



Motion - Recommendation to MGA to reduce IEEE e-Membership due for African countries

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Current model of IEEE eMembership dues

- ▶ Determined by the per capita Gross National Income (GNI), as published by the World Bank
- ▶ 32 extremely low-income countries (GNI \leq 1,046 USD)
 - 26 countries are from Africa
 - 35-49 USD for professional members
 - 5 USD for undergraduate students
- ▶ 90 countries low-income countries (1,046 USD \leq GNI \leq 15,000 USD)
 - 26 countries are from Africa
 - 86-102 USD for professional members
 - 14 USD for undergraduate students
- ▶ Notes:
 - List of countries not updated (China is included with GNI 21,250 USD)
 - <https://www.ieee.org/membership/join/emember-countries.html>
 - Africa: There are 54 countries



Discounts for IEEE traditional Membership dues

- ▶ **175 USD** for ALL African countries (including the extremely low-income countries)
- ▶ 50% discount
 - Annual income did not exceed **US\$16,200**
 - Retired (age >62 years)
 - Unemployed
- ▶ Traditional membership with discount = **87.50 USD** lower than eMembership



Alternate model of IEEE eMembership Dues

- ▶ Professional eMembership: 1% of the GNI
- ▶ Students: 1/3 of the professional eMembership
- ▶ Example for a country with GNI between 4,000 and 5,000USD:
 - 40 USD for professional eMembership
 - 13.33 USD for student eMembership

Why such a change is Needed....

- ☐ To provide Equity for the African engineers who would like to join IEEE
- ☐ To support members in low-income countries
- ☐ To help increase membership across Africa
- ☐ To create new OU. in Africa; that will help in organizing more IEEE activities
- ☐ To reduce the IEEE dues for members suffering with low salaries
- ☐ To retain members & students for longer periods
- ☐ To help African sections grow faster
- ☐ To reduce the gap between the student and professional eMembership dues
- ☐ To help retain students transitioning into young professionals
- ☐ The value of the USD has increased a lot compared to the local currencies



USD to NGN Chart +264.55% (2Y)

1 USD = 1,515.69 NGN Feb 14, 2024, 19:02 UTC

US Dollar to Nigerian Naira



USD to EGP Chart +76.30% (5Y)

1 USD = 30.9053 EGP Feb 14, 2024, 18:57 UTC

US Dollar to Egyptian Pound



USD to GHS Chart +135.12% (5Y)

• 1 USD = 12.4322 GHS Feb 14, 2024, 19:01 UTC

US Dollar to Ghanaian Cedi



USD to LYD Chart +248.47% (5Y)

• 1 USD = 4.8495 LYD Feb 14, 2024, 19:00 UTC

US Dollar to Libyan Dinar



Motion

The IEEE Africa Council requests the IEEE Region 8 to endorse motion for the IEEE Board of Directors to reduce the IEEE eMembership dues, to become proportional to the country's Gross National Income (GNI).

Thank you

