

## Kenya Section

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**List the activities carried out to foster relations with Industry and the results obtained. List the initiatives planned during the next 6 months and their expected outcomes. How can the Region help your Section in your industry-related activities?**

Our main activity this year was tied around hosting the Power Africa Conference 2020. This was a virtual conference and involved Local as well International Participants. Locally it was an excellent opportunity to engage industry. We engaged various industry players to participate in the conference in form of Sponsorship, Tutorials, Paper Writing as well as virtual exhibitions. The conference was formally endorsed by the Kenyan Ministry Of Energy, The Local Engineering Registration Body (IEK) offered Personal Development Points to participating engineers. Overall the conference was a great success, not withstanding that it was the first time it was held in a virtual environment, with over 230 paper presentations and even generating a surplus income.

We shall be hosting the same conference in 2020, this time in its original Face to Face format, perhaps with virtual twist. This will keep the section volunteers and members busy for the next six month.

**List the activities addressed to Students and/or Young Professionals and the results obtained. List the initiatives planned during the next 6 months and their expected outcomes. How can the Region help in your students and YP-related activities?**

Main focus has been to get Student and YP Members to participate in organising the Power Africa Conference in the Local Organising Committee. This we achieved with great success and developed great local capacity to host and manage quality international events. Alongside this we continue to grow our Student Members through registration of new Student Branches in Universities all over the country. Last Six months saw two New Student Branches Registered.

We have also launched an initiative to revitalise the YP with focus on virtual events and improving use of social media to reach out to YP and Student Branch Members. This will be the focus for the next six months.

**List the activities carried out to retain and recruit members and the results obtained. List the initiatives planned during the next 6 months and their expected outcomes. How can the Region help in your membership-related activities?**

Last six months have been challenging with activities limited due to curfews as a result of the Corona Virus Pandemic. However we continue to offer a wide selection of Virtual Event in the active affinity groups. Our plans to revitalise struggling affinity groups have not taken off as expected again mainly due to the challenges presented by the Corona Virus Pandemic.

**List the activities intended to support chapters, affinity groups, and student branches and the results obtained. List the related initiatives planned during the next 6 months and their expected outcomes. How can the Region help in your support to chapters, affinity groups, and student branches?**

We are focusing on ensuring leadership in the various affinity groups remains energised by holding elections where possible and selection to help manage groups that are struggling. Our biggest challenge tends to be getting finances for projects and initiatives, we may benefit from assistance in writing better proposals to help secure funds for initiatives especially for humanitarian activities.

**Challenges (with a focus on what support is required from Region 8)**

Help securing funding for Humanitarian Activities, this tends to be a good area to get our membership involved in the section as well as help them grow professionally and socially. We have what we feel are viable projects but our motivation in various proposals we have written seems to be an area of weakness.