

# South Africa Section

# Udochukwu Bola Akuru

## Section Vitality

- The last Section elections held from December 2022 to June 2023. The process included nominations and elections championed by the immediate past Section N&A Chair, Albert Lysko.
- The newly elected Section ExCom are Udochukwu Akuru (Section Chair), Komla Folly & Richard Millham (Vice Chairs), Joyce Mwangama (Secretary) and Jacques van Wyk (Treasurer)
- The next Section elections is scheduled to take place from June 2025 to December 2025.
- Our Section Chair has always been by election whereby it is open for nomination and election of incumbent and/or past Vice-Chairs. We have had a Section Vice-Chair automatically transitioning to Chair via voting of the ExCom in the recent past due to sudden vacancy in the Section Chair.
- As new ExCom, we have had two ExCom Meetings. The first one held on Aug 16 2023 and it was mainly to inaugurate and formally handover to the new ExCom members for IEEE South Africa Section. The next ExCom meeting held Dec 13 2023 of which the highlights of the meeting included plans for nominations and elections into vacant positions.
- Activities carried out for membership development include but are not limited to information sessions, student branch activities and volunteer development training, workshops and conferences.

### Students

- Student Branches in South Africa Section
  - STB09321 Stellenbosch University
  - STB21501 University of Cape Town
  - STB15111 University of Pretoria
  - STB02681 University of Witwatersrand
  - STB21531 University of Kwazulu-Natal
  - STB11423 University of Western Cape
  - STB11271 North-West University
- Newly formed Student Branches in South Africa Section
  - STB2529333 University of Johannesburg
  - Dissolved Student Branches in South Africa Section
    - o None
- Students and YP Meetings held in South Africa Section

Event Title	Event Date	Event Category	Section	SPOID	Hosts	Reported On	Reported By
IEEE Student Branch Komatipoort Powerstation Visit	11/27/2023 9:00	Technical	South Afr	STB252933	STB2529333 - University of	3-Jan-24	Sbusisiwe Madlala
IEEE UJ STUDENT BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HANDON	11/17/2023 14:00	Administrative	South Afr	STB252933	STB2529333 - University of	of Johannesbu	ın/a
CAREER DAY 2023	5/5/2023 8:30	Pre-U STEM Program	South Afr	STB252933	STB2529333 - University of	12-Feb-24	Sbusisiwe Madlala
Gauteng Energy Expo	2/16/2023 0:00	Professional	South Afr	STB252933	STB2529333 - University of	17-Dec-23	Thabang Moliane
IEEE Student Branch Recruitment Drive - First Year Seminar	2/6/2023 8:36	Administrative	South Afr	STB252933	STB2529333 - University of	29-Dec-23	Thabang Moliane

## **Affinity Groups**

- List of Affinity Groups (YP, LM, WiE, SIGHT, etc.), list of SB AGs
  - South Africa Section (Cape Town) Affinity Group, YP (YP801411)
  - South Africa Section (Pretoria) Affinity Group, YP (YP80141)
  - South Africa Section SIGHT (SIGHT197)
  - South Africa Section Affinity Group, WIE (WE80141)
  - Newly formed or dissolved AGs/SB AGs
    - o None
  - List of activities intended to support affinity groups.
    - Appointment of WIE Coordinator for the Section
    - Appointment of Chairs for YP groups for the Section
    - Membership drive for new members, networking events and distinguished lectures
    - Partnerships with local industries for community development projects

# Chapters

- List of Chapters/Joint Chapters and SB Chapters in South Africa Section
  - South Africa Section Jt. Chapter, SP01/COM19 (CH08018)
  - South Africa Section Jt. Chapter, AP03/MTT17/EMC27 (CH08019)
  - o South Africa Section Jt. Chapter, IE13/IA34/PEL35 (CH08062)
  - South Africa Section Chapter, AES10/GRS29 (CH08080)
  - o South Africa Section Chapter, CS23/RA24 (CH08081)
  - South Africa Section Chapter, E25 (CH08459)
  - o South Africa Section Jt. Chapter, SMC28/C16 (CH08647)

- South Africa Section Chapter, CIS11 (CH08656)
- South Africa Section Chapter, NANO42 (CH08665)
- South Africa Section Chapter, PE31 (CH08682)
- South Africa Section Chapter, VT06 (CH08861)
- South Africa Section Jt Chap, NPS05/MAG33/IM09/PC26 (CH08881)
- University of Cape Town, IA34 (SBC21501B)
- University of Cape Town, PE31 (SBC21501A)
- University of Cape Town, COM19 (SBC215011)
- University of Pretoria, MTT17 (SBC15111D)
- Stellenbosch University, IA34 (SBC09321)
- University of Cape Town, WIE (SBA21501)
- University of Pretoria, PE31 (SBC1511A)
- University of Pretoria, COM19 (SBC151111)
- University of Pretoria, IA34 (SBC15111C)
- University of Pretoria, WIE (SBA15111)
- University of Witwatersrand, COM19 (SBC02681)
- Newly formed or dissolved Chapters
  - Newly formed South Africa Section Chapter, SEN39 (CH08923)
  - o Dissolved South Africa Section Chapter, EMB18 (CH08817)

