



Article 1. MEMBERSHIP

The Africa Region of the ISGF is composed of all the National Scout and Guide Fellowships (NSGFs) of the African countries. Any other NSGF belonging to a country adjacent to the Africa Region may join it on the decision of the Africa Region Conference and with the agreement of the ISGF World Committee.

Article 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Africa Region is to promote, support, maintain and uphold the principles of the ISGF.

Article 3. AIMS

The aims of the Africa Region are to:

- Support its Sub-Regions.
- Foster the development of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship in the Region and support the program and activities of its Members.
- Encourage the exchange of ideas, visions and experiences among NSGFs within the Region.
- Promote Regional gatherings and co-ordinate schedules of events within the Region.
- Develop public relations and sponsoring in the Africa Region, in co-ordination with the ISGF World Committee.
- Develop contacts and strengthen the partnerships with the WAGGGS and the WOSM Africa Regions.
- Represent the African NSGFs within African intergovernmental organizations, by agreement with the ISGF World Committee.

Article 4. LANGUAGES

The official languages of the Africa Region are those laid down in the ISGF Constitution and Bye-Laws

Article 5. SUB-REGIONS

The Africa Region is sub-divided into four Sub-Regions, namely: West, East, Central and South by agreement with the ISGF World Committee.

Article 6. AFRICA REGION COMMITTEE

The Africa Region Committee is the executive body. Its membership consists of one representative from each Sub-Region, appointed by the respective Sub-Region, each with voting rights.

The ISGF World Committee shall appoint to the Africa Region Committee one of its own members without voting rights.

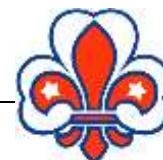
The Africa Region Committee may appoint a representative to attend the meetings of the ISGF World Committee at their invitation, without voting rights.

The Africa Region Committee may co-opt members for specific purposes for a limited period of time, without voting rights.

Article 7. OFFICERS

The Africa Region Committee shall designate the following main responsibilities among its own four members, one from each sub-region:

- Chairman
- Vice Chairman



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- Secretary
- Treasurer

The ISGF World Committee shall be informed of these designations.

Article 8. TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office of a Committee member shall be three years, commencing immediately after the Africa Region Conference and finishing at the end of the next Conference. No member shall serve for more than two consecutive terms.

Article 9. MEETINGS AND VOTING

The Africa Region Committee shall meet according to the needs of the Region but must meet at least once a year. The meetings should be held in the Sub-Regions by rotation if possible.

The Africa Region Committee may approve its own rules of procedures.

Each voting Committee member has one vote and the Chairman has an additional casting vote if there is a tie.

Article 10. AFRICA REGION CONFERENCE

The Africa Region Conference is the governing body of the Africa Region. The Conference shall be held every 3 years. Its purpose is to discuss current situations and to make decisions according to the aims of article 3 of this Constitution.

Each NSGF of the Africa Region shall be entitled to send voting delegates to the Conference. Any NSGF which fails to pay its annual region fees up to and including the end of the financial year preceding the Conference shall forfeit its right to vote until payment has been received, unless the Africa Committee has granted remission or postponement of payment of the fees.

All Central Branch members of the Africa Region shall be invited to the Conference without voting rights.

The invitation, provisional agenda and proposals for other agenda items must be sent to the NSGFs at least three months in advance of the Conference.

The Africa Region Conference shall be prepared by a NSGF in collaboration with the Africa Region Committee, using guidelines available from the ISGF World Bureau.

The quorum for the Africa Region Conference shall be half plus one of the Members of the Africa Region.

The Chairman of the Conference shall be appointed by the Conference upon the proposal of the Africa Region Committee.

Voting procedures shall be as agreed for World Conferences of the ISGF, unless otherwise agreed at the Africa Region Conference by a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote.

Article 11. FINANCES

Each African NSGF shall pay an annual fee to the Region of an amount to be agreed at each Africa Region Conference.



Accounts for each Africa Region Conference shall be kept by the Organising Committee, finalised within 12 months, and submitted to the Africa Region Committee.

The budget necessary for administrative expenses shall be approved by the Africa Region Committee and by the Sub-Regions if they are concerned.

Each Committee member shall pay his/her own expenses for attendance at meetings or else be supported by his/her own NSGF.

The Africa Region Committee shall be responsible for keeping the accounts of the Africa Region.

The accounts shall be audited annually and presented to the Africa Region Committee and to the World Committee. NSGFs shall receive triennial accumulated accounts three months before the Africa Region Conference, at the expense of the Committee.

Article 12. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Proposals for amendments to this constitution must be received by the Africa Region Committee three months prior to the upcoming Africa Region Conference.

Any amendment to this Constitution must be agreed upon by the Africa Region Conference, due notice of it having been given in advance.

Voting on amendments shall be by a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote.

Amendments adopted by the Africa Region Conference shall become effective following their approval by the ISGF World Committee. Beyond a six months period without reaction of the World Committee, the approved amendments come into force.