



15th All Scout Day 2025 Infopack

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:

1. **10-14 March 2011:** Bungere/Gitega, Burundi - hosted by Association des Scouts du Burundi under the theme **“Scouting: Building Bridges and not Walls.”**
2. **9-11 March 2012:** Luanda, Angola - hosted by Associação de Escuteiros de Angola, under the the theme **“Volunteers in Scouting: A pillar for Africa’s Development.”**
3. **10-16 March 2013:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - hosted by Ethiopia Scouts Association under the theme **“Scouts promoting peace and good citizenship.”**
4. **14-16 March 2014:** Manzini, Swaziland - hosted by Emavulandalela Swaziland Scouts Association under the theme **“Scouting: Developing youth and positively transforming society.”**
5. **11-13 March 2015:** Kampala, Uganda - hosted by Uganda Scouts Association under the theme **“SCOUTING: Africa’s Leading Social Force for Youth Empowerment.”**
6. **9-13 March 2016:** Accra, Ghana - hosted by Ghana Scout association under the theme **“You Can Count On Us to Create a Better World”**
7. **8-11 March 2017:** Arusha, Tanzania - hosted by Tanzania Scouts association under the theme **“Engaging Youth for Active and Responsible Citizenship.”**
8. **7-10 March 2018:** Harare, Zimbabwe – hosted by Scouts Association of Zimbabwe under the theme **“Uniting Young People through Scouting.”**
9. **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.”**
10. **9-15 March 2020:** co-hosted virtually by Uganda Scouts Association and the Africa Support Centre under the theme **“Unravelling the African Spirit”**
11. **8-13 March 2021:** organised virtually by the Africa Support Centre under the theme **“Scouting Building Resilience among Communities in Africa.”**
12. **9-13 March 2022:** Organized virtually by the Africa Support Centre under the theme **“Ultimate Reconnection”**.
13. **9-12 March 2023:** Nairobi, Kenya - hosted by the Kenya Scouts Association under the theme **“Innovative Solutions for a Sustainable Future”**.
14. **13-17 March 2024:** Bujumbura, Burundi – hosted by the Association des Scouts du Burundi under the theme **“Embrace, Engage, Elevate”**.

Africa Scout Day 2025 Celebrations

Africa Scout Day, celebrated annually on March 13, is an opportunity for Scouts, leaders, and supporters across the continent to come together in unity, celebrate the achievements of Scouting, and reflect on the challenges and aspirations that lie ahead. For 2025, under the theme "*Shaping the Life You Lead*," Africa Scout Day will focus on empowering young people to take active responsibility for their own lives and to become positive agents of change in their communities.

In a rapidly changing world marked by social, economic, and environmental challenges, youth must be equipped not only with practical skills but also with a mindset that encourages resilience, self-determination, and a commitment to contribute meaningfully to society as active citizens.

The 15th All Africa Scout Day 2025 celebrations also aligns with the broader goals of the African Union's Agenda 2063, which envisions a prosperous and peaceful Africa driven by its own citizens, especially its youth. By focusing on self-leadership, Africa Scout Day 2025 will contribute to building a generation of Scouts who are empowered to shape their own futures and, in turn, contribute to the growth and well-being of their communities and nations.

Purpose, Goal, and Theme Rationale

The **purpose** of the annual Africa Scout Day is to **celebrate the Scout Movement's contribution to the development of Africa**.

Africa Scout Day 2025, under the theme "*Shaping the Life You Lead*," is not just a celebration but a catalyst for meaningful change. By focusing on self-leadership, resilience, and community engagement, Scouts are empowered to take ownership of their lives and actively contribute to the development of their communities. This event aims to inspire a generation of young Africans who are prepared to shape their own lives and, by extension, shape the future of Africa itself. Together, through Scouting, we can help realize the vision of a prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable Africa.

The experiences gained in Scouting will shape the life you lead, the communities you build and the world you'll create. Be prepared, as we say. Because through Scouting movement we set young people on a journey of self-discovery, enriching and equipping them with a sense of adventure, curiosity and appreciation for different cultures – opening eyes, minds and hearts to whatever might lie ahead. It is an experience like no other – helping form the foundational skills and values for all walks of life imaginable – inventors, adventurers, artists, teachers, athletes, scientists, entrepreneurs. Whatever your passion, whatever your calling, whatever your path – this is about Shaping the life you lead.

Shaping the Life You Lead is therefore a call to action for young Africans to recognize and harness the power within themselves to direct their own paths. This theme underscores the idea that personal growth, leadership, and impact start with the choices and actions we take every day.