• Chapters that have reported on time and received rebate

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Cars 4 Mars	1/1/2024 11:34	Technical	South Afri	CH08081	CH08081 - South Africa Se	ction Chapter	,n/a
Empowering Intelligent Transportation Systems: Advancer	12/18/2023 13:00	Technical	South Afri	CH08018	CH08018 - South Africa Se	18-Dec-23	Filip Paluncic
CNN and Remote Sensing	12/5/2023 12:00	Professional	South Afri	CH08656	CH08656 - South Africa Se	6-Dec-23	Terence VanZyl
Guardians of the Cloud: Navigating Cyber-Security in Age of	11/16/2023 15:00	Technical	South Afri	CH08018	CH08018 - South Africa Se	16-Nov-23	Filip Paluncic
South African Electromagnetic Compatibility Interest Grou	11/9/2023 9:30	Technical	South Afri	CH08019	CH08019 - South Africa Se	29-Nov-23	Pieter Wiid
SARIG & IEEE AES10/GRS29 Biennial Radar Tutorials and Co	11/7/2023 7:30	Technical	South Afri	CH08080	CH08080 - South Africa Se	14-Nov-23	Molahlegi Molope
2023 RAPDASA-RobMech-PRASA-AMI Conference	10/30/2023 20:00	Technical	South Afri	CH08081	CH08081 - South Africa Se	6-Nov-23	Riaan Stopforth
Sustainable Green initiatives: A Global Perspective	9/5/2023 8:00	Professional	South Afri	CH08665	CH08665 - South Africa Se	8-Sep-23	Ajay Mishra
Human exposure to electromagnetic fields emitted by wir	8/28/2023 17:30	Technical	South Afri	CH08019	CH08019 - South Africa Se	30-Aug-23	Heinrich Laue
Joint SARIG IEEE AES10/GRS29 Mini Conference	8/17/2023 13:15	Technical	South Afri	CH08080	CH08080 - South Africa Se	20-Sep-23	Molahlegi Molope
Unlocking Simulink's Potential: Empowering Embedde	7/26/2023 10:00	Technical	South Afri	CH08062	CH08062 - South Africa Se	1-Aug-23	Sampath Jayalath
Admin meeting- chapter-Section chair	7/7/2023 14:15	Administrative	South Afri	CH08647	CH08647 - South Africa Se	10-Jul-23	Meera Joseph
Power-efficient remote sensing systems with drones and	6/7/2023 10:00	Technical	South Afri	CH08062	CH08062 - South Africa Se	12-Jun-23	Sampath Jayalath
IEEE ICRA 2023 Low-Income Countries Forum	5/30/2023 15:00	Technical	South Afri	CH08081	CH08081 - South Africa Se	13-Jun-23	Riaan Stopforth
From Trentini to Beam Steering - A few Pages from the His	5/8/2023 12:30	Technical	South Afri	CH08019	CH08019 - South Africa Se	ction Jt. Chap	tn/a
IoT Project competition	5/4/2023 20:40	Technical	South Afri	CH08081	CH08081 - South Africa Se	26-Sep-23	Riaan Stopforth
South African Electromagnetic Compatibility Interest Grou	4/20/2023 10:00	Technical	South Afri	CH08019	CH08019 - South Africa Se	4-May-23	Pieter Wiid
IEEE PES Day Info Session - Africa Edition	4/15/2023 16:00	Professional	Kenya Sec	CH08851	CH08851 - Kenya Section	Chapter, PE31	n/a
ICTAS	3/8/2023 15:24	Technical	South Afri	CH08647	CH08647 - South Africa Se	12-Jul-23	Meera Joseph

Highlights of some of the Chapters' activities.
See above

#### Industry

- New Section ExCom was inaugurated mid-2023 and we are still finding our feet on status of existing collaborations
- One of the Section Vice-Chairs (Komla Folly) already tasked with Technical Activities and Industry Liaison, especially for establishing new collaborations/engagements
- Participation at 2nd Annual Higher Education & TVET Colleges Conference Expo 2024, 6 7 of June 2024
- Industry courtesy and site visits

### **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

• See below demographic charts – extracted from IEEE OU Analytics as at Feb 23, 2024.

