

South Africa 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?

With the Africa Council, plans are underway to engage directly with local and multi-national industries, to do a need identification exercise. This will be followed by a tailor made MoU and set of activities with each of these industries. It is our view that this model has the potential to yield expected outcomes.

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?

Continue the series of Webinars which started this year. Depending on the lockdown situation in 2021, face to face engagement around outreach programmes with TISP and EPICS-in-IEEE will be scheduled. In addition to this, professional development activities such as technical talks and industrial visits will take place.

News articles of recent section activities: <https://region8today.ieeer8.org/volunteer-news/prospects-for-women-in-the-power-and-energy-industry/>

<https://www.news.uct.ac.za/article/-2020-10-14-covid-19-multitool-opens-communal-doors-taps>

<https://www.covid19sa.org/>

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?

Increase the visibility of IEEE activities through the aforementioned programmes. Our key focus in 2021 is on member retention due to the economic climate in South Africa. That notwithstanding, through our outreach activities and increased industrial engagement, we anticipate attracting new members.

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?

Technical talks, webinars, school outreach projects on renewable energy and control applications, officer training on IEEE operating documents such as the By Laws, MGA Ops Manual, Section Constitution, Protection of Private Information (POPI) Act in South Africa. Each of these activities are planned to increase membership value, contribute to retention efforts, advance the mission of the IEEE through relevance to immediate communities, increase partnerships and attract new members.

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

Region 8 is doing the best to support Sections. Support in the implementation and monitoring of the recommendations from the recent Section's Congress is recommended.



