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DOCUMENT 7

Proposed Motions and 2022 Asia Pacific Regional Conference Bids

INTRODUCTION

This Document lists all the Proposed Motions that have been received. A revised version of this Document – Document 7b – will be circulated at the Conference, prior to the **Voting Session on Friday 16 August 2019**. This will include any Proposed Amendments to Proposed Motions that are received prior to the Conference, or during the Conference. In addition, it is also possible for Member Organisations (MO) to table Proposed Motions at the 13th Asia Pacific Regional Conference and these will also be included in Document 7b.

Member Organisations are informed that Amendments may be submitted up to **12:00pm (GMT+8) on Wednesday 14 August 2019**. However, if a Member Organisation is intending to submit an Amendment in advance of the Conference, it would be helpful if this could be received as soon as possible by emailing AP.reco@waggs.org.

If an MO intends to table a Proposed Motion, it would be helpful if this could also be received as soon as possible by emailing AP.reco@waggs.org or submitted to the Procedural Team during the Conference latest by **12:00pm (GMT+8) on Wednesday 14 August 2019**.

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PROPOSED MOTIONS

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Proposed Motion 1 It is recommended that motions carried at Regional Conferences be implemented and the following points observed in the implementation 1.1 Motions tabled and carried at Regional Conferences be made available to all Member Organisations. 1.2 Member Organisations be informed of the status of implementation of the carried motions at the next Regional Conference. 1.3 Status of motions and process of implementation following motions being carried at Regional Conferences be explained clearly in the Regional Guidelines. 1.4 Motions approved at Regional Conferences be brought before the World Conference and may be considered as proposed motions to be approved at World Conference.	Girl Scouts of Taiwan	Full and Associate Member Vote	Simple majority	For:
				Against:
				Abstentions:
Proposed Motion 2 It is recommended that WAGGGS offers programmes, events, resources, etc. more accessible to girls and young women from Member Organisations which speak or operate in languages beyond the four official languages of WAGGGS.	Girls Scouts of Taiwan	Full and Associate Member vote	Simple majority	For:
				Against:
				Abstentions:
Proposed Motion 3 To select the host of the WAGGGS 14th Asia Pacific Regional Conference to be held in 2022.	The Asia Pacific Regional Committee	Full and Associate Member vote	Simple majority	Sangam World Centre or The Girl Guides (Girl Scouts) Association of Thailand selected to host the 14th Asia Pacific Regional Conference

PROPOSED MOTION 1: GIRL SCOUTS OF TAIWAN

At the 12th Asia Pacific Regional Conference in Nepal in 2016, Member Organisations in the Asia Pacific Region proposed that “In the future, the World Board should consult with all the Member Organisations in the Asia Pacific Region and make necessary adjustments based on the Member Organisations’ feedback when undertaking major organisational restructuring”. This motion was carried with 18 Member Organisations voting for it.

Following this motion, WAGGGS had gone through a major staff restructure in 2016 with Regional staff team being replaced by Relationship Managers to work with Member Organisations. In 2018, Member Organisations were once again informed that Regional staff team is back in place and all the 26 Member Organisations in the region will be managed by one Relationship Manager. Member Organisations were again not consulted on this change which will take place and only informed after this new structure is implemented. Frequent changes in WAGGGS staff working with Member Organisations create confusion among Member Organisations and could affect the efficiency and effectiveness of working relationship between WAGGGS and Member Organisations.

This brings the question of what is the follow up action of motions carried at Regional Conferences, who should follow up and implement it and how could Member Organisations access information on the status of the implementation. There is also no clear indication of what happens to motions carried at Regional Conferences in any document accessible to Member Organisations. Motions proposed and carried by Member Organisations reflect the needs of Member Organisations. In the spirit of transparency and being member-driven, it is recommended that WAGGGS takes serious consideration in implementing motions carried at Regional Conferences and update Member Organisations on the status of implementation. Otherwise, there would be no point in accepting motions during Regional Conferences if it would only be approved and left at that with no hope of its implementation.