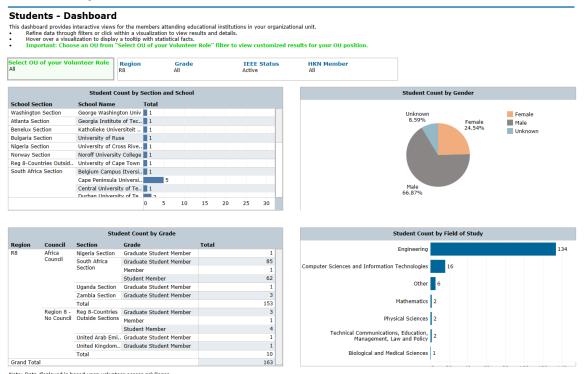
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	Unknown 7.14% Female 21.43%	Section	All	All	Vacant 20.00%		
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		Position	Member/Customer #				
	Male 71.43%	All	All		Filled 80.00%		



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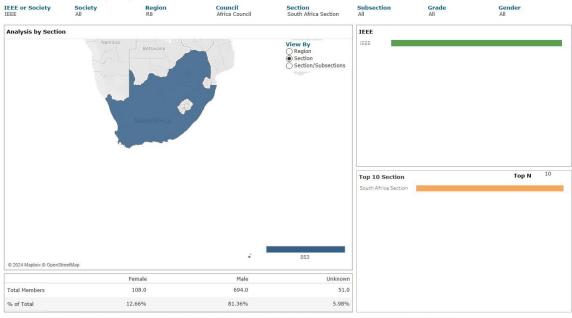


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# Activities since the last report

- Things that worked well:
  - IEEE South Africa NPC was legally registered in South Africa with the CIPC (<u>https://www.cipc.co.za/</u>) on 22 November 2023. Registration number: **2023/216052/08** (registration certificate attached).

- Handover and Award Ceremony/Leadership Training @UJ, Friday 17 Nov 2023 (<u>https://events.vtools.ieee.org/m/383984</u>)
- 12 Senior Member elevations in 2023.
- Rebranding of Section e-Newsletter (New: <u>http://tinyurl.com/IEEE-ZA-e-Newsletter-Oct-2023;</u> Old: <u>http://tinyurl.com/IEEE-ZA-May-Newsletter</u>)
- Hosting of IEEE CASS Info Session on August 11, 2023, at Zovuyo Hotel, Ndabakazi, Butterworth, Eastern Cape, South Africa (see link e-Newsletter October 2023 issue above)
- No less than 4 conference MOU approvals from mid-2023
  - 2023 2nd Zimbabwe Conference of Information and Communication Technologies (ZCICT)
  - 2024 32nd Southern African Universities Power Engineering Conference (SAUPEC)
  - 2024 4th International Multidisciplinary Information Technology and Engineering Conference (IMITEC)
  - 2024 IEEE PES/IAS PowerAfrica
- Section Appointments: Conference Coordinator (Richard Millham), Student Representative (Sbusiswe Zizo Madlala)
- Regular sharing of opportunities for members: <u>http://tinyurl.com/Opportunities-for-Members</u>
- 1 newly formed Student Branch and 1 Section Chapter
- Things that did not work well:
  - Obituary: <u>http://tinyurl.com/Manuel-Neco-Ventura</u>
  - Section website (<u>http://www.ieee.org.za</u>) needs a facelift; unavailability of volunteers to serve as Webmaster.
  - Also, some vacant officer positions are yet to be filled including editorial team for newly rebranded enewsletter.
  - o Limited activities, engagements and events at Student Branch/Student Branch Chapter levels.
  - 1 section chapter dissolved.

# **Planned** activities

- Harnessing Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points in conferences/events hosted locally
- MTT-S/AP-S Africa Membership Initiative visit by MTT-S president (August-July 2024)
- IEEE general meetings for meet-and-greet to different cities in South Africa
- Institution of awards for long serving volunteers through the N&A Chair
- Redesigning and rebranding of Section website
- Setting up of editorial team for newly rebranded e-Newsletter
- Filling of vacant officer positions through the N&A Chair
- Activities (workshops, info sessions, trainings, etc.) to increase membership by 10% via student branches.
- Promotion of volunteer development and engagement
- Revive student branches and set up new chapters (IEEE CASS, etc.) and student branch/chapters (WSU, TUT, CPUT, etc.)
- Increase industry engagements and liaison through Vice-Chair (Technical Activities & Industry Liaison).
- Finalizing and ratification of conference guideline/rubrics for Section.
- IEEE President Africa visit in November 2024
- 2024 IEEE PowerAfrica Conference, South Africa, October 7-11 (<u>https://ieee-powerafrica.org/</u>)

# How Region 8 can be of help to your Section, members, and activities

- Region 8 could support us with materials (promotional, notes, kits, etc.) and resource persons for our proposed membership drive and training activities to recruit more volunteers.
- Region 8 could help us to secure discounts for new student members to join IEEE.

## Any other issues of interest

• None



Attachments



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