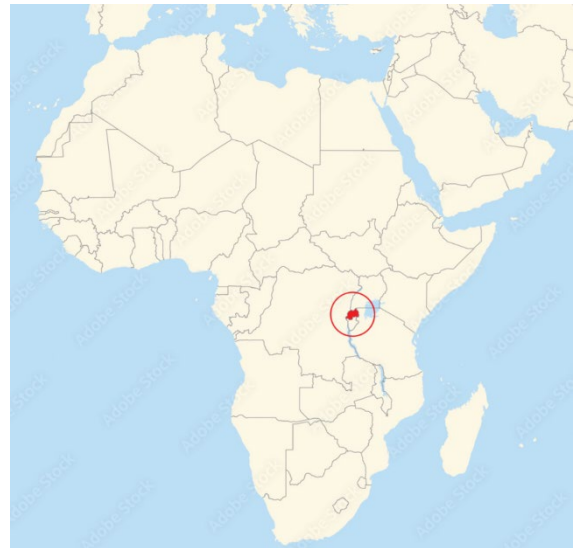


TO: IEEE Region 8 Committee, April 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of IEEE Rwanda Subsection

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A petition was submitted by Region 8 Vitality Coordinator Andrejs Romanovs (#92772530), requesting the formation of the IEEE Rwanda Subsection in Region 8. The boundaries of the Subsection correspond to the boundaries of the country of Rwanda (see map), surrounded by four countries: Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Tanzania, and Burundi. The Rwanda Subsection will be a part of Region 8. Currently, 79 IEEE members live in Rwanda: 14 professional members, 39 graduate students, and 26 undergraduate students. The request has been evaluated based on activities and the Region 8 Section Vitality and Development Committee guidelines. As per Region 8 Operations Manual section R8-8.1 the Region 8 Committee needs to approve the formation of a new Subsection and is requested to do so.



PROPOSED ACTION

Resolved that the Region 8 Committee approves the formation of Rwanda Subsection with boundaries corresponding to the boundaries of the country of Rwanda.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Strategic Goal(s) Supported

- The formation of the Subsection will help in the goal of creating dynamic communities that help individuals around the world to share, collaborate, network, and engage with one another.

Financial Implications

- The Region will be obliged to forward the rebate received for the Subsection according to the IEEE regulations, if it fulfills the meeting activity and complies with financial and officer reporting requirements (R8 Operations Manual, R8-8.1)

Pros and/or Cons

- PROS: Better serving the members in the country.
- CONS: None.

Implementation

- After approval by the Region the petition needs to be finally approved by the MGA Board action in June 2025.

Background Information

IEEE Members and two active IEEE student branches in Rwanda have been very active in organizing and executing numerous successful IEEE events last years, e.g., Africa Students and Young Professionals Congresses (2017 and 2019), 6th IEEE Southern Power Electronics Conference (SPEC2021), IEEE PES/AIS Power Africa Conference 2022, 2022 IEEE PES PowerAfrica Conference.

The business plan of prospective Rwanda Subsection has been evaluated by Region 8 Section Vitality and Development Committee and Region 8 OpCom as credible and sustainable (see document posted in the meeting website).