

### **Kenya Section**

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What activities/programs/initiatives work well in your Section to foster Industry Relations? What changes would be required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to improve Industry Relations? What were major successes since the last meeting in terms of Industry Relations? How are you going to continue to foster Industry Relations?

Strengthened Collaboration with industry through a well functioning Industry Committee. Hosted a High Level IEEE Industry Outreach Visit led by the Global President, followed by signing an MOU with the Institution of Engineers of Kenya (IEK), and another MOU under preparation with the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum.

There was also a collaborative meeting with Safaricom Ltd Technology leadership and agreement to enhance cooperation reached.

In addition, an elaborate Collaboration arrangement with Industry has been prepared for implementation, with support of IEEE and the Adhoc Committee on African Affairs.

What activities/programs/initiatives work well in your Section to Attract and Support Future Members, e.g., Students and Young Professionals? What changes would be required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to better Attract and Support Future Members? What were major successes since the last meeting in terms of Attracting and Supporting Future Members? How are you going to continue to support Students and Young Professionals?

Strengthen and support the operations of the Section Steering Committee in order to strengthen members involvement in IEEE activities in Kenya.

Successes include very successful IEEE Day, students activities, Distinguished Lecturer programmes, e.t.c.

The Section facilitated the participation of 37 Students and Young Professionals at the East African Students and Young Professionals Congress in Kampala

What activities/programs/initiatives work well to drive the vitality and sustainability in your Section? What changes would be required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to improve Section vitality and sustainability? What were major successes since the last meeting in terms of Section Vitality? How are you going to continue to foster Section Vitality?

Preparation of Annual work or activity plans and budgets by each Section sub-Committee or Society, and involvement of members in their implementation.

Periodic members professional meet ups and presentations

Enhance opportunities for conference attendances both physical and virtual

Enhance student activities and follow-up on transition from students to Young Professionals

## What are your recommendations to IEEE Region 8 and the Africa Area Chair Gloria Chuckwudebe to foster IEEE in Africa? How does your Section support IEEE Activities in Africa?

Establishment of Eastern, Southern, Northern and Western Africa regional coordination arrangement to support Prof Gloria. The Kenya Section supports IEEE Activities in Africa by publicizing and encouraging members to participate therein, eg the just ended AFRICOG in South Africa, etc

# What services and which kind of support would you expect for Region 8 and/or your section out of the new IEEE office in Vienna, Austria? How has the existence of this office influenced your section since its inauguration last year?

Enhance diversity and inclusion programme to get members who are abled differently e.g physical challenges, deaf

#### Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

Formation of new chapters within the Section

- Kenya Chapter of the Communications Society
- Kenya Chapter of the Power and Energy Society
- Moi University Student Branch





Fig. 1. IEEE Day - Kenya 2017 at Riara University Nairobi, Kenya