

Saudi Arabia (West) 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?

The section's efforts towards industry relations has been rather limited due to the main constraints in our section which is the legal status of the section, i.e. the section is not officially registered in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. We are working with the HQ to register the section, but this process is taking very long time.

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?

Conducting activities in the form of meetings, seminars, workshops, competitions, etc. are the main a tractors. We have done some and it is not easy to do more because of the same reason stated before.

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?

Officially registering the section in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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?

We would be very happy to cooperate with Gloria and all the sections in Africa in conducting joint activities.

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?

We are very much interested and willing to work the the IEEE office in Vienna to officially register our section the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Our guess is that the best route to take is to register IEEE as a foreign investor. I had already provided a work plan on how to go about activities if we achieve a foreign investor registration for the section.

Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

We have been working closely with SIGHT to provide support to refugees in the region. We are also working to organize a TISP program."