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

Teleconference – Wednesday 24th March 13:00 – 14:00 UK Time (GMT) Meeting notes

	Subject	Action
1	Introductions Davide Stronati, Chair of the Committee on Engineering and the Environment, welcomed the group and introduced the agenda.	
	Members in attendance: Christine Ogut (Institution of Engineers of Kenya) Darrel Danyluk (Independent advisor) David Lapp (Engineers Canada) Diana Lezcano (Technische Hochschule Georg Agricola University, Germany) Hanadi K. Al-Hai (Kuwait Society of Engineers) He Jing (China Association for Science and Technology) Jianping Wu (China Association for Science and Technology) Martin van Veelen (Federation of African Engineering Organisations) Richard Coakley (Institution of Civil Engineers, UK) Tomás Ángel Sancho (Instituto de la Ingenieria de España)	
	ICE staff in attendance: Katie Momber	
2	Update on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation projects	
	DL (David) and DD updated on the adaptation project, noting that they recently had a meeting with representatives from HKIE, where they gave a presentation. One of HKIE's questions was whether the Code of Practice has a legal or regulatory authority – this is something to keep in mind when promoting the Code, noting in our communications that national members can amend the guide to suit their own needs. HKIE have not committed to a webinar date yet as they wish to study the guide further. We will discuss further and open a dialogue with HKIE.	
	JW updated on the mitigation project and noted that Tsinghua University has in principle decided to support the proposal through their financial support system. The funding will be used for a database, and if there is an opportunity, they could use the material for training. However, the University needs a formal letter from Gong Ke at WFEO.	
	Post meeting note: WFEO has now provided this letter. Action: Replace Chile in the pilot of this project and draft a letter to the pilot subjects.	JW



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3	Update on COP26 plans	
	KM updated on ICE's COP26 plans: ICE submitted three proposals for the UK Government Expression of Interest process on 5 th March, all were proposing one- hour events and WFEO was named as a partner in all three.	
	On WFEO's COP26 plans, we could ask WFEO HQ to send a note round to all National Members which will ask them if they would like to put any individuals forward to attend. There are a range of different activities planned for COP26, including a project with Young Engineers being led by Milda Pladaite.	
	DL (David) noted that accommodation is a real challenge at COPs – we could include a mention of this in the note for NM.	
	There is a possibility that we might be able to put something together for COP26 following the mitigation project pilot study.	
	In terms of a side event proposal, the window of submission is only around 5 days so we would need to have a draft ready. We have an open dialogue with FIDIC so we can re-engage