

14TH ALL AFRICA SCOUT DAY 2024 - INFOPACK



Journée Africaine du Scoutisme

13 - 17 March/Mars 2024, Burundi

About the Africa Scout Day

Following the resolution (CM Res 1607 (LXII)) of the Council of Ministers of the then Organization of African Unity (OAU) – now African Union (AU), meeting in its Sixty-Second Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, from 21st to 23rd June 1995, to set aside the 13th March as the Africa Scout Day, Scouts and Scouters throughout the region have been celebrating this day to take stock of the achievements of Scouting and building partnerships for more social impact in Africa.

In September 2010, the Africa Scout Committee resolved to give the Africa Scout Day celebration a regional outlook, by assigning a National Scouting Organization to host the main celebration; whereby Scouts and Scouters meet, along with their partners, to showcase their achievements and promote the "spirit of world kinship, cooperation and mutual assistance amongst Scout Organizations within the Region" (WOSM Constitution, Article XXI.1.A).

History of the Africa Scout Day Celebrations

Since the Africa Scout Committee's decision to make the Africa Scout Day celebration a regional event, we have successfully held previous celebrations in the following countries:

- **10-14 March 2011:** Bungere/Gitega, Burundi - hosted by Association des Scouts du Burundi under the theme "**Scouting: Building Bridges and not Walls.**"
- **9-11 March 2012:** Luanda, Angola - hosted by Associação de Escuteiros de Angola, under the theme "**Volunteers in Scouting: A pillar for Africa's Development.**"
- **10-16 March 2013:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - hosted by Ethiopia Scouts Association under the theme "**Scouts promoting peace and good citizenship.**"
- **14-16 March 2014:** Manzini, Swaziland - hosted by Emavulandalela Swaziland Scouts Association under the theme "**Scouting: Developing youth and positively transforming society.**"
- **11-13 March 2015:** Kampala, Uganda - hosted by Uganda Scouts Association under the theme "**SCOUTING: Africa's Leading Social Force for Youth Empowerment.**"

- **9-13 March 2016:** Accra, Ghana - hosted by Ghana Scout association under the theme **"You Can Count On Us to Create a Better World"**
- **8-11 March 2017:** Arusha, Tanzania - hosted by Tanzania Scouts association under the theme **"Engaging youth for active and responsible citizenship."**
- **7-10 March 2018:** Harare, Zimbabwe – hosted by Scouts Association of Zimbabwe under the theme **"Uniting Young People through Scouting."**
- **8-17 March 2019:** Niamey, Niger – hosted by the Association des Scouts du Niger (A.S.N) under **"African Scouting, Vector of Peace and Justice."**
- **8-13 March 2021:** organised virtually by the Africa Support Centre under the theme **"Scouting building resilience among communities in Africa."**
- **9-13 March 2022:** Organized virtually by the Africa Support Centre under the theme **"Ultimate Reconnection"**.
- **9-12 March 2023:** Hosted by the Kenya Scouts Association under the theme **"Innovative Solutions for a Sustainable Future"**.

Africa Scout Day 2024 Celebrations

A new world is drawing itself upon us and once again Scouting has shown its resilience and capacity to face challenges. Each day as the world changes, we are faced by new challenges. Our scope of service to the community has also matured overtime to respond to the new unique challenges we face at community level. Understanding the stakes of our new changing world in the Africa Region has made our movement a relevant contributor to self-reliance, resilience, and development.

Scouting has and will continue to create opportunities for all young people to learn, innovate, and inspire others in taking the lead to solve dynamic local problems through community action to build resilient communities. This year 2024 will be filled with excitement, opportunities, and interactions starting with the 14th Africa Scout Day in Burundi.

Purpose, Goal, and Theme

The **purpose** of the annual Africa Scout Day is to **celebrate the Scout Movement's contribution to the development of Africa**. This year's celebration will be held under the theme **"Embrace, Engage, Elevate."** The theme urges Scouts to welcome diverse perspectives, actively connect with one another and their communities, and collectively elevate their voices and experiences for lasting change. Through this theme, we aim to foster a sense of inclusivity, meaningful interaction, and personal and collective growth, creating an atmosphere where individuals embrace the richness of diversity, engage in transformative conversations, and elevate their understanding and connections."

