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.