

13th Asia Pacific Girl Guide and Girl Scout Conference

Dear Member Organizations,

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and the Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association (SLGGA) are thrilled to invite you to the 13th WAGGGS Asia Pacific Regional Conference to be held in Sri Lanka from 12 - 16 August 2019.

This 13th Asia Pacific Regional Conference is a very special occasion, as we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Asia Pacific Region. Some of the Asia Pacific Regional Conference activities will be joined by Friends of Asia Pacific WAGGGS (FAPW), which are also celebrating the 20th Anniversary of FAPW. Further information about the events for the 50th Anniversary will be sent to you soon.

The Regional Conference is a key opportunity to come together for one of our most important governance events. During the Conference, we will develop future regional strategies, align our service delivery plan with the needs, interests, and priorities of Member Organizations, and work together to explore tools and resources to expand Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting within our Region. We will share best practices, learn from each other, and make new connections.

We will also host a two-day pre-Conference event for young women in governance as an action for World Conference Motion 32 (please check exact wording. Information will be shared about this event in the coming months. We encourage each country to consider having at least one young woman as part of their delegation to attend this event and the Conference itself.

Join us to learn about our past, present and future planned activities and elect six new members to lead the Asia Pacific Region into the new triennium of 2019-2022.

As you prepare for the Conference, we encourage you to start identifying candidates to stand for election for the 2019 - 2022 Asia Pacific Regional Committee. We aim to present a diverse and talented pool of candidates, including young women, who have the skills and ability to set the strategic direction of the Region and contribute to the implementation of our global strategy.

Additionally, we encourage you to start identifying areas of strength within your own organization that you might like to share during the Conference Forum.

Conference Theme

The theme of the 13th WAGGGS Asia Pacific Regional Conference is: Unite, Thrive, Grow.

Save the Date

12 - 16 August 2019

Location

The Conference will be held at the Galadari Hotel, situated in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) is approximately 35 km from the venue.

Registration

Registrations open on the 4th of February 2019. You will receive a link shortly with registration details.

Further Details

More information, including conference registration, payments, and instructions will be provided to you in due course.

For any queries related to the 13th Asia Pacific Regional Conference, please write to <u>AP.ReCo@wagggs.org</u>.

We look forward to seeing you in Sri Lanka and to welcoming you to the 13th Asia Pacific Girl Guide and Girl Scout Conference.

Warmly,

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