

## ISGF West Africa consultation meeting in Porto Novo, Benin

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*Some of the countries gathered at the 2<sup>nd</sup> African gathering in Ghana in 2007, met again in Porto Novo, Benin, on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2010, on the initiative of Paul Lokossou, the leader of the Africa team of the ISGF World Committee.*

About 20 people were present, from Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Ivory Coast and Togo; and also Cirillo Ciro, from Italy and Martine Levy from France, friends of Africa.

Two days of intense reflection, of lively discussions on the possibilities:

- to make the NSGF more dynamic around activities useful for their communities,
- to plan regional meetings in order to reinforce abilities and exchanges
- to increase the membership of the existing NSGF and to create new ones in the countries, where there are none.

And all this was in a very pleasant atmosphere.

About ten decisions were made; some of them presenting exceptional characteristics.

It concerns new activities in which Adult Scouts and Guides will have the opportunity to use all their abilities

- **Creation of a group of health specialists** who will work on a project of training on prevention of malaria, thus answering to the Goal n° 6 of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDG): "Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases". This training could be designed for scouts, guides, schools, ordinary people Cirillo Ciro and Paul Lokossou will be the leaders.
- **Creation of a group of volunteer adult scouts and guides to give emergency help in a disaster situation**; this group will be created by the coordinator for Africa, Eddie Mettle Nunoo who is experienced for having created such an organisation in his country, Ghana.
- **Other ideas** have been brought up which could be settled such as:
  1. **Literacy of women in villages**, or in the market taking into account their time available and proposing they take charge of their children, their care, their leisure and school support
  2. **Protection of the Natural Heritage**
  3. **Possible creation of coordination's in the other parts of Africa** (East Africa, Southern Africa, Central Africa), following the example of what has been done in West Africa, with the nomination of coordinators; all this under the responsibility of the coordinator for Africa, Eddie Mettle Nunoo.

At last, it has been decided **to organise**, in Burkina Faso, in March 2011, **a training workshop** on advocacy, on public relations and on the way to mobilize resources in order to reinforce the abilities of the individual members of ISGF. The workshop will be open to all the countries in West Africa.

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