



15TH Asia Pacific Regional Conference
19-23 August 2025 • India
The Bharat Scouts and Guides

Document 7

RECORD OF DECISIONS AND SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

September 2025

INTRODUCTION

This document sets out the narrative summary of the discussions, and the Record of Decisions voted on by Member Organisations, at the 15th Asia Pacific Regional Conference held from 19 to 23 August 2025.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

The [Rules of Procedure](#) used in the Regional Conference were those approved by Member Organisations at the 38th World Conference in July 2023.

QUORUM

During the Opening Business session of the Regional Conference, the Regional Chair confirmed that the conference was quorate, and this remained the case across all voting sessions. The list of Member Organisations that participated in the Regional Conference can be found in Appendix 1.

A count of Member Organisations present was taken at the start of each voting session during the conference. The count was conducted by the Tellers through the voting platform.

SUMMARY OF VOTING ON PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

The following Procedural Motions were considered during the Opening Business of the Regional Conference. All four Procedural Motions were proposed by the Regional Committee and required a simple majority of votes cast by eligible Full and Associate Member Organisations to pass.

PROPOSED MOTION	RESULTS OF VOTE
<p>Procedural Motion A – Confirmation of the Tellers</p> <p>That the following individuals are appointed to serve as Tellers for the 15th Asia Pacific Regional Conference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Merina Sainju from Nepal Scouts (Head Teller)• Joyce Seek from Girl Guides Singapore• Nanduni Wickramatunga from Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association <p><i>Voted on by General Consent.</i></p>	<p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>Procedural Motion B – Confirmation of the Conference Chair and Vice Chairs</p> <p>That Kundhavi Balachandran from Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association be confirmed as Chair, and that Rupinder Brar from Bharat Scouts and Guides and Maiya Twayanbasu from Nepal Scouts be confirmed as Vice-Chairs, of the 15th Asia Pacific Regional Conference.</p> <p><i>Voted on by General Consent.</i></p>	<p>MOTION PASSED</p>

PROPOSED MOTION	RESULTS OF VOTE
<p>Procedural Motion C – Confirmation of the Procedural Team</p> <p>That the following individuals be confirmed to serve on the Procedural Team for the 15th Asia Pacific Regional Conference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marybelle Marinas from Girl Scouts of the Philippines (Coordinator) • Ruby Sands from Girl Guiding New Zealand • Abinaya P from Bharat Scouts and Guides <p><i>Voted on by General Consent.</i></p>	<p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>Procedural Motion D – Confirmation of the agenda</p> <p>That the agenda, as contained in Document 2, be approved for the 15th Asia Pacific Regional Conference.</p> <p><i>Voted on by General Consent.</i></p>	<p>MOTION PASSED</p>



SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

20 August 2025

The Regional Committee presented the **Triennial Regional Report** for the **2022-2025 triennium**.

After the report, the Committee was congratulated for a job well done as well as praised for the achievements of the Region for the triennium.

Brunei Darussalam asked where they could get a copy of the report, to which the Committee responded that the report had been made part of the documents provided to the participants.

Girl Scouts of the Philippines asked what the Committee and WAGGGS have done to address the issue of WOSM recruiting girls and referring to them as “youth”.

Both the AP Regional Committee Chair and the World Board Chair were one in saying that they are in constant transparent communication with WOSM and would update the MOs.

Bangladesh Girl Guides talked about CAT and hoped that their unfinished business would be carried over and taken by the next Regional Committee.

The AP Regional Committee Chair gave the assurance that there has been and will always be continuity in the work done by the Committee.

GirlGuiding New Zealand asked what challenges the present Committee would pass to the new Committee.

The AP Regional Committee Chair answered that the challenge lies in how to address the disparity among MOs and suggested that perhaps there should be small gatherings of similarly situated MOs.

After the triennial report, the Regional Committee presented the Triennial Regional Action Plan for the 2026-2028 triennium. Kiribati thanked the Committee for the informative report and asked what plans the Committee had for Pacific Island MOs and what support they could receive.

The AP Regional Committee Chair replied that the Pacific Island MOs have always been invited to all regional gatherings as in fact, during the AP MOs Summit, five (5) out of the six (6) island MOs were able to attend. At this Regional Conference, out of the six (6) Pacific Island MOs, 50% are in attendance namely Fiji, Kiribati, and Solomon Islands. Moreover, each MO has an action plan and the Committee has always supported each MO in carrying out their action plan.

Malaysia commented that since Outcome 2 of the plan talks of inclusivity, perhaps persons with disability (PWD) should be part of the Committee.

The AP Regional Committee Chair stated that PWD attendance to Regional events as well as being members of the Committee is dependent on MOs, whether they let them participate as members of the delegation or nominate them for Committee membership.

Hong Kong appreciated the Action Plan and thanked the Committee for setting high standards but commented that with all the things to be done, some MOs may be left out or feel left out and so they suggested that perhaps sub-committees be formed to help out.

The AP Regional Committee Chair stated that there are Chief Commissioners and International Commissioners chat groups where they can connect with and support each other. Also, the WAGGGS Global team is always on hand to support MOs.

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The Proposed Motions were discussed. The rationales for the Proposed Motions can be found in [Document 6b: Proposed Motions](#).

Following the presentation of each Proposed Motion, the Conference Chair opened the discussion and Member Organisations present discussed the Proposed Motions before voting.

