

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?

- 1) Having Industry Gala Night where Industry players were invited. Several major organizations agreed and paid membership for some students, young professionals and women in engineering;
- 2) Relating with industry to provide internships for students and young professionals;
- 3) Activated social media platform where opportunities are shared to spread the information;
- 4) Having students plan for Industry visits;
- 5) In the coming year, we will enhance our engagement with industry

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?

- 1) More events increases new member interest
- 2) Facilitation of membership renewal as awards after local students' competitions sponsored by our section
- 3) Increasing opportunities for volunteership within the section
- 4) Increasing more students activities, students branches
- 5) Increase participation of students in IEEE worldwide events like madC, IEEE Xtreme, TISP

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?

- 1) Sponsoring conferences. Last year, for the first time our section had Technical Sponsorship of ISCM 2018 at the University of Nairobi. This year, we are already in progress with another Technical sponsorship;
- 2) Encourage members to improve their membership grades;
- 3) Holding IEEE Day, Society days like PES;
- 4) Organizing monthly meetings and section year work plan;
- 5) Continue partnering with Industry to sponsor membership for staff and students;
- 6) Updating our online presence in social media, website and brochure publicity;
- Mount more IEEE virtual events, distinguished lecture and physical knowledge leveraging on IEEE technical knowledge base as continuous professional development (CPD) for local Engineers to get points towards practice licence renewal;
 Encourage members to be active in member driven initiatives(MDI) in different societies.

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

- 1) Commence sister sections partnerships;
- 2) Support and provide resources for AFRICON;
- 3) Assist in developing a strategic plan for IEEE African Council;
- 4) Continue to help potential opportunities for new sub sections and elevation of sub section to full 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?

We have not ha opportunity to interact much with Vienna office

Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

- 1) Our members have participated as presenters during virtual events;
- 2) Some of our student members got IEEEmadC Best Team Award Winner 2018 for their App called Darasa;
- 3) One of our IEEEmadC Ambassadors 2018 was placed 4th globally for best ambassadors;
- 4) One of our IEEEmadC Ambassadors 2018 got special mention ranked '1st globally;
- 5) The section had the first ever Technical sponsorship in 2018 for ISCMI 2018;
- 6) Our IEEE Day 2018 cake got special show during 111th meeting in Belgrade;
- 7) Section awarded for reaching membership growth target for year 2018.