

AFRICA COUNCIL

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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

Activities Plan / 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 continue to leverage for greater membership benefits. In 2025 AC is participating in the following.

- Q1 Africa Council Exco Meeting with Sections and Subsections during R8 Opcoms in Budapest, Hungary
- Q1 7th International Conference on Computing and Informatics (ICCI25)
- Q2 IEEE Entrepreneurship summit in Kigali, Rwanda
- Q2 GITEX Africa Conference in Marrakech, Morocco
- Q3 UNESCO Africa Engineering Week, Luanda, Angola
- Q3 Coordinate IEEE Presidents plan to visit to IEEE Africa Sections – Uganda, Nigeria, Ghana and Tunisia
- Q3 IEEE Accra Students and Young Professionals Conference, Accra, Ghana
- Q3 9th International Forum on Research and Technologies for Society and Industry (IRTSI), Tunisia

- Q3 PES/IAS Power Africa Conference, Cairo, Egypt
- Q4 2nd Afro Mediterranean Concoference on Artificial Intelligence (AMCAI), Tunis, Tunisia
- Q4 ICT for development for Africa (ICT4DA-2025) Ethiopia
- Q4 IEEE AFRICON 2025, Johannesburg, South Africa

Milestones

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

1. Supported volunteers in Rwanda to submit petition to form IEEE Rwanda Subsection
2. Mobilized volunteers in Senegal to submit petitions for formation of IEEE Senegal Subsection
3. Encouraged volunteers in Cameroun to submit and got approval for IEEE Local Groups in Cameroun.
4. Supporting IAS drive for membership growth in Sections/Subsections and Student Branches

Outlook

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

- Adoption of Sub-Sections by Established Africa Council Sections
- Fine tune the roadmap for conferences to be organized by Council across Africa
- Continue driving to Grow Senior and Fellows and in Africa
- Support formation of more IEEE Subsections in Africa countries.
- Work closely with IEEE REACH to reach Africa Sections and Subsections
- Liaise with IEEE Continuous Education Initiative for penetration and benefits to Africa Sections
- Establish partnership with other professional bodies to contribute to technological innovation in Africa.

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
 - ✓ Working to be financial sponsors of conferences 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 was expanded for wider reach and meetings were held regularly.
- AC ExCom with Section and Subsection Chairs has been approved and supported during R8 meetings.