Further, motions proposed and approved at Regional Conferences should find its way to the World Conference as it is the voice of the Region that has spoken. Other Regions may have similar sentiments and agree. Once approved at World Conference, it can be truly said that Member Organisations shape the policy and events governing them.

Proposed Motion:

It is recommended that motions carried at Regional Conferences be implemented and the following points observed in the implementation

- 1.1 Motions tabled and carried at Regional Conferences be made available to all Member Organisations.
- 1.2 Member Organisations be informed of the status of implementation of the carried motions at the next Regional Conference.
- 1.3 Status of motions and process of implementation following motions being carried at Regional Conferences be explained clearly in the Regional Guidelines.
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PROPOSED MOTION 2: GIRL SCOUTS OF TAIWAN

The Asia Pacific Region is a diverse region with many Member Organisations not having English as their primary language. These Member Organisations are only categorised in the English speaking Member Organisations category because they do not operate in the other official languages of WAGGGS either. This does not mean the Member Organisations could benefit fully from opportunities and resources provided in English.

It is a challenge to Member Organisations to deliver WAGGGS programmes or participate more actively in international opportunities, including participation at events, volunteering for WAGGGS or engaging in governance roles due to barriers in language. This is especially if Member Organisations do not have the capacity to translate resources into local languages or resources being made available too late, leaving too short a timeline for translation, dissemination and capacity building to members at local levels.

Language barriers do hinder capacity building of Member Organisations. With most programmes and resources available in English only, it can be safely said that Member Organisations which need the most support in capacity building are left behind in the process.

It is recommended that WAGGGS explore models to work with Member Organisations addressing all aspects of accessibility in line with WAGGGS vision of “All girls are valued and take action to change the world”.

Proposed Motion:

It is recommended that WAGGGS offers programmes, events, resources, etc. more accessible to girls and young women from Member Organisations which speak or operate in languages beyond the four official languages of WAGGGS.

PROPOSED MOTION 3: THE ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL COMMITTEE

One Member Organisation and a World Centre are bidding to host the 14th Asia Pacific Regional Conference which will take place in 2022:

- The Girl Guides (Girl Scouts) Association of Thailand
- Sangam World Centre

Proposed Motion:

To select the host of the WAGGGS 14th Asia Pacific Regional Conference to be held in 2022.

Comparison of key facts between bids to host the 2022 Asia Pacific Regional Conference

	Sangam World Centre	The Girl Guides (Girl Scouts) Association of Thailand
Membership numbers	<p>Sangam's family will be involved in bringing you this Conference experience. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current international staff team who are all members of Member Organisations as well as staff – 4• Regular International Volunteers from various Member Organisations – 5-6• Local Staff from the Pune community – 19• International Volunteers engaged to assist with this experience – up to 7• A Volunteer service team engaged to assist with this experience from the BS&G will be invited <p>Sangam World Centre receives approximately 1000 individual guests each year. This conference experience would increase this number by 250.</p>	<p>The Girl Guides (Girl Scouts) Association of Thailand has approx. 50,000 members. The Board of committees, together with active adult and young leaders, volunteers, staffs, and external cooperated organization proudly host the event.</p>

