was made that a database of professional skills be created in each member country of the African region.

The NSGF of Côte d'Ivoire, by her representative, Mrs LONGVILLE / ABOUA Adjoby Madeleine, informed the conference about the forthcoming gathering of adult scouts and guides called "INDABA" in August 2019 in Abidjan.

After listening to Benin and Ghana, the two future candidates to host the 3rd Africa Conference scheduled to be held in 2019, the conference chose Ghana by 16 votes out of 28 against 12 votes out of 28 for Benin.

Before the closing ceremony, an excursion to the private museum of Ourougou Manega was organized during the day of 28 February 2017. On this excursion were present delegations of the Scout Association of Burkina Faso and the Guide Association of Burkina Faso Faso.

During the closing ceremony, all speakers thanked all the NSGFs present and hoped that for the next conference there would be more NSGFs and many more representatives by delegation. Also, they all wished good luck to the new Africa committee, and hoped that it will work to strengthen and develop ISGF-Africa.

The Chair of the Africa Committee placed his mandate under the challenges of creating more NSGFs and reinforcing the capacity of existing NSGFs.

He wished all delegations a safe journey home and thanked RENASAB once again for the work done and for the successful organization of this conference.
It was around 17:49 minutes UT that he declared the 2nd African conference closed.

Attachments :

The program of work

The Constitution of ISGF-Africa

Secretary of the meeting

Emmanuel ZOMBRE

The Chairman of the meeting

Henry LUKWELE