

Africa Council**Professor Adel M. Alimi, Chair 2022-2023****Goals**

Our main strategic objectives include:

1. Further the aims and objectives of IEEE
2. Coordinate inter Section activities
3. Provide support to Sections,
4. Promote IEEE activities in Africa

We intend to achieve the objectives through the following goals and key performance indicators:-

- 1. Create awareness of IEEE global activities and benefits**
 - Recruit volunteers from Africa countries to benefit from available opportunities
 - Propagate the activities of AC in the continent, R8 and IEEE
 - Encourage Sections' vitality by hosting AC events
 - Intensify drive to increase number of IEEE SM and Fellows
 - Encourage participation of members in Technical and Educational Activities
 - Pursue the goals of IEEE HQ and R8 activities
- 2. Cordial relationship among Sections**
 - Ensure regular networking / partnership among Sections
 - Collaborate to organize more humanitarian activities by Sections
 - Membership drive for IEEE presence in more countries
 - Organization of annual technical conferences to be hosted by different Sections
 - Mentorship of students and YP with benefit of IEEE membership
 - Creation of office/help desk to assist sections' volunteers
 - Encourage proper and timely reporting on V tools
- 3. Sustainable membership drive and retention**
 - Recruit members in all 54 countries
 - Explore rebate for members in countries special with cases
 - Identify Volunteers that can champion new Subsections
 - Organise periodical trainings for IEEE Volunteers
 - Reach out to Universities, students and Young Professionals
 - Recognize volunteers' achievements with awards
- 4. Establish collaboration with other entities**
 - Engage different underserved groups and geographical areas
 - Build partnership on provision of soft skills, mentoring services, and entrepreneurship
 - Encourage Sections to collaborate with and support companies, parastatals and government authorities
 - Encourage participation of Sections and members in humanitarian activities
 - Create opportunities for inter-relationships among the Sections

Status

To support the goals mentioned above, we have the following events committed and scheduled in various section on the African Continent where we plan to engage members, and support them where possible, for example scholarships to student members to attend and participate.

- August 2022: IEEE PES & IAS Power Africa Conference - Rwanda
- September 2022: IEEE Region 8 SYP - Tunisia
- November 2022: IEEE Region 8 Conference - Egypt
- September 2023: IEEE AFRICON – Kenya
- October 2022 Women In Engineering Paper Writing Event

Outlook

The following Initiatives are in various stages of discussion, planning and approval for possible implementation and rollout over the next 12 months.

- Adoption of Sub-Sections by Established Africa Council Sections
- 3rd Africa SYP
- Roadmap for conferences to be organized across Africa
- Initiative to Grow Senior and Fellows and in Africa
- Creation of Life Members Affinity Group
- Senegal Subsection Formation
- Niger Subsection Formation
- EDUCON (Or Similar Event)
- IEEE Continuous Education Initiative
- Mobile payment for IEEE members in Africa
- Connecting Gearbox Europlacer to IEEE Chapters across EAC

Points of Concern

The main areas of concern for the Africa Council is how to fund its activities and possible methodologies on raising of funds that can be used for these initiatives.

- Funding of Africa Council
 - Initiatives to raise funds
- IEEE membership is expensive in African countries.
 - Alternative payment methods to credit cards and debit cards, eg mobile money

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