PROPOSED MOTION 3: THE ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

	Sangam World Centre	The Girl Guides (Girl Scouts) Association of Thailand
Information on the MO and their experience and capacity in delivery major events	<p>Sangam World Centre is one of the five World Centres of WAGGGS. Sangam is located in Pune, India and provides girls and young women with outstanding international opportunities for lifelong learning, community action and personal transformation. The word Sangam means ‘coming together’ in the ancient language of Sanskrit. Since 1966, the Centre has been a safe place for members of Guiding and Scouting to come together and share their cultures and experiences.</p> <p>Throughout the year, Sangam offers events that are themed around leadership, culture, celebrations and wellness.</p> <p>Sangam also offers Volunteering experiences designed to bring change in the life of the Volunteer.</p> <p>In 2019 Sangam will run 26 event Programmes including JLS, host 7 Community Programmes, 3 Volunteer Programmes and numerous independent guests stays.</p> <p>Sangam’s experience in event management is extensive. In 2016 at the request of WAGGGS at very late notice Sangam hosted the annual OB-PS gathering. The Centre worked with the fund development department to bring a fabulous experience to the members of OB-PS and it will be an event to be remembered for many years to come.</p> <p>The OB-PS experience was hosted in partnership with the Hyatt Pune. This allowed guests to choose a level of accommodation suitable to them at a price that they could afford – either at Sangam or at the Hyatt. Some activities were held at Sangam and some were held at the Hyatt. Transport between the two venues was arranged and factored into the budget and programme timing.</p> <p>In the last few years other events of significance that Sangam has hosted for WAGGGS include the Young Women’s World Forum – held simultaneously across all the World Centres in 2011, the 2015 JLS (and we will host again in 2019), the Free Being Me Festival in 2015 and Sangam’s own 50th birthday event in 2016 where a double backed event was run so that the house could be at capacity on the actual birthday – the 16th of October.</p>	<p>The Girl Guides (Girl Scouts) Association of Thailand (GGAT) was founded by Lady Kanok Samsen Vil since 1957 and has been under the Royal Patronage of Her Majesty the Queen since 1963. For 62 years, we have been working with girls and young women to enable them to reach their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world. Our activities are mainly based in schools throughout the country, so that we have around 50,000 members including almost 5,000 adult members as volunteer.</p> <p>We have experience and expertise holding national/international events before:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Asia Pacific Regional Conference, 1978 (2) 3rd Asia Pacific Regional Conference, 1989 (3) GG/GS International Camp in 1982, 1997, 2004, 2016 and 2018 (4) Cultural Camp with GS of Korea in 1997, 2000 and 2002 (5) Juliette Low Seminar Hub 2019

PROPOSED MOTION 3: THE ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

	Sangam World Centre	The Girl Guides (Girl Scouts) Association of Thailand
Outline of proposal	<p>Sangam World Centre is an asset to the Asia Pacific Region and by hosting this experience Sangam hopes that all Asia Pacific MOs will have a deeper understanding of the capacity of the Centre to meet the needs of your MO and your members by providing them with unparalleled opportunities for life long learning, transformation and personal development.</p> <p>Sangam World Centre has again partnered with the Hyatt Pune to bring this Conference experience to you. Regardless of the accommodation option you choose you will spend time participating in programme at both Sangam and the Hyatt and provided with convenient transport between the two venues. Depending on the traffic this can take between 20 and 40 minutes.</p> <p>Your programme will include a traditional Sangam Welcome Ceremony plus an International Night and World Market both to be held at Sangam World Centre. You will also get to explore the city of Pune in a half day activity of your choice that could include immersing yourself in the world of one of Sangam's Community Partners or going on a guided shopping experience in the colourful city of Pune.</p> <p>The Hyatt Pune will provide the perfect back drop for the business needs of the Conference including generous plenary spaces to accommodate both the Friends of Asia Pacific and business meetings of Conference. Break out rooms are right next door ensuring a seamless Conference experience all on the ground floor of the hotel.</p> <p>To conclude our time together the Hyatt will host our Gala Dinner on the last night where we can sit back and enjoy a great cultural experience as well as the incredible service, food and refreshments that the Hyatt is renowned for.</p> <p>This Conference experience will bring you everything that you expect from a WAGGGS Conference experience - fun, friendship, culture, connection and of course a platform to carry out the business of the Asia Pacific Region.</p> <p>We look forward to welcoming you to Sangam World Centre and to incredible India!</p>	<p>(1) Overview of Thailand and Bangkok</p> <p>Thailand is one of the ideal countries to visit in the world full with historical places, natural attractions, beautiful culture, smiling people, and tasty foods. Living cost here is also not high.</p> <p>The Asia Pacific Regional Conference will be held in Bangkok, the capital of Thailand.</p> <p>(2) Overview of big international events/ meetings held in Bangkok</p> <p>Emphasizing Bangkok as a prefer choice to host big international events/ meetings by showing those events/ meetings (only related to girls and women) held during these 5 years. For example, One Young World (2015), The Third International Congress on Women's Health and Unsafe Abortion (2016), Asia Pacific Youth Conference (2017), Miss Universe (2018), etc.</p> <p>(3) Overview of The Girl Guides (Girl Scouts) Of Thailand</p> <p>Explaining our brief history throughout 62 years; our experience holding guiding conference/ events; our skilled and hospitalized members, staffs, and volunteers to ensure the readiness of us being the host of 14th Asia Pacific Regional Conference.</p> <p>(4) Experience Bangkok</p> <p>Participants will have chance to experience One Night in Bangkok by dining in the cruise. Enjoy the beautiful Bangkok view at night, taste the authentic Thai foods, watch the traditional Thai dances. They can also take optional Bangkok City Tour as well.</p>