Dates and Venue

The Africa Scout Day 2025 celebrations will take place from **Wednesday 12th to Sunday 16th March 2025 in Antananarivo, Madagascar**. Participants are expected to arrive on the 12th of March and depart on 16th March with three full activity days on 13th, 14th and 15th.

While the main celebrations will be hosted by the **Firaisan'ny Skotisma eto Madagasikara**, other National Scout Organizations (NSO/NSAs) across Sub-Saharan Africa 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 Madagascar 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 taking charge as change agents to make a difference in their local communities.
2. To encourage Scouts to take active roles in community development and to see themselves as leaders who can shape their communities for the better.
3. To celebrate the innovation of NSOs in ensuring young people continue to embrace lifelong learning and experience the life-changing power of Scouting.
4. To highlight and amplify the partnerships that support the growth and development of Scouting in Africa.
5. To connect Scouting activities with the African Union's development goals by fostering qualities that contribute to a peaceful, inclusive, and sustainable Africa.

Programme

The event will bring together Scouts from different countries in Africa and beyond for a 4-day camp in Madagascar, 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, 12 th March 2025	Arrivals, registration of participants and camp set up
Thursday, 13 th and Friday, 14 th March 2025	International Camp activities
Thursday 13 th and Friday 14 th March 2025	Africa Scout Committee Meeting
Thursday 13 th and Friday 14 th March 2025	Environment Education Summit
Friday, 14 th March 2025	Africa Scout Foundation Gathering
Saturday, 15 th March 2025	Africa Scout Day Celebrations
Sunday, 16 th & Monday 17 th March 2025	Safe from Harm Workshop
Sunday, 16 th March 2025	Departure

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

Key Activities

1. Leadership Workshops and Seminars

- Host seminars showcasing inspiring projects and Scouts for SDGs initiatives.
- Conduct workshops focused on personal development, leadership, emotional intelligence, and values-based decision-making.
- Include sessions led by successful African leaders, entrepreneurs, and alumni Scouts who embody the principles of self-leadership and community impact.

2. Community Engagement Projects

- Scouts can participate in community service projects that address local needs, such as environmental conservation, health awareness campaigns, donation drives and educational support for underprivileged children.
- These projects encourage Scouts to apply leadership skills in real-world contexts and develop a sense of responsibility toward their communities.

3. Youth-Led Innovation Challenge

- Organize a challenge where Scouts submit ideas or prototypes that address local issues or promote sustainable development.
- Winning ideas could receive support or mentorship, encouraging Scouts to transform ideas into impactful solutions and fostering an entrepreneurial spirit.

4. Panel Discussions and Debates on Agenda 2063 Goals

- Host panel discussions and debates that allow Scouts to discuss and understand their role in achieving the goals of the African Union's Agenda 2063.
- Topics could include economic empowerment, gender equality, climate action, and peacebuilding.

5. Storytelling and Sharing Experiences

- Scouts to participate in the regional storytelling campaign based on the theme “Shaping the Life You Lead”.
- NSOs to provide a platform for Scouts to share their personal stories of self-leadership, resilience, and impact.
- Encourage Scouts to reflect on how Scouting has shaped their lives and the lives they wish to lead in the future.

6. Recognition and Awards Ceremony

- Recognize Scouts, leaders, and community members who have demonstrated exceptional self-leadership and community impact.
- Create awards categories that celebrate young innovators, community leaders, environmental advocates, and more.

These Africa Regional Office encourages National Scout Organizations, Scout Leaders and Scouts to adopt any of the activities above or any other activities aligned to Africa Scout Day's theme during their national celebrations.

ASD Logo Design

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 **Seventy Dollars (USD 70)**.

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 **Firaisan'ny Skotisma eto Madagasikara's** via email international@scout.mg with a copy to africa@scout.org by **28 February 2025**.

Please in this intent of participation form:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/6bd17312ee4a46f2927b93a0cb92d317>

Welcome to Madagascar

a. Geography

The Republic of Madagascar, also known as the Great Red Island, Isle of Saint Lawrence, Madagasikara, or the Malagasy Republic, is an island nation located in the Indian Ocean off the southeastern coast of Africa. It covers an area of 587,295 square kilometers and has a population of approximately 30,33 million people. The capital city, Antananarivo, is situated in the central highlands.

