FAQ - 43rd World Scout Conference Fees

Why is the 43rd World Scout Conference now seven days long instead of five?

There are a number or key reasons why this year we have decided to deliver the Conference in seven days, compared with five days in previous years.

- **Streamlined schedule:** By transitioning to a seven-day format, we can seamlessly integrate the former World Scout Youth Forum (five days), the former two-day interevent, and the World Scout Conference (five days) into one unified and efficient new Conference event experience.
- **Diverse and specialised content:** A longer event allows for more specialised workshops, panel discussions, and tailored experiences to cater to different audiences and various interests.
- **In-depth learning:** Participants can engage in more in-depth and concentrated skills development and practical workshops, enabling attendees to maximise opportunities for learning during the seven-day event.
- Enhanced engagement and networking: A seven-day format allows more time to
 foster deeper connections and engagement with added space for meaningful
 conversations and networking opportunities that can lead to a greater experience for
 all attendees.

Will there be options for online participation?

In-person attendance is recommended as it offers the richest engagement and learning experience for participants. However, for those who are unable to travel in-person to the event, online participation is offered as a flexible and convenient option making the Conference accessible to a broader audience.

Online participants, at a flat participation fee of 25 USD, can expect the following experience through the online participation platform:

- to virtually engage in the plenary sessions as appropriate for their role (delegate, observer, guest)
- to take part in a series of breakouts specifically enabled for digital participants to engage alongside other in-person and digital participants
- to cast their delegation vote, in such case no delegate is present in-person in Cairo and they are endorsed by their NSO to do so.

Livestreaming of the plenary session will be available free of cost on WOSM's official communication channels.

How are the Conference fees set?

 The Conference participation fee structure has been collaboratively agreed upon by the World Scout Committee and the Host. It continues the established practice of offering reduced fees for youth participants and introduces an expansion for the first time, extending eligibility to individuals under 30 years old (previously under 26 years old). This change underscores Scouting's dedication to youth leadership in decisionmaking. Member Organizations can confirm their fee category on <u>Treehouse</u>.

What is included in the Conference fees?

- The outlined fee covers participation, venue access, ceremonies, daily lunches, and coffee breaks over seven days. Additionally, it includes three dinners and approved transportation between official venues, recommended hotels, as well as airport transfer on arrival and departure days.
- Transport to/from Cairo, hotel accommodation and meals outside of what is mentioned above are not included.

Who can participate in the Conference?

- Participation to the Conference, either in-person or on-line, is only open to delegations of WOSM's Member Organisations. More details about the composition of delegations can be found in the proposed Rules of Procedure.
- Each member of a delegation need to have the endorsement of the International Commissioner or Official Contact of their organisation as recorded in the <u>World Scouting Directory</u>.

How and when can I pay the Conference fees?

 Registration will open in the first quarter of 2024 with online and bank transfer payment options.