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**39th WAGGGS
WORLD CONFERENCE**

CAMBODIA 2026

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BIDS TO HOST THE
40th WAGGGS WORLD CONFERENCE
APRIL 2026**

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Membership Numbers

21,874

MO Information

Association des Guides du Rwanda (AGR) has hosted YESS annual Planning meeting in August 2026 and the WAGGGS-Africa Regional Intergenerational Governance Workshop January 23, 2025

Outline Proposal

Hosting the 40th WAGGGS World Conference in 2029 would be a strategic opportunity to contribute to the global Girl Guiding Movement while showcasing Rwanda's commitment to girls' and young women's empowerment.

Proposed Dates

14-18 August 2029

Proposed Venue

Kigali Convention Centre (KCC)

Proposed Accommodation

Radisson Blue / Marriot Hotel / Sainte Famille / Serena Hotel

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12,847

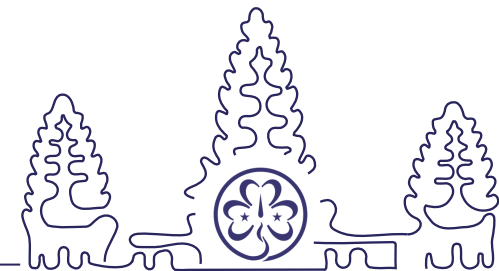
It has hosted major Arab gatherings and camps, such as the Arab Rover Moot in the summer of 2022 and many WAGGGS Arab Regional Conferences, the last of which was in 2019.

Hosting the 40th WAGGGS World Conference would represent an opportunity to strengthen youth leadership, international cooperation, and cultural exchange among members of the scouting movement worldwide.

01-05 June 2029

Hôtel Africa Tunis

Hotel Africa Tunis / Radisson Blu Hotel & Convention Center, Tunis / Mövenpick Hotel du Lac Tunis / Tunis Marriott Hotel



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Visa Requirements

East African Community (EAC) Member States do not require a visa. Commonwealth and Francophonie countries are eligible for a short-stay visa on arrival free of charge. Participants from other countries can obtain a visa on arrival for USD \$50

Estimated Registration Fee

USD \$800-\$1075

Estimated Accommodation Fee

USD \$65-\$100
(per person, per night, based on double occupancy)

Main Risks

Technical Breakdown and Power outages: mitigated by venue having backup generator, reliable high-speed WiFi and dedicated technician on-site

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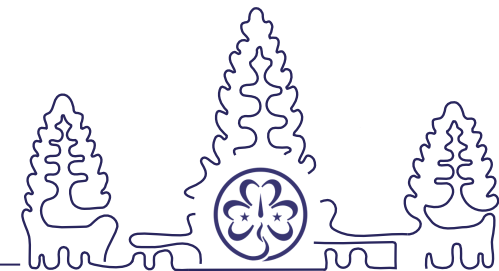
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USD \$900-\$1250

USD \$140-\$150
(per person, per night, based on double occupancy)

Personal safety of participants: mitigated through full coordination with local authorities and provision of secure transportation for participants

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MO Information:

Association des Guides du Rwanda (AGR) currently has 21874 active members across 30 districts districts, comprising girls and young women aged 5-35 and above. Our membership base continues to grow steadily, reflecting strong community engagement and trust in our programs.

We will host YESS annual Planning meeting in August 2026 (Bangladesh, Malawi, Uganda, Madagascar, Kenya, Ghana, Rwanda, Zambia, Tanzania and Zimbabwe)

We have been lucky enough to host a variety of international events, including:

- The WAGGGS-African Regional Intergenerational Governance Workshop, January 23, 2025
- International Camp in partnership with Guides et Scouts de France in September 2024
- The WAGGGS-Africa Regional Conference 2019

