

IEEE Region 8



Humanitarian Activities Committee

IEEE Region 8 Committee Meeting

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IEEE
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Outline

- ▶ Our Committee
- ▶ SIGHT Groups Current Status
- ▶ Challenges for Region 8 Committee
- ▶ Our Programs and Initiatives
- ▶ Updates from the HTB



Committee Members



- ▶ Theodoros Panagiotis Chatzinikolaou (Greece) (Chair)
- ▶ Abdullateef Aliyu (Nigeria) (Past-Chair)
- ▶ Lavender Ndunya (Kenya)
- ▶ George Papadimitriou (Switzerland)
- ▶ Lucija Brezočnik (Slovenia)
- ▶ Jan Verveckken (Benelux)
- ▶ Nour Sbaoulji (Tunisia)
- ▶ Omar Salameh (Jordan)
- ▶ Neemat Awadelkarim (Sudan)
- ▶ Herbert Lwanga (Uganda) (Ex-officio from HTB)
- ▶ Simay Akar (Turkey) (Ex-officio from HTB)
- ▶ Miriam Cunningham (UK&Ireland) (Ex-officio from HTB)
- ▶ Magdalena Salazar-Palma (Spain) (Ex-officio from HTB)
- ▶ Mohamed Essaaidi (Morocco) (Ex-officio from HTB)



Online presence

- ▶ **Facebook:** facebook.com/ieeer8humanitarian
 - IEEE Region 8 Humanitarian Activities Committee
- ▶ **Instagram:** instagram.com/ieeer8humanitarian
 - IEEE Region 8 Humanitarian Activities Committee
- ▶ **LinkedIn:** linkedin.com/company/ieeer8humanitarian
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- ▶ **Website:** *Gradually getting updated*



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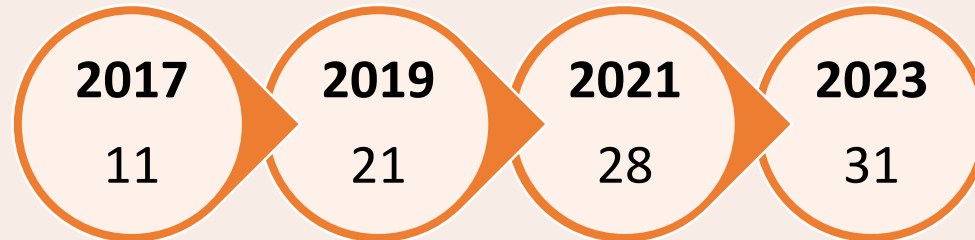
SIGHT Groups Evolution

► Sections with Humanitarian Activities Coordinator:

- Italy Section
- Romania Section

► Sections with 10+ SIGHT members without SIGHT group:

- Benelux Section
- Jordan Section
- Latvia Section
- Morocco Section
- Portugal Section
- Saudi Arabia Section
- Sweden Section
- United Arab Emirates Section





SIGHT Groups Elections

► Currently no officer reported:

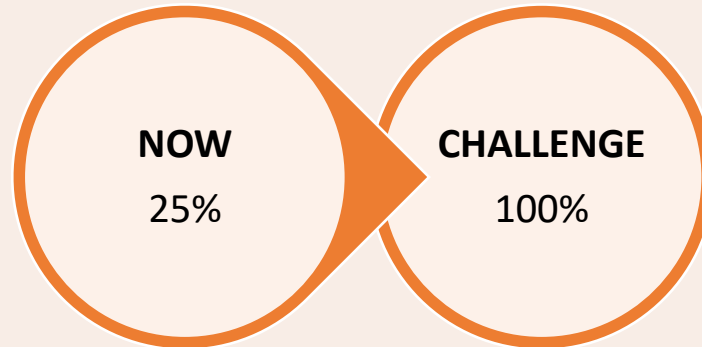
- Croatia Section
- Ghana Section
- Greece Section
- South Africa Section
- Tunisia Section
- Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (*Kenya Section*)
- Bule Hora University (*Africa Council – Ethiopia Sub-section*)

► Elections needed (2+ years in office):

- Bahrain Section
- Egypt Section
- France Section
- Nigeria Section
- Spain Section
- Switzerland Section
- United Kingdom & Ireland Section
- Zambia Section
- Al-Huson University College (*Jordan Section*)
- American Univ of Sharjah (*United Arab Emirates Section*)
- American Univ of Beirut (*Lebanon Section*)

Challenge #1

- ▶ How many Region 8 Committee members have SIGHT membership?
- ▶ Can we reach 100%?





Challenge #2

- ▶ Spread the word about SIGHT across your Sections!
- ▶ Include 1 slide in your presentations to share SIGHT opportunities!
- ▶ Let's raise SIGHT membership across the Region together!



Our Programs and Initiatives

- ▶ Community Support Program
- ▶ Connecting Humanitarian Experts
- ▶ High Performing SIGHT Groups Program
- ▶ R8 Humanitarian Activities Congress
- ▶ R8 Humanitarian Technologies Hackathon
- ▶ SIGHT Groups Coordination Workshops
- ▶ Humanitarian Voices
- ▶ R8 Humanitarian Awards
- ▶ SIGHT Groups Monitoring and Mentoring
- ▶ SIGHT Week/Day
- ▶ Humanitarian Meets STEM Initiative
- ▶ Humanitarian Opportunities from Societies Initiative
- ▶ Humanitarian Ambassadors Program

Funding Opportunities



- ▶ Community Support Program
 - Provides funding to organize SIGHT projects to solve local community needs

- ▶ High Performing SIGHT Groups Program
 - Provides funding to SIGHT groups to organize new year activities based on prior year activity



- ▶ R8 Humanitarian Technologies Hackathon
 - Provides funding to winners in order to implement their proposed tech solutions



Humanitarian Events

► Connecting Humanitarian Experts

- Webinars to share the impact of technology on selected UN SDGs

► R8 Humanitarian Activities Congress

- Provides space for networking and best practices sharing for SIGHT groups across our Region



► SIGHT Groups Coordination Workshops

- These workshops are focused on specific needs of SIGHT groups in order to help them on their operations and management

IEEE Humanitarian Technologies Board

- ▶ The IEEE Humanitarian Activities Committee has been elevated to the IEEE Humanitarian Technology Board, effective 1 January
- ▶ The new board will oversee all humanitarian activities across IEEE's groups, regions, and societies and is responsible for fostering new collaborations



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SIGHT Projects Call for Proposals from HTB

CALL FOR IEEE MEMBER PROPOSALS
GRASSROOTS HUMANITARIAN TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

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Rolling Submission
15 March 2023 – 17 April 2023

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Upcoming SIGHT Best Practices Webinar from HTB



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Advancing Technology
for Humanity

Co-Designing Ethical Interventions in Resource Constrained Environments

Date & Time: 28 March 2023 at 10:00am EDT (UTC -4:00)

Presenter: Miriam Cunningham, 2023 IEEE Humanitarian
Technologies Board (HTB) Member & Ad hoc Committee
on SIGHT Best Practices Chair

*This webinar focuses on social implications and ethical issues
to be considered when co-designing and implementing
interventions in resource-constrained environments.*

Register at <https://events.vtools.ieee.org/m/351776>



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