AFRICA COUNCIL   Isaac A. Adekanye, Chair 2024 – 2025

Goals

The goals and strategic objectives include:

1. Further the aims and objectives of IEEE
2. To coordinate inter Section activities.
3. Provide support to Sections and Subsections,
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 giving scholarships to student members to attend and participate.

- Q1   Africa Council Meeting with Sections and Subsections during R8 Opcoms
- Q1   6th International Conference on Computing and Informatics (ICCI24)
- Q2   IEEE Entrepreneurship summit
- Q4   ICT for development for Africa (ICT4DA-2024)
- Q4   IEEE GLOBECOM 2024
- Flagship conferences like AFRICON 2025 and others as may arise.

Outlook

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

- Submit proposal for amendments and changes in the council's byelaws.
- Adoption of Sub-Sections by Established Africa Council Sections
- Fine tune the roadmap for conferences to be organized by Council across Africa
- Initiative to Grow Senior and Fellows and in Africa
- Creation of Life Members Affinity Group
- Pursue Senegal and Niger Subsections Formation to conclusion.
- Work closely with IEEE REACH to reach Africa Sections and Subsections
- 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 rain=sing of funds that can be used for these initiatives.

- Funding of Africa Council
  - ✓ Seek for support and initiatives to raise funds
- IEEE membership is expensive in African countries and thus affecting membership drive and retention.
  - ✓ Alternative payment methods to credit cards and debit cards, eg mobile money and discounts

Other Issues to report

- AC Executive Council meeting was held regularly.
- AC Excom with Section and Subsection Chairs was held in January 2024
- Conclude AC Elections and announce new officers.