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TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee – March 2023

FROM: Section Vitality and Development Sub-Committee

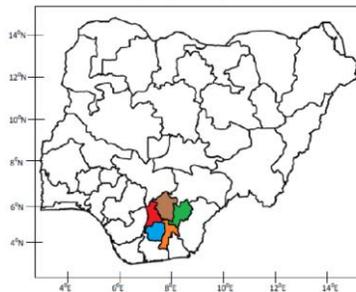
SUBJECT: Approval of Nigeria South-East Subsection

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Members in the country of Nigeria have submitted a petition to form a Subsection, namely Nigeria South-East Subsection. The request has been evaluated based on activities and the SVD guidelines. As per R8 Operations Manual section R8-8.1 the Region 8 Committee needs to approve the formation of a new Subsection and is requested to do so.

PROPOSED ACTION

Resolved that the Region 8 Committee approves the formation of Nigeria South-East Subsection, with Nigeria Section serving as a parent, and with boundaries corresponding to the boundaries of the five states (Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi, Enugu, and Imo), colored in the map of Nigeria below.



SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Strategic Goal(s) Supported

- The formation of the Subsection will help in the goal of creating dynamic communities that help individuals around the world to share, collaborate, network, and engage with one another.

Financial Implications

- The Nigeria Section will be responsible for distributing the rebate received to the Subsection according to the current IEEE regulations (MGA Operations Manual 3.4.B).
- No financial implications for the Region.

Pros and/or Cons

- PROS: Better serving the members in the country.

- CONS: None.

Implementation

- After approval by the Region the petition needs to be finally approved by the MGA Board.

Background Information

As of February 2023, the number of IEEE members in the five states is over 120 volunteers, exceeding the required number of over 50 voting members. They also report to have 7 Student Branches in the region of Nigeria South-East. For the last two years they report over 40 events and propose a plan of 11 meetings this year.

Nigeria Section fully supports the petition. In March 2023 Nigeria Section member count is: Member: 157, SM: 42, LS: 2, AM: 1, GSM: 32, StM: 65, TOTAL: 299.

Nigeria has an area of 923,769 km² and with a population of over 230 million.



The content of the petition follows:

Subsection Petition - Business Plan

1. What was the motivating factor that led to forming this geographic unit? What member needs will be fulfilled as a result of forming this unit?

Nigeria is a big country. Nigeria covers an area of 923,769 square kilometers and a GDP per capita of \$2,060, according to the International Monetary Fund's World Economic Outlook database (October 2021). This economic reality makes it difficult for many members and student members to attend IEEE events, which are held in far-flung locations. With over 200 million, Nigeria is the most populous country in Africa and the world's sixth-most populous country. It is becoming practically difficult for one Section to coordinate the IEEE activities

in a big country like Nigeria. Nigeria is divided into six geo-political zones: North Central, North East, North West, South West, South East, and South-South. From observation, many volunteers do not attend IEEE events held outside their geo-political zone. This is because of the long-distance travel that is involved to attend such an event.

There are existing active Student branches in the locality. These include but are not limited to:

- i. Enugu State University of Science and Technology Student Branch
- ii. The Federal University of Technology Owerri Student Branch
- iii. Institute of Management Technology Student Branch
- iv. Nnamdi Azikiwe University Student Branch
- v. Federal Polytechnic Nekede Student Branch
- vi. The University of Nigeria Student Branch.
- vii. Enugu State Polytechnique Student Branch (Newest student branch)

2. List the activities the unit will focus on for the first six months. What activities will engage the members of the unit with one another?

2023 PLAN

- January, 14: Exco Meeting
- February, 27: General Meeting
- April, 3: Exco Meeting
- May, 6: General Meeting
- June, 12: Webinar
- July, 15: Webinar
- August, 5: Exco Meeting
- September, 17: General Meeting
- October, 5: Webinar/ IEEE Day Celebration
- November, 12: Exco Meeting (Review of Activities)
- December, 17: General Meeting

The detailed efforts include. • Organizing IEEE Skill-up Tech-Talent Exhibition Career Development Talks for young and unskilled individuals focusing on startups. • Generate new membership up to 90% while building their capacities using IEEE professional codes of ethics. • Create a homogeneous platform for engagement with the industry. • Develop extensive resource repository for member career growth. • Collaborate with the Nigerian Government for Educational curriculum re-design • Create a Triple Helix structure for Academia, Government, and Industry consultants • Continuous consulting best practices and Educational professional developments • Building capacity for various humanitarian supports (intervention in Education, and health). • Affinity groups' readiness for collaborative activities. • Financial support and Equipment support from volunteers.

3. What accomplishments will this unit strive to meet in its first year?

On a high level, the general plan is to strengthen IEEE in Southeast Nigeria. This will be done through regular meetings, workshops, and Seminars. The existing Student Branches will be the focus of IEEE activities in the locality. Student Branches will be established in

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higher institutions without any. Most student branches uploaded their 2023 plans before January 31st, 2023.

4. What level of local support is engaged in support of the unit activities?

The petition has full support of Nigeria Section.