

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 the 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 drives 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
 - Organize periodical training 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

Progress Status

The Africa Council is supporting the goals mentioned above, and we have been involved in the activities in some Sections/Subsections in the African Continent. The cooperation with the Sections is yielding positive results that the Council will leverage on for greater membership benefits. In recent times the AC has participated in the following.

- Q1 Africa Council Exco Meeting with Sections and Subsections during R8 Opcoms
- Q1 6th International Conference on Computing and Informatics (ICCI24)
- Q2 IEEE Entrepreneurship summit in Nairobi, Kenya
- Q2 GITEX Africa Conference in Marrakech, Morocco
- Q3 UNESCO Africa Engineering Week, Luanda, Angola
- Q4 IEEE Smartblock4Africa Conference, Valley View University, Ghana / Babcock University, Nigeria
- Q4 *ICT for development for Africa (ICT4DA-2024)*
- Q4 *IEEE GLOBECOM 2024*

Milestones

The Africa Council has, with the support of the R8 Director achieved the following

1. Creation and Approval of the Africa Council Life Member Affinity Group
2. Admission/adoption of Ethiopia and Tanzania Subsections as full members

Outlook

The following Initiatives are in various stages of discussion, planning and approval for possible implementation and rollout over the next couple of 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
- Support formation of IEEE Subsections in Rwanda, Senegal, Cameroun and Niger.
- Work closely with IEEE REACH to reach Africa Sections and Subsections
- IEEE Continuous Education Initiative
- Connecting Gearbox Europlacer to IEEE Chapters across EAC

Points of Concern

The main areas of concern for the Africa Council are how to fund its activities and possible methodologies for raising funds that can be used for these initiatives.

- Funding of Africa Council
 - ✓ Seeking 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

- Africa Council Executive meetings were held regularly.
- AC ExCom with Section and Subsection Chairs was held.