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- Chairpersons, National Chief Commissioners, International Commissioners of National Scout Organizations of the Interamerican Scout Region.

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Circular No. IAR-C21-2023-EN:
Open Call to integrate volunteers in the working groups of the Interamerican Scout Committee

Dear brothers and sisters in Scouting:

During the last Interamerican Scout Committee (ISC) meetings held in Panama City in February, and the one held online in June, the Committee decided to form several working groups. These working groups are related to the implementation of some resolutions taken by the 28th Interamerican Scout Conference, held in Paraguay in November 2022.

The ISC decided to integrate volunteers from the different NSOs of the Interamerican Scout Region into the working groups and to do this through an open call.

The working groups created by the ISC are:

- Diversity & Inclusion
- Environmental Sustainability
- Advocacy & Partnerships
- Candidates
- Evaluation of Regional Youth Involvement Platforms
- Regional Decision Committee (Projects financed by the Messengers of Peace Fund)

The ISC would further like to ask NSOs and potential applicants to keep the following in mind:

- Resolution 6/2022 **"Management of Adult Volunteering in International Teams of the World Organization of the Scout Movement"** taken during the 28th Interamerican Scout Conference, Paraguay 2022, agreed to: *Strongly urge the Member Organizations of the Region to facilitate the application of adult volunteers registered in them, taking into consideration that the only requirements necessary to apply are the desire of the adult volunteer, their willingness to accept and comply with the respective commitments, comply with the profile described in the respective call, be a registered and active member in a Member Organization.* Therefore, this call is for all adults who are part of a National Scout Organization of the Interamerican Region, who are duly registered in it and who express their desire to participate.
- To encourage **Youth Involvement**, ISC asks those under 30 years of age to apply to be part of the Group of Volunteers resulting from the Open Call.
- **Gender equality** as well as a global spread of volunteers are also very important for the ISC. We, therefore, call upon all NSOs to consider endorsing interested and competent members.



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- **Expertise at the international level within WOSM** or any other NGO is certainly considered an asset but is **not essential**. It is even conceivable that a person without national-level experience could contribute to certain parts of the work to be done, depending on their personal skills.
- Each applicant will be required to give an indication of the **time commitment** he or she can contribute if appointed (expressed in average hours per month). There are no good or bad answers to this – but please make sure your answer is honest and realistic.
- Further general requirements for participating in working groups are:
 - Access to high-quality internet connection and able to use virtual working methods (e-mail, Microsoft Teams, social media and online collaboration platforms)
 - Good proficiency in English and/or Spanish
- The ISC reserves the right to remove anyone who does not perform well or does something that is deemed to be inappropriate during his/her term of service.

The Volunteers Profiles for each of the Working Groups can be found at:
<https://treehouse.scout.org/Circular-IAR-C21-2023-ES-Open-Call>

In order to apply for the working groups, the following form must be filled in:
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/a94f4c36aa6440a58ea8894a74d3aa75>

The application process will begin on July 4th, 2023, and will end on July 31st, 2023.

Yours in Scouting,

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