

TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee, March 2023

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SUBJECT: Approval of AFRICON 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AFRICON is an IEEE Region 8 flagship bi-annual conference on the African continent. Topics cover the full area of IEEE, e.g., Communications, Networks, Electronics, Energy, Mobile Computing, Cloud Computing, Software, Engineering, Nanotechnology, and E-learning.

Previous editions:

- 2023: Kenya
- 2021: Tanzania
- 2019: Ghana
- 2017: South Africa
- 2015: Ethiopia
- 2013: Mauritius
- 2011: Zambia
- 2009: Kenya
- 2007: Namibia
- 2004: Botswana

The Conference Coordination Committee (CoCC) sent to the R8 section chairs and R8 members a call for proposals to organize the 2025 R8 flagship conferences.

Bids to organize 2025 AFRICON were received and evaluated by the Conference Coordination Subcommittee on February 27th, 2023. After detailed analysis and long discussions, the Conference Coordination Committee members made the decision to select the **Nigeria Section to host in Abuja the 2025 AFRICON** as the best submitted proposal that fits with the objectives and the strategy of the R8.

Approval for organizing the 2025 AFRICON conference in Abuja, Nigeria was submitted for approval to the R8 OPCOM of March 13th, 2023

PROPOSED ACTION

Resolved that the organization of the 2025 AFRICON is hereby approved as follows:

Title: 2025 IEEE AFRICON

Dates: 6-9 September 2025

Venue: Transcorp Hilton, Abuja, Nigeria

General co-chairs: Tunde Yusuf Salihu, Ralph Onoshakpor (both past-chairs of Nigeria Section)

Number of participants: 380

Registration fee: USD 250-300 (reduced-regular)

Budget: \$187,200 incomes, \$159,000 expenses, \$28,200 (15%) surplus

Region 8 share: 30% (\$8460)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Nigeria bid does shows:

- Experienced organizing team
- Good involvement of industry
- Good venue infrastructure
- Airport well connected
- Section and chapters involved
- Lower registration fee
- Section is a member of the IEEE Africa Council

Further details in the following documents:

- [R8 Call for bids](#)
- [Nigeria's proposal](#)
- [Nigeria's budget](#)