

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 driving to achieve the set goals, with active support to the activities in some Sections/Subsections in the continent. There is noticeable cooperation among congruent Sections yielding positive results and the Council will continue to leverage for greater membership benefits. In 2025 AC participated 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
- Q3 IEEE Presidents Leadership meeting with Sections/Subsections leadership volunteers.
- Q3 IEEE ASYPC 2025 in Accra and MENASYPC in Tunis, Tunisia
- 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 Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AMCAI), Tunis, Tunisia

- Q4 ICT for development for Africa (ICT4DA-2025) Ethiopia
- Q4 Electrical Safety Workshop ESW-Africa 2025 Abuja, Nigeria
- Q4 IEEE AFRICON 2025, Johannesburg, South Africa

Milestones

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

1. Awaiting MGA approval for petition to form IEEE Rwanda Subsection
2. Expecting consent for the formation of IEEE Senegal Subsection – petition awaiting approval.
3. Volunteers in Cameroun got approval for IEEE Local Groups.
4. Supporting IAS drive for membership growth in Sections/Subsections and Student Branches
5. Partnership with Pan Africa Coalition for Digital Transformation initiated.
6. Working to sign partnership Memorandum of Understanding with Orange Digital Centre, Middle East & Africa.

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 for mentoring
- Fine tune the roadmap for conferences to be organized by Council across Africa
- Continue driving for increasing Senior Members and Fellows in Africa
- Support formation of more IEEE Subsections in Africa countries.
- Work closely with IEEE REACH to organise workshops in 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.
- Started the process of election for the 2026-2027 IEEE Africa Council executive committee.

Areas requiring help

The main area of concern for the Africa Council is how to fund its activities.

- Funding of Africa Council activities.
 - ✓ Seeking opportunities to be financial sponsors of conferences thereby to raise funds
- IEEE membership is expensive in African countries and thus affecting membership drive and retention.
 - ✓ Review membership dues and allow use of alternative methods to credit cards and debit cards payments, e.g. mobile money and discounts

Other Issues to report

- Africa Council Executive was expanded for wider reach and meetings were held regularly.