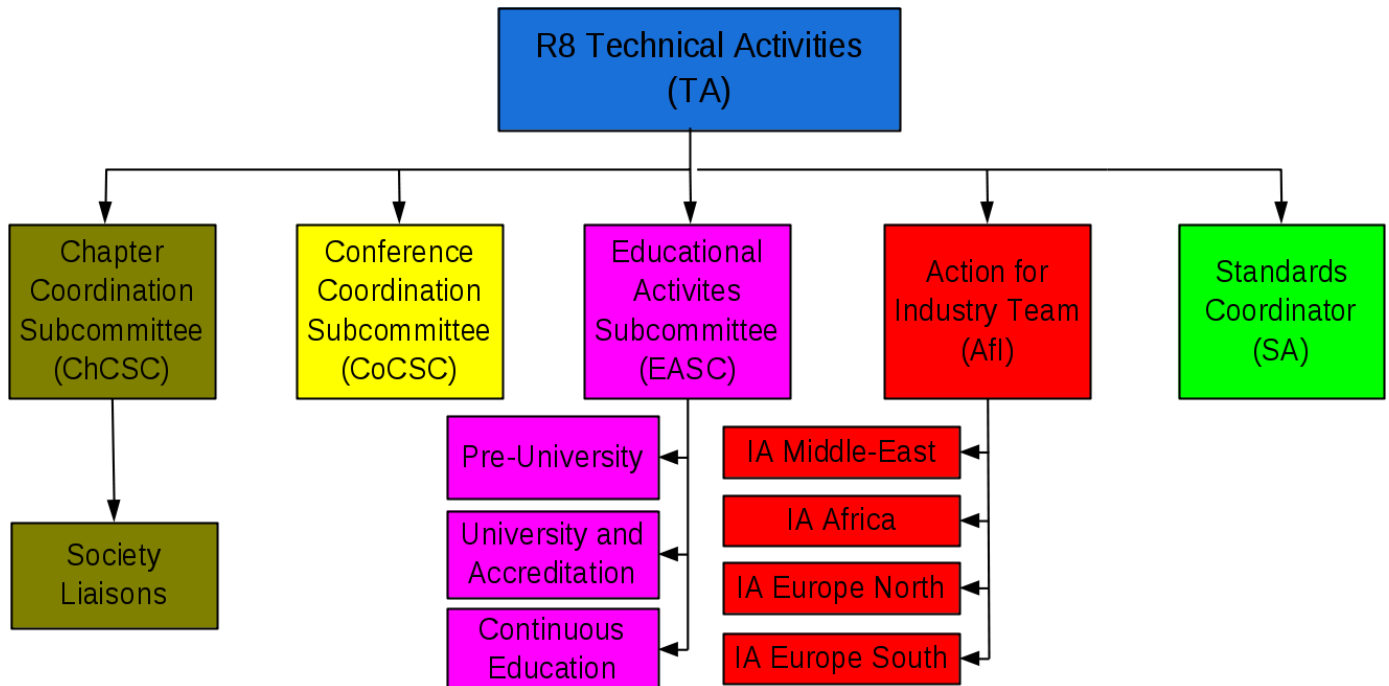


## V/C Technical Activities

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### Introduction

The Region 8 Technical Activities is supported by the Chapter Coordination, Conference Coordination and Educational Activities subcommittees and Action for Industry Team. Furthermore, a Standards Coordinator liaises with the IEEE Standards Association. The Technical Activities places efforts to support technical activities, educate volunteers and members, and collaborate with industry. More information is available on the Technical Activities website: <http://www.ieeer8.org/category/technical-activities/> The structure of the Technical Activities responsibilities is depicted in the following diagram:



An overview of the work done since January 2015 is given below:

### Chapter Coordination Subcommittee (ChCSC)

The ChCSC has received and reviewed a number of new chapter and council applications and 11 new chapters is approved. They improved Chapter of the year nomination process, received 25 nominations for the chapter and SB chapter awards and prepare recommendations for the R8 director and Awards Committee. The ChCSC is currently working on the annual ChCSC meeting in Autumn 2015.

### Conference Coordination Subcommittee (CoCSC)

The CoCSC has processed a number of technical and financial sponsorship requests. The organizers of MELECON 2016 and ENERGYCON 2016 have been approved during the Amsterdam meeting and R8 is looking for candidates for EUROCON 2017 and AFRICON 2017. Sections interested in hosting any flagship conference should contact the CoCSC. CoCSC will organize two free webinars in order to allow conference organizers to familiarize with IEEE procedures and gain knowledge on organizing successful conferences.

### Educational Activities Subcommittee (EASC)

The EASC has continued organizing and supporting Teacher In Service Program (TISP) and Engineering Projects in Community Service (EPICS-in-IEEE) workshops throughout Region 8. The committee is working on increase of the EASC visibility, and synergies with the IEEE Education Activities Board (EAB participation in March 2015 R8 Committee meeting R8 EAS meeting).

### Action for Industry (Afi)

Collaboration with Industry is one of the priority areas of the OpCom and the Afi is working to update the strategy and develop an action plan. To achieve stronger connection with the industry Afi introduce Industry Ambassadors for Africa, Middle-East, and Europe (North and South). The purpose of the Ambassadors is to improve the interaction with sections leaders and industry relations officers and support their efforts to become closer to the industry.

### Standards Coordinator

The standards coordinator acts as point of contact between Region 8 and the IEEE-SA and the standards education committee. Various meetings and workshops on standards are being held in the region (for example in Zambia and South Africa, IEEE-SA Board of Governors meeting was held in Brussels, IEEE 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee plenary meeting in Berlin).