Dates and Venue

The Africa Scout Day 2024 celebrations will take place from **Wednesday 13 to Sunday 17 March 2024** on the grounds of the Secondary Technical School (École Technique Secondaire) in Bujumbura, Burundi. Participants are expected to arrive on the 13th of March and depart on 17th March.

While the main celebrations will be hosted by the Burundi Scouts Association in Gitega, Burundi, National Scout Organizations are also encouraged to host national celebrations in their respective countries.

Participants

While the 'All Africa Scout Day' celebrations are open to all Scouts and Scouters from all over Africa as well as to their partners from across the world, it is recommended that participants from outside Burundi should be at least 14 years old.

Objectives

The following objectives will ensure an unrivaled, relatable, exciting, and educational Africa Scout Day experience.

1. To showcase Scouting's innovative solutions and social impact through real stories of Scouts making a difference in their local communities.
2. To celebrate the innovation of NSOs in ensuring young people continue to experience the life-changing power of Scouting.

3. To highlight and amplify the partnerships that support the growth and development of Scouting in Africa.
4. To inspire and motivate Scouts in Africa towards living and promoting the shared values of the movement.

Programme

The event will bring together Scouts from different countries in Africa and beyond for a 4-day camp on the grounds of the Secondary Technical School (École Technique Secondaire) in Bujumbura during which they will undertake numerous learning and community service activities. The tentative programme for the celebrations will be as follows:

Day & Date	Activities
Wednesday, 13 th March 2024	Arrivals, registration of participants and camp set up
Thursday, 14 th March 2024	Camp activities
Friday, 15 th March 2024	Camp activities
Saturday, 16 th March 2024	ASD Celebrations and Camp activities
Sunday, 17 th March 2024	Departure

NOTE: Those who wish to take part in any pre, or post event programme should get in touch with the hosts for assistance.

ASD Logo Design



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The generic Africa Scout Day logo embodies the spirit of African Unity through Scouting. It consists of a section of the reef knot cutting across the continent of Africa. The name of the event is presented in both English and French- which are the official languages used in the region. The colours orange and red signify youthfulness and vibrancy of the Scout movement in Africa and its readiness to impact the continent through scout values. Since it is a regional event, the WOSM emblem is also featured.

Every year, the logo is slightly edited to include the official National Scout symbol and the name of the country hosting the main celebrations.

Participation Fees

The international participants will pay **Sixty Dollars (USD 60)**.

The participation fees will cover the following:

- Event scarf.
- Certificate of Participation.
- Camping fees.
- Meals for international participants.
- Transportation from the Airport to the event site and back.
- Medical care in case of minor illness, accidents, and first aid.

The participation fee does not include:

- Treatment of pre-existing illnesses.
- Long term medication.
- Costs related to hospitalization.
- Medical evacuation of the participants to their country of origin.
- Tents and sleeping bags.

Registration and Payments

Those interested to take part in this celebration should duly complete the attached Intent of Participation Form and return to the Burundi Scouts Association's via email to inscription9emeASJ@jamboree.scoutburundi.bi with a copy to scoutsasb@gmail.com and to the World Scout Bureau Africa Support Centre (africa@scout.org) by **28 February 2024**.

Currency

The official currency in Burundi is the Francs Burundais (Fbu). The organizing committee will make provisions for the facilitation of currency exchange. VISA, Mastercard, and other cards are valid for any withdrawal of money. Francs burundais notes are published in the denomination of 100, 500, and 1000,2000, 5000 and 10000.

Welcome to Burundi

Geography

The Republic of Burundi is a country in East Africa with a population of nearly 13,427,600 as of Sunday, July 16, 2023, based on Worldometer elaboration of the latest United Nations data. The capital city is Gitega.

Among the landscapes of unique beauty are Lake Tanganyika, Karera Falls, Nyakazu German Faults, , Muhweza thermal waters, Teza tea plantations, lake Rwihinda also known as Bird Lake in the north of the country. There are also mountains such as Mt. Heha , Mt. Teza , Mt. Twinyoni , etc. and rivers such as Nile , Rusizi and Ruvubu.

The Ruvubu national park has numerous wildlife reserves of animal species including the buffalos which are the most visible animals. The beaches all along the Tanganyika lake are some other attractions that the country offers.