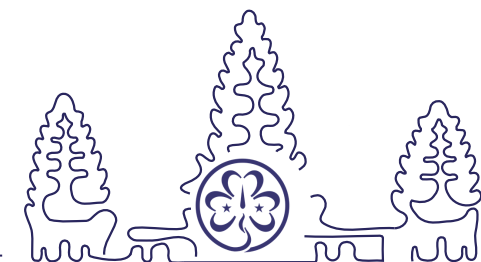


Bid Proposal:

Association des Guides du Rwanda (AGR) seeks to host the 40th WAGGGS World Conference in 2029 as a strategic opportunity to contribute to the global Girl Guiding Movement while showcasing Rwanda's commitment to girls' and young women's empowerment. Hosting the Conference would allow AGR and Rwanda to share experiences, innovations and best practices while also creating a valuable space to learn from other Member Organisations, strengthen global solidarity and exchange ideas that will shape the future of Girl Guiding worldwide.

Located in East Africa, Rwanda is a country known for its breathtaking scenery, often referred to as the 'Land of a Thousand Hills'. Its capital Kigali has been ranked the second most popular Destination in Africa for hosting international conferences and events by ICCA (International Congress and Convention Association)

Rwanda is internationally recognised for its leadership in gender equality, women's participation, and inclusive governance. As a women-led organisation, AGR reflects these national values in action. Hosting the World Conference would provide a global platform to highlight Rwanda's journey, while equally enabling AGR to benefit from the knowledge, expertise and diverse perspectives of the global WAGGGS membership.



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When and Where?

Dates: 14-18 August 2029

Location: Kigali, Rwanda



How much will it cost?

USD \$800 - \$1,075



Accommodation Options:

Radisson Blue:

Cost per person / per night USD double occupancy room \$100

Marriot Hotel:

Cost per person / per night USD double occupancy room \$80

Serena Hotel:

Cost per person / per night USD double occupancy room \$92

Sainte Famille:

Cost per person / per night USD double occupancy room \$65

Travel and Visa Information:

Kigali is situated in the centre of Rwanda and is easily accessible by air, bus and car, depending on where you are travelling from.

Rwanda applies a facilitative and inclusive visa regime that is well suited for international meetings and conferences.

- Nationals of East African Community (EAC) Member States are exempt from visa requirements and may enter Rwanda using a valid passport or national ID.
- Nationals of Commonwealth countries and Francophonie countries are eligible for a short-stay visa on arrival free of charge for visits related to conferences and official events.
- Participants from other countries may also obtain a visa on arrival for the amount of \$50.

The process is simple and efficient with minimal documentation required. AGR will issue official invitation letters and provide guidance and support to participants as needed to ensure smooth and timely entry into Rwanda for all Conference delegates.

Main Risks and Mitigations:

Limited direct air connectivity

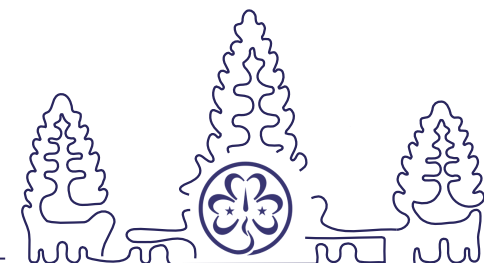
Work with the Rwanda Convention Bureau for "delegate boosting" and promote travel on partner airlines (Ethiopian Airways, Qatar Airways, etc.).

Technical Breakdowns and Power Outages

Venue having backup generator, reliable high-speed WiFi and dedicated technician on-site throughout

Transportation and Traffic Delays

Venues selected with easy accessibility. Dedicated, pre-scheduled shuttles from hotels to the venue. Informing delegates about traffic patterns and suggest leaving early to avoid delays.



