



**World Federation of Engineering Organizations  
Committee on Engineering and the Environment – 2019-2023**

**Teleconference – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
10:00 – 11:00 UK Time**

**Meeting notes**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Lead</b>
1	<p><b>Introductions</b></p> <p>Davide Stronati (DS) welcomed the group, and provided an introduction to the CEE to new member Michelle Cortis (Malta).</p> <p>Members in attendance: Kwabena A. Agyepong (Ghana Institution of Engineers) Michelle Cortis (Malta Chamber of Engineers) Richard Coakley (Institution of Civil Engineers UK) Tomás A. Sancho (Instituto de la Ingenieria de España) Tri Ratna Bajracharya (Nepal Engineers' Association)</p> <p>ICE staff in attendance: Rob Curd (RC) Katie Momber (KM)</p>	DS
2	<p><b>Strategy 2019-2023</b></p> <p>DS recapped the Strategy 2019-2023 (appendix B) and took the group through the powerpoint, noting progress. He outlined SDG13 focus, and noted the four supporting SDGs: 6, 7, 9 and 11. We currently have representatives for each SDG apart from 9. Noted that it will be important to attract partnerships and raise the profile of WFEO and the CEE.</p> <p>Tomás Sancho explained how the <a href="#">WFEO Working Group on Water</a> is preparing its 2020 SDG6 Report, and showed how this will be aligned with the <a href="#">GSDR 2019</a> (see page xxii for the six entries, four levers) showing the capability of Engineering as a lever to reach the entries related with SDG6.</p> <p>As the SDG6 representative of the CEE, Kwabena Agyepong (KA) has agreed to coordinate contributions from our committee, for example, cases of best practice or lesson learned. In this sense, he will be the bridge between the two committees. The deadline for indicating who is to contribute and the nature of the contribution is the 30<sup>th</sup> April. It was therefore agreed that we should have another teleconference before this date.</p> <p>DS noted that it will be important to highlight climate change effects within this work, and link to climate change mitigation and adaptation.</p>	All



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3	<p><b>Membership</b> KM explained process for nominating new CEE members: national organizations must send request and the representative's CV to WFEO. Members Paul Jowitt (UK), Christine Ogut (Kenya) and Thomas Chan (HK) have already followed this process. KM to check if WFEO have received Kwabena's nomination.</p> <p><b>Post meeting note:</b> WFEO have confirmed they did indeed receive Kwabena's nomination from the Ghana Institution of Engineers.</p>	DS/KM
4	<p><b>WFEO Declaration on Climate Emergency</b> DS explained importance of this declaration – signatures will promote widespread acceptance around climate change. This declaration was produced in record time and launched in Madrid. DS called for all CEE members to ask their institution to sign the declaration. KA noted he will ask his institution's president to sign.</p> <p>After signing, the next step is to ensure we implement the aims of the declaration.</p>	All
5	<p><b>Any Other Business</b> DS was asked about WFEO's plans for COP26. DS explained how there is a series of events and meetings throughout 2020 that have been cancelled or threatened by COVID-19, and as COP26 is a whole year and not one event, it will be impacted even though it is not until November. WFEO are monitoring the situation, as it needs to be understood if the preparations can be made in time, the diplomatic effort is huge. Another avenue is that it may be virtual, or postponed.</p> <p>Michelle Cortis asked how the Malta Chamber of Engineers might be able to contribute, DS noted that a willingness to be involved with the work of the CEE would be very welcomed.</p>	DS
6	<p><b>Next meeting</b> It was agreed that there were still points to discuss, and that other members of the CEE may have had technical issues but would still like to contribute. Considering the SDG6 report deadline of the 30<sup>th</sup> April, it was decided a further one hour teleconference would be held in the week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> April.</p>	DS