Report from Panel Discussion 2

Possible Contributions of the WSPU to Achieve SDGs

Mari Nakano

Panel 2 had a talk on Possible Contribution of the WSPU to Achieve SDGs.

We had 3 panelists sharing their own experiences. One from Thai government and one from France. They are from different types of Scouting one with School based and one with community based Scouting but both highlighted that there is a lot of room for legislatives to support what Scouting is doing toward SDGs. Third Speaker talked about rather unique Scouting which exist in Thailand called village Scouting. It is Scouting for elderly who lives around boarder of Thailand. If I explain what it is it will be too long so I am not going to explain. But again what they are doing as Scout is contributing towards SDGs.

So what are the possible contributions of WSPU toward SDGs in relation with Scouting.

• WOSM fundamental principle Duty to God, Duty to self, Duty to Others is already a right mindset for youth growing up to be a leader of the society. It is important to support this mindset to contribute to the society which will lead to implement SDGs.

One of the example is that Duty to others can be read as Duty to environment.

- In order to work towards SDGs, Legislatives should be aware of Balanced Development Socially, Economically and environmentally. They are the ones who have to have a whole picture to support Scout working towards SDGs.
- As a member of WSPU or National Scout Parliamentarian, we should try to work toward making a law to support Scouting which is contributing directly and indirectly towards SDGs. But at the same time there was an suggestion of supporting to make laws and policies related to sustainable development. Adapting policy will help implement SDGs.

- SDGs in not only goals it is everyone's business. There are already many tools by UN and even by ministries. So make use of all tools to support Scouts working toward the goals.
- There was also an introduction of Parliamentary Handbook explaining about Parliament, s Role in Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals produced jointly by the United Nations Development Programme, the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption and the Islamic Development Bank. It says that it is designed to be an easy-to-use resource that can help parliamentarians and parliamentary staff members play an effective role in implementing the SDGs.