Climate

In Burundi, the climate is subtropical or tropical depending on the altitude, while in a given location the temperature is fairly uniform throughout the year. The average annual temperature for the capital city, Gitega (altitude 1700 meters) is 25.4°C maximum and 13°C minimum. The city of Bujumbura (altitude 820 meters) has an average annual temperature of 29.6°C maximum and 18.7°C minimum.

From June to August, is the dry season, there is little rain, and the sun often shines. If we exclude the three dry months, moderate rains fall in the rest of the year.

The largest city and former capital, Bujumbura, is located along the shores of the lake. Here, it's hot throughout the year, but without excesses, in fact, the maximum temperature is around 29 °C all year round, except from mid-August to October, when it reaches 30/31 °C

Apart from Bujumbura, most of Burundi's cities are located on the plateau, and therefore have a cooler climate. This is the case for Gitega, the capital and second largest city of Burundi, which is located in the center of the country, at an altitude of 1,700 metres. It is in fact occupied by a plateau.

What to Pack?

In Bujumbura, Lake Tanganyika and the lowlands of the west: bring light clothes, a sun hat, a sweatshirt, a light jacket and a light scarf for the breeze in for the evenings, and a light raincoat or umbrella.

Culture

Burundians are known for their warm welcome. For visitors, dancing and singing accompany the welcomes. The drum is sometimes used to welcome foreign guests. It is a rich cultural heritage of the country. It is used for ceremonial and festive purposes. Drummers currently travel all over the world to share the wonderful sound of the drum with other people.

About the religion, Christianity is the most widely practiced religion in Burundi, with Catholicism accounting for about 60% of the population. We also have other religions such as Islam.

The most consumed foods are rice, beans, cassava ("Ubugari" in Kirundi), potatoes and green bananas. Burundians also consume fruits such as bananas, which are grown throughout the country.

Language

The official Languages of Burundi are Kirundi and French. Kiswahili and English are also spoken by some Burundians.

Travel and Visa Information

Kindly ensure that the host team is duly informed of the exact travel plans of your contingents including, arrival date and times, means of travel, flight numbers for those traveling by air, port of entry, and the number of the contingent. All those traveling to the event should be in possession of valid travel documents like national IDs and passports.

For Visa information find it on the following link: [Page d'accueil - Commissariat Général des Migrations \(gov.bi\)](#)

Accommodation

Each contingent should ensure that its members have adequate tentage (tents and sleeping bags). Participants including members of the International Service Team will be accommodated in tents.

Participants should also carry along personal effects including a change of clothes, warm clothing, sleeping bag, toiletry, spoon, cup, plate, spotlight, sports shoes, and a pair of Scout Uniform. Each contingent is also required to **carry two (2) national flags**.

Those who wish to stay in hotels and guest houses will be provided with a list of available options by the organizers upon request. If you will be arriving in Burundi before the event and wish to stay on after the event, please make special arrangements for your accommodation and meals during this pre- and post-event period. You can consult the hosts for assistance.

Health and Security

A medical team will be permanently present on the sites of the activities for the management of ordinary emergency medical cases.

Participants are primarily responsible for the security of their property. The security of the site, people, and property will be ensured. A security system will be designed by the organization in close collaboration with the local authorities and in line with our Scouting policies and practices.

Africa Scout Day Storytelling Challenge 2024

We invite all Scouts from across the Africa Scout Region to send their submissions for the 2024 Africa Scout Day Storytelling Challenge. The submissions must be in video format and on the theme of "**Embrace, Engage, Elevate**". Be sure to capture real examples of how Scouting in your local community is embracing diversity, engaging communities, and elevating voices for meaningful and lasting change. The video should not exceed **90 seconds** long and **MUST** begin with a self-introduction indicating your name, age, and name of your NSO. Submissions can be in English, French, or Portuguese.

All video entries must be submitted on this Dropbox folder <https://www.dropbox.com/request/biw1CZFcZC2uTelk9JD3> by **Friday, 8 March 2024**. We will select and publish the best submissions as video stories and reels on our social media platforms.



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Social Media Hashtags

You can follow and engage with the Africa Scout day celebrations on social media using the hashtags **#AfricaScoutDay #ASDBurundi2024**.

We wish you a happy and successful Africa Scout Day 2024 and we hope to see you in Burundi.