During the discussions:

- **Proposed Motion 1** - No comments.
- **Proposed Motion 2** - No comments.
- **Proposed Motion 3** - On Proposed Motion 3, Malaysia, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Hong Kong, India, Bangladesh, Fiji, Myanmar, Solomon Islands, South Korea, and Kiribati spoke in favour of the motion.

In total, twelve (12) Member Organisations spoke during the discussion. Of those speaking, two (2) were young women under the age of thirty at the time of the conference.

There was broad support for in-person conferences, emphasising their importance for building personal connections, fostering regional collaboration, building partnerships, enabling joint learning, sharing stories and developing leadership. Additional benefits that were raised included creating friendships, allowing for cultural exchange and creating unity in the region.

The value of hybrid formats was also emphasised for enabling broader participation and being inclusive of Member Organisations in the region. The benefits of hybrid conferences included overcoming financial, time, and geographic constraints. Several Member Organisations expressed that hybrid conferences could increase inclusivity by allowing for engagement in complex and challenging contexts. Several Member Organisations also raised that a hybrid approach allows more young women to participate.

Concerns were raised about the financial burden of attending in-person conferences. Several Member Organisations suggested that financial assistance or cost-sharing be available to enable participation.

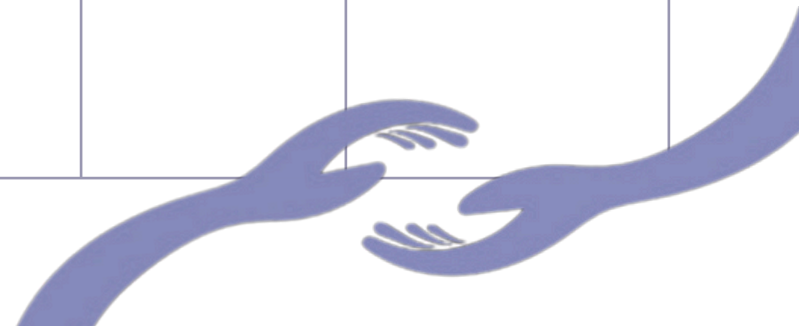
SUMMARY OF VOTING ON PROPOSED MOTIONS

PROPOSED MOTION	PROPOSER	VOTING ELIGIBILITY	MAJORITY REQUIRED	RESULTS OF VOTE
<p>Proposed Motion 1 - Adoption of the Regional Triennial Report, 2023-2025</p> <p>The Regional Conference adopts the Triennial Regional Report for the 2023-2025 triennium (Conference Document 3)</p> <p><i>Voted on by electronic ballot.</i></p>	Asia Pacific Regional Committee	Full and Associate Members	Simple majority of votes cast	<p>For: 23 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>Proposed Motion 2 - Adoption of the Regional Triennial Action Plan, 2026-2028</p> <p>The Regional Conference adopts the Triennial Regional Action Plan for the 2026-2028 triennium (Conference Document 4c).</p> <p><i>Voted on by electronic ballot.</i></p>	Asia Pacific Regional Committee	Full Members	Two thirds majority of votes cast	<p>For: 20 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>

PROPOSED MOTION	PROPOSER	VOTING ELIGIBILITY	MAJORITY REQUIRED	RESULTS OF VOTE
<p>Proposed Motion 3 - The 15th Asia Pacific Regional Conference recommends that all future WAGGGS Asia-Pacific Regional Conferences be in-person with the option to attend virtually.</p> <p>The 15th Asia Pacific Regional Conference recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the WAGGGS Asia Pacific Regional Conferences should mainly be in-person but allow for virtual attendance; and • That all succeeding Asia Pacific Regional Conferences should retain being in hybrid mode (in-person with options for virtual attendance). <p><i>Voted on by electronic ballot.</i></p>	<p>Girl Scouts of the Philippines</p>	<p>Full and Associate Members</p>	<p>Simple majority of votes cast</p>	<p>For: 23 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>

ELECTION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE, 2025-2028

PROPOSED MOTION	VOTING ELIGIBILITY	MAJORITY REQUIRED	RESULTS OF VOTE
<p>The Regional Conference ratifies the election of the following six candidates as members of the Asia Pacific Regional Committee 2025-2028 (in alphabetical order by surname):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gwen Lee • Shinetseseg Lkhagvasuren • May Myat Moe • Francine Pradez • Dr. Rupam Sandhu • Niumath Shafeeg <p>And the following Regional Approved Person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saira Mufti <p><i>Voted on by electronic ballot.</i></p>	Full Members	Simple majority of votes cast	<p>For: 20 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>



Appendix 1: Member Organisations that participated in the Regional Conference

- 1. Girl Guides Australia**
- 2. Bangladesh Girl Guides Association**
- 3. Girl Guides Association Brunei Darussalam**
- 4. Girl Guides Association of Cambodia**
- 5. Fiji Girl Guides Association**
- 6. Hong Kong Girl Guides Association**
- 7. Bharat Scouts and Guides**
- 8. Girl Scouts of Japan**
- 9. Kiribati Girl Guides Association**
- 10. Girl Scouts of Korea**
- 11. Girl Guides Association Malaysia**
- 12. Maldives Girl Guides Association**
- 13. Girl Scouts of Mongolia**
- 14. Myanmar Girl Guides Association**
- 15. Nepal Scouts**
- 16. Girl Guiding New Zealand**
- 17. Pakistan Girl Guides Association**
- 18. Girl Scouts of the Philippines**
- 19. Girl Guides Singapore**
- 20. Girl Guides Association of Solomon Islands**
- 21. Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association**
- 22. Girl Scouts of Taiwan**
- 23. Girl Guides Association of Thailand**



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