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Other Information:

Rwanda offers exceptional pre- and post-tour experiences for conference delegates, combining nature, culture, conservation, adventure, and history. These curated packages are designed to enrich delegate experiences while maximizing Rwanda's competitive edge as a premium conference destination. Options include:

ONE DAY OPTIONS:

Kigali City Experience – 3 to 4 Hours

Highlights: Kigali Genocide Memorial / Campaign Against Genocide Museum / Kigali Convention Centre (KCC) architectural tour / Inema Arts Center or Niyo Arts Gallery / Kimironko local market experience

Coffee & Culinary Immersion – A light and engaging pre-event program - 2 to 5 Hours

Highlights: Kigali coffee masterclass with Rwanda's best roasters (Question Coffee) / Traditional Rwandan cooking workshop / Farm-to-cup demonstration at local cooperatives

FULL DAY AND MORE:

Volcanoes National Park – (one day; 1-2 Nights).

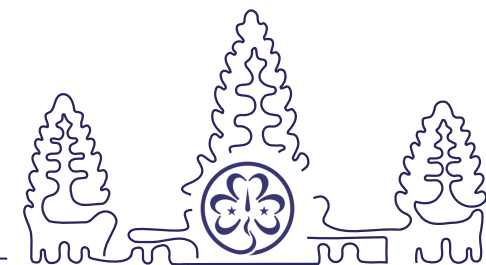
Highlights: Mountain gorilla trekking / Golden monkey trekking (optional) / Kwita Izina experience site (seasonal)

Nyungwe National Park – (one day /1-2 Nights).

Highlights: Nyungwe Canopy Walk (iconic 60m-high bridge) / Chimpanzee trekking / Tea plantations and factory visit

Akagera National Park – Big Five Safari (one day/ 1-2 Nights): East Africa's most successful conservation turnaround story.

Highlights: Full-day game drive (lion, elephant, rhino, giraffe, etc.) / Boat safari on Lake Ihema / Luxury tented camps or mid-range lodges



TUNISIA

MO Information:

The Tunisian Scouts is a long-established national organisation founded in 1933. It includes more than 50,000 active members across the country, in addition to around 5,000 leaders and volunteers working within local, regional, and national structures.

The organization is considered a leader in the field of scouting and youth education in Tunisia. It is distinguished by its nationwide presence and its strong capacity to mobilize human and material resources to organize major activities and events. Its expertise covers camps, regional gatherings, conferences, and international youth activities.

In 2005, the Tunisian Scouts successfully organized the World Conference of the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

The organization has also hosted major Arab events, such as the Arab Rovers and Rangers Meeting in the summer of 2022, which brought together around 900 participants from Tunisia and other Arab countries. It also organized the National Guides Jamboree, with the participation of approximately 1,200 guides from various Arab nations.

In addition, it has organized regional conferences for guides, the most recent being in 2019.



Bid Proposal:

The Tunisian Scouts aspire to host the 40th World Conference, as this event represents a valuable opportunity to strengthen youth leadership, international cooperation, and cultural exchange among members of the global scouting movement. The conference would also provide an opportunity to:

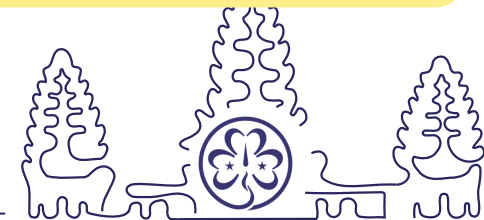
Showcase the extensive organizational experience of the Tunisian Scouts in managing large-scale events at both regional and international levels, creating momentum for the Arab region by building on previous successes such as the Arab Scout Conference in Algeria and other successful events.

Highlight Tunisian culture and the country's capacity to host international events smoothly and safely, leveraging Tunisia's strategic central location and its proximity to various parts of the Arab region.

Develop the capacities of leaders and volunteers. Through active involvement in organizing and managing a global event, leaders and volunteers gain:

- Practical experience in event planning and implementation
- Advanced leadership skills through team management and responsibility-taking
- Improved communication skills in multicultural and high-pressure environments
- Strong problem-solving abilities when facing real-time challenges
- Flexibility and adaptability in dynamic environments
- Exposure to international standards and best practices

This contributes to their professional development and enhances their long-term leadership readiness. Through organizing this conference, the Tunisian Scouts aim to contribute to the promotion of global scouting values and to strengthen networking among youth from around the world, benefiting both the international and national scouting movements.



