

Report from Panel Discussion 3

Scouting and Parliamentary Roles in Synergizing Efforts in Response to Global Challenges

There were three presentations each one with a different perspective: national level, regional level and world level, this helped to give a whole vision on the possible synergies between parliamentary associations and scouting.

The panelists presented some best practices with two very different approaches:

- National projects (as Sufficiency Economy Philosophy SEP from Thailand) where scouting is joining a collective effort and developing actions aligned with a big national initiative.
- Scout projects (like Ticket to life) supported by governments.

After these presentations some different proposals to maximize the impact of the parliamentary associations in scouting were suggested, like:

- **Budget:** this is the main demand to the parliamentarians, to warrant economic support to allow an open to all and quality scouting
- **Legislation:** a friendly legal framework is needed to facilitate scouting in the countries, so any effort to make laws that could help scouts to meet their mission is always welcomed
- **Listening:** the role of the parliamentarians should not be only providing resources, it is asked to them to listen what scouts have to say and to listen what they need. For that reason periodic meetings with the National Scout Organization are recommended to establish a good relation
- **Scout values:** try to think as a scout always when reading or debating an initiative related to youth, environment, SDGs, or any other topic, because working with scout values will always have a positive impact in the result