PROPOSED MOTION 3: THE ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

	Sangam World Centre	The Girl Guides (Girl Scouts) Association of Thailand
Requirement for visas / access	<p>Online e-visas for tourism area available for most countries in the AP to visit India now. If someone requires a visa support letter Sangam is able to provide this.</p> <p>The only country that may struggle to get visas to come to India is Pakistan. There are no official barriers in place but on application they may be denied.</p>	<p>Visas are required for Nepal, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Bangladesh, Cook Islands, India, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Fiji, Pakistan, and Taiwan.</p> <p>We will send the letter to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other related government authorities to acknowledge the host of this conference. Then we can issue the document for participant's embassy prior to their participation for both advance Visa process and Visa on arrival process.</p>
Proposed venue	<p>Sangam World Centre is your World Centre in the Asia Pacific Region. Come and get to know the Spirit and the people that make this such a special and unique World Centre. Learn first hand how Sangam can have a positive impact on your members.</p> <p>Hyatt Pune offers a fabulous conference venue with a ball room that can be used for larger functions and split into two to accommodate Conference and Friends of Asia Pacific gatherings at the same venue. Adjacent to the main plenary hall are four additional break out rooms that we will appropriate for various functions during the Conference</p>	<p>Asia Hotel, Bangkok</p> <p>Asia Hotel Bangkok is situated in the prime location with full serviced facilities for business meetings and conferences. Getting around by sky train is the most convenient mean and transfer to and from Suvarnabhumi airport is approximately 40 minutes by Suvarnabhumi airport rail link Phayathai Station.</p> <p>There are 13 meeting rooms available, the main one can accommodate 1,200 people which we can divide into two breakout rooms if needed. While other 4 breakout rooms are all set to facilitate 120-250 people.</p> <p>They have an expertise organizing many national and international conference, especially on academic conference. For example, International and National Academic Conference: Research and Innovation in Health (2018). etc.</p>

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	Sangam World Centre	The Girl Guides (Girl Scouts) Association of Thailand
Proposed accommodation	<p>Sangam World Centre and Hyatt Pune</p> <p>Sangam World Centres offers reasonably priced accommodation for the budget conscious participant or those wishing to immerse themselves in a World Centre experience. The Centre has shared dorms plus twin and triple rooms with or without ensuite.</p> <p>The Hyatt Pune is the finest luxury hotel in Pune offering exceptional service and facilities. Select a room type that suits your budget from single and twin rooms and suites.</p> <p>You can book your own Conference accommodation separately. Details of how to do this will be communicated to you when booking information is released.</p> <p>Travel between Mumbai International Airport and Sangam/Hyatt Pune is approximately 4 hours by car. Travel between Pune Airport and Sangam/Hyatt Pune is approximately 20 minutes.</p>	<p>Asia Hotel, Bangkok</p> <p>The 4-star Asia Hotel Bangkok offers luxurious rooms with standard interiors in proximity to Jim Thompson. This is a 17-storey Chinese-style building. The venue features a private pool with a hot tub, parasols and a sauna.</p> <p>The accommodation is 4.1 km from Sports, while the center of Bangkok is 7 km away.</p> <p>The hotel is ideally located with easy access to a museum, a temple and a palace.</p> <p>There are 600 rooms of international standard, deluxe, and suite rooms. This comfortable property provides every room with Wi-Fi, a refrigerator and coffee/tea makers. Each room has a marble bathroom equipped with a hairdryer, toiletries and a shower cap.</p> <p>Guests can enjoy their morning meal at the restaurant. The Greatwall restaurant, which is set onsite, features exquisite international meals. The large lobby bar offers a variety of light drinks. L'aventure and Tudari Korean Casual Dining are 5 minutes' walking distance from Asia Hotel Bangkok.</p> <p>BTS-Ratchathewi train station is a 5-minute walk away.</p> <p>A laundry room, dry cleaning and a tour desk as well as a safe deposit box, a beauty shop and a barber shop are available for guests' use.</p> <p>Other recreation facilities include a health club and a Jacuzzi. It offers a gym and a fitness room on-site for all sport lovers.</p>