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When and Where?

Dates: 01-05 June 2029

Location: Tunis, Tunisia



How much will it cost?

USD \$900 - \$1250



Accommodation

Hotel Africa Tunis (main hotel)

Cost per person / per night USD double occupancy room \$140-\$150

Other Options:

Radisson Blue Hotel:

Cost per person / per night USD double occupancy room \$182 - \$233

Mövenpick Hotel du Lac Tunis:

Cost per person / per night USD double occupancy room \$215-272

Tunis Marriot Hotel:

Cost per person / per night USD double occupancy room \$200

Travel and Visa Information:

Tunisia is typically accessed via Tunis–Carthage International Airport (TUN), which serves international flights from Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and North America.

It is also possible to reach Tunisia by sea from some Mediterranean countries or by land from neighbouring countries such as Algeria and Libya.

Entry into Tunisia is governed by passport and visa laws that specify the conditions for access to the national territory. Obtaining a visa depends on meeting legal requirements and having no restrictions related to the purpose of travel.

Official entry requirements can be found at: legislation-securite.tn

According to current regulations:

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Main Risks and Mitigations:

Personal Safety

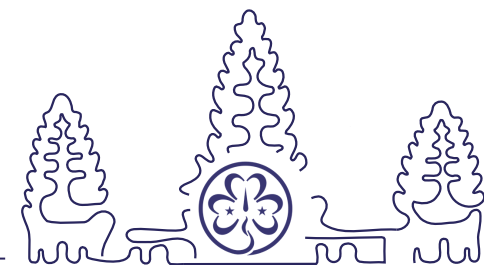
Full coordination with local authorities and provision of secure transportation for participants.

Health and Safety

On-site first aid services at the conference and collaboration with local hospitals.

Natural Events

Selection of safe venues and clear evacuation plans.



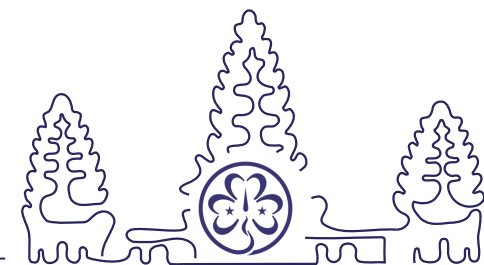
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Other Information:

The MO is looking into tour options for participants.

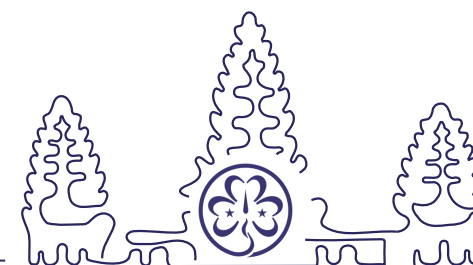
During June, a variety of options can be provided in Tunisia covering historical landscapes (Carthage, Sidi Bousaid, Bardo Museum El Djem Collosseum, Kerkouene) or coastal cities (Hammamet, Sousse, Kelibia, Haouaria, Dogga, Djerba Island, Benzart) or other landmarks (Zaghouene temples, Tebarka, etc.)



FLIGHT COST ESTIMATES



Region	To Kigali – Total Duration (hrs)	To Kigali – Return Price USD (August)	To Tunis – Total Duration (hrs)	To Tunis – Return Price USD (June)
Europe	10 – 14	\$1,000 – \$1,500	3 – 6	\$400 – \$700
Africa	4 – 10	\$500 – \$1,000	3 – 8	\$400 – \$800
Asia Pacific	16 – 26	\$1,300 – \$2,200	14 – 24	\$1,000 – \$1,700
Arab Region	7 – 12	\$700 – \$1,300	6 – 10	\$500 – \$1,000
Western Hemisphere	20 – 34	\$1,600 – \$2,800	12 – 22	\$1,100 – \$2,000





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