

Nigeria 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?

Student and young professional activities have proven very successful in the Nigerian Section. Additional support for Student and young professional activities would increase the interest and membership in the section as most of the aspiring members are students and young professionals.

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?

In 2017, IEEE Nigeria Section hosted the African Students and Young professionals in Abuja, Nigeria. It was a huge success as Students and young professionals from various parts of Africa were in attendance. If similar regional or global events can be hosted in Nigeria it would go a long way to motivate professional and academics who are potential members of IEEE.

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 interms of Section Vitality? How are you going to continue to foster Section Vitality?

For the Nigerian Section, activities oriented towards training and enlightenment have proven to be successful. An example are the recent TISP and virtual training events which have been highly attended in our section. In the Nigeria Section, we would like to change the choice of meeting venues to venues in order to suit the target audience. We got some reports in 2017 that potential members could not attend events because of the distance to the location or the logistics required. We hosted 2 major events in 2017 and we plan to replicate similar performances in 2018.

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?

Gloria is doing a great job. It would be better if she is given the opportunity to move around and see the various African Sections in person. I also suggest that she could pair section chairs in order for dual interaction to allow such individuals compare notes and improve their sections.

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?

I think that Section Chairs should be invited to the section office from time to time in order to enable the officers know and recognize the office and its staff.

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