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	Sangam World Centre	The Girl Guides (Girl Scouts) Association of Thailand
<p>Estimated registration fee in USD</p> <p><i>Estimated registration fee is for guidance only, as budget estimates will change in the run up to the Conference.</i></p>	<p>US\$850</p> <p>Included in your Conference Fee: Transport from Mumbai or Pune airport to Sangam/Hyatt Pune; most meals during the Conference including the Gala Dinner; transport to and from the two venues - Sangam/Hyatt Pune; half day activity in Pune and all other programme activities.</p> <p>Not included in your Conference Fee: Visa, flights, personal expenses, your preferred accommodation.</p>	<p>US\$890</p>
<p>Estimated cost of accommodation in USD (per person, per night, assuming sharing a twin room)</p> <p><i>Estimated cost of accommodation is for guidance only, as budget estimates will change in the run up to the Conference.</i></p>	<p>Sangam World Centre - US\$36 per person per night twin share room. US\$19 per person per night shared dorm.</p> <p>Hyatt Pune - US\$89 per person per night twin share. Rooms available including Suites up to US\$150 per person per night twin share.</p> <p>Breakfast is included in the price quoted for accommodation at both Sangam and the Hyatt Pune.</p>	<p>The accommodation fee is included in the registration fee stated above, based on per person in a twin-sharing room.</p>
Proposed dates	<p>June 2022.</p> <p>Sangam is closed to guests in May. The season opens in June with Volunteer training. In July the monsoon is expected to start and it is proposed that two functions are held outside at Sangam. Therefore, June is the best time for Sangam.</p> <p>Ramadan will conclude by the end of April in 2022.</p>	<p>Mid of August 2022 (Probably 13-19 August)</p> <p>June-August is the rainy season period, we refer to the date of 13th conference and feel that the rain level is actually lower than previous 2 months.</p> <p>Also early August is usually the time of Mid term exam for many schools. To gather members as our volunteer hosting this event and welcoming all the participants together as much as possible, we feel middle of August is the best time.</p>

PROPOSED MOTION 3: THE ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

	Sangam World Centre	The Girl Guides (Girl Scouts) Association of Thailand
Any other relevant information	During the World Conference in Delhi in 2017 Friends of Asia Pacific WAGGGS, India was launched. This Conference will provide an opportunity for this group to be firmly established within the Friends of Asia Pacific network.	There are 2 airports, 'Donmuang' for budget airlines and 'Suvarnabhumi' for all other international airlines.
Main risks	<p>Political unrest in India (although elections have just completed and the current political situation is stable).</p> <p>Currency fluctuations between now and the time of the Conference.</p> <p>Sangam is not a Member Organisation and it may not be considered appropriate for a World Centre to deliver a Regional Conference. However, there is a precedent with Our Cabana delivering the Western Hemisphere Conference in 2013.</p>	<p>Possible risks are</p> <p>(1) Flooding – the massive one ever happened on October 2010</p> <p>(2) Political issue – There was a demonstration closing the international airport on 2008 -</p>
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