

Africa Area Coordinator

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Goals

- To provide a centralized coordinating unit for IEEE activities in Africa.
- To support and provide guidance to the members on how to use IEEE's tools, products and network to enhance the engineer in Africa.
- To grow IEEE's presence in Africa to benefit all volunteers.
- To address the specific opportunities and challenges in Africa.

Status

- IEEE Africa Area Chair is appointed by the IEEE Region 8 Director and supported by a small committee 1) Gloria Chukwudebe ? Nigeria; 2) Shaun Kaplan ?South Africa; 3) Habib M. Kammoun - Tunisia; 4) Kabwe Bellington- Zambia
- The establishment of Africa Area has led to more activities and networking amongst IEEE members in Africa.
- The Africa Area committee filed the petition for IEEE Africa Council after many engagements with Africa Section/Subsection Chairs.
- Most of the Committee meetings are virtual.
- Presently, the Committee is working to finalize the bylaw reviews for the Africa Council.

Outlook

- Nurture IEEE Africa Council
- Working with other African countries to recruit new IEEE members
- to grow to become Sections/Subsections.
- Introduce Regional Section Competitions and Paper Contest for students.
- Help Sections to do Training Workshops, TISP, etc.
- Encourage Regional cooperation (West Africa, East Africa, South Africa) for YP Congresses, Conferences.

Points of Concern

- No finances to support Africa Area Committee activities. ? There are few active volunteers who are willing to work at Section level. Some others who are willing to work have not been able to renew due to issues with foreign currency.
- Last year Africa Area Committee meetings were funded by Africa Ad hoc Committee.

Other Issues to report

Access to Internet and Power are still issues for sub-Saharan Africa, it affects activities of volunteers.