Madagascar is the fourth largest island in the world. It is bordered by the Indian Ocean on all sides except to the west, where it meets the Mozambique Channel. Its closest neighbors include the Comoros Islands, Réunion, Mauritius and Seychelles. The central region of Madagascar is characterized by hills and mountains, with Mount Maromokotro as the highest peak, standing at 2,876 meters (9,435 feet).

b. Nature

Nearly 90% of Madagascar's flora and fauna are unique to the island. This extraordinary biodiversity is due to its long-standing isolation from mainland Africa, allowing its species to evolve independently.

The island features diverse landscapes, including lush rainforests, dry deserts, and grassy plains, with coral reefs and mangrove forests along its coasts. Madagascar's iconic lemurs are found nowhere else in the world and inhabit various ecosystems across the island. In the rainforests, you might find rare species like the silky sifaka, giant leaf-tailed geckos, and nocturnal aye-ayes. Desert areas are home to spider tortoises and Dumeril's boas, while the central plains are frequented by Madagascan plovers. Humpback and pygmy blue whales are often spotted along the island's coastal waters.

c. Climate

Madagascar experiences a varied climate: tropical along the coast, temperate in the inland highlands, and arid in the south. The hot, rainy season runs from November to April, while the cooler, dry season extends from May to October.

Annual rainfall varies significantly. The eastern region of Madagascar receives more than 2,000 mm (about 80 inches) annually due to its humid climate. Similarly, the northwestern island of Nosy Be gets about 2,000 mm (80 inches) of rain each year. Rainfall decreases towards the west, with around 1,000 mm (40 inches) at Maintirano, and further drops to about 360 mm (14 inches) in the dry southwest region at Toliara. The central plateau, including Antananarivo and Fianarantsoa, receives moderate precipitation, averaging around 1,200 mm (50 inches) annually.

Temperature variations depend on elevation. July is the coolest month, with temperatures ranging from the low 10s °C (50s °F) to mid-20s °C (high 70s °F). December is the hottest month, with temperatures between the mid-10s °C (60s °F) and high 20s °C (mid-80s °F). The warmest areas are found along the northwest coast, while the central highlands remain cooler.

Tropical cyclones, especially from December to March, are a key climatic feature, often bringing heavy rains and occasionally causing severe flooding.

d. People and Culture

Most of Madagascar's population lives in the eastern part of the island and the central highlands around the capital, Antananarivo. A large proportion of Malagasy people engage in agriculture, cultivating rice, coffee, and other crops. 55 % of the population is under the age of 25, making it a youthful nation.

Music is integral to Malagasy culture, with traditional gatherings featuring dance and local instruments like the valiha, considered the national instrument of Madagascar.

Madagascar's cuisine is influenced by Southeast Asian and African culinary traditions. The staple meal is rice "vary", served with a side dish called "laoka", which can include vegetables or meat, often prepared with ginger, onions, garlic, and various spices.

e. Language

Most of the population speaks Malagasy, the national language, which is written in the Latin alphabet. The official languages of Madagascar are Malagasy, French, but English and other languages are also spoken.

f. Travel and Visa Information

Please ensure that the host team is informed of your contingent's travel details, including arrival dates and times, modes of travel, flight numbers, ports of entry, and the number of participants. All travelers must carry valid travel documents, such as national IDs or passports.

Visitors can obtain a visa on arrival in Madagascar, provided they have a passport valid for at least six months beyond the date of entry.

For Visa information find it on the following link: <https://evisa-madagascar.com/>

g. 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 Madagascar 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.

h. 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.

i. Currency

The official currency of Madagascar is the Ariary (MGA). The organizing committee will provide facilities for currency exchange, and major cards like VISA and Mastercard are accepted for withdrawals. Banks and exchange offices are available at the airport and in the city.

Africa Scout Day Storytelling Campaign 2025

The Africa Support Centre is launching a social media campaign to commemorate the 2025 Africa Scouts Day. Titled *Shaping the Life You Lead: The Scout's Journey*, the campaign will feature Scouts from across Africa, sharing their personal journeys and how Scouting has played a key role in shaping their lives. It will also highlight the impactful social initiatives they are leading within their communities. This exciting campaign will kick off on March 1, 2025, across our social media platforms. Be sure to follow us to ensure your NSO doesn't miss out on this special campaign!

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For more information, please visit www.scout.org/africascoutday and www.scout.org/asd2025. Please find the Event Registration Form attached.

Social Media Hashtags

You can follow and engage with the Africa Scout day celebrations on social media using the hashtags **#AfricaScoutDay** **#ASDMadagascar2025**.

We wish you a happy and successful Africa Scout Day 2025 and we hope to see you in Madagascar.