Getting Closer to Industry

- Activities/programs/initiatives that work well in your Section to foster Industry Relations:
  - Internship offers to student members
  - Talks from Industry representatives
  - Sponsorships for events
  - MoUs of collaboration
  - Joint presentation at events (Corporates invite Section to meetings)
  - IEEE members presenting at events of industry partners

- Changes required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to improve Industry Relations:
  - Change the vTools term for role holder for industry affairs from from current Industry Liaison Officer to Industry Ambassador.
  - Establishment of some funding mechanism to support the Internship program
  - Funding for IEEE industry activities. Round table meetings, cock tail events

- Major successes since the last meeting in terms of Industry Relations:
  - Signed MoUs of collaboration between 2 local corporate organizations with the section
  - 3 other MoUs are under consideration
  - 5 concrete Internship offers from some local corporates to IEEE student members

To continue to foster Industry Relations:
  - Industry Ambassador for the section has been appointed
  - A schedule of industry related activities to be established
  - Inviting corporate organization to an industry round table gathering in October.

Students and Young Professionals

- Activities/programs/initiatives that work well in your Section to support Students and Young Professionals:
  - Joint conferences
  - Technical talks by Professionals
  - Partnering in community projects
  - Innovation expos

- Changes that would be required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to better support Students and Young Professionals:
  - Widen the scope of participation in local events to include students and YPs outside the capital.
  - More participation in global events.

- Major successes since the last meeting in terms of Students and Young Professionals:
  - Constitution of a student branch committee representative of institutions spread across the country to champion student activities.
  - Support to Students and Young Professionals.
    - Regional membership drives to be undertaken to have student and YP branches outside the capital Nairobi to get members more involved in IEEE activities.
    - Meetings with academic Deans to get buy in for students participation.
    - Mentorship and/or internship schemes with companies established.
    - Forums to bring them together planned and coming up soon. STEP event planned for October.

Section Vitality

- Activities/programs/initiatives that work well to drive the vitality and sustainability in the Section:
  - Joint conferences with industry
  - Technical talks by Professionals
  - Partnering in community projects.

- Changes required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to improve Section vitality and sustainability:
  - More involvement by the Section in Educational, Industrial and Community based partnerships, support from the Region and HQ would be appreciated.

- Major successes since the last meeting in terms of Section Vitality:
  - Formation of different volunteer committees to champion the IEEE Kenya Section agenda.
  - TAB sent a DL for a 2 day workshop on Software Engineering.
  - IEEE SA set to hold a round table meeting with Industry and also meet Standards institutions in Kenya in October.

- How to continue to foster Section Vitality:
  - Formation of regional teams to promote wider participation of all members. This is work in progress.
  - An entrepreneurship workshop is earmarked for October where we anticipate up to 200 participants.
  - A virtual conference to be held in October.
  - A TISP workshop to be held during the TISP week.
Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback

- Outstanding new initiatives:
  - Formation of different volunteer committees to champion the IEEE Kenya Section agenda.
  - About to sign an MoU with publishers of the Kenya Engineer on collaboration in both print and electronic communication.

- Special achievements:
  - Formation of the IEEE Kenya Section Women in Engineering Affinity Group.
  - IEEE Award to Kenya Section for meeting its membership retention goal for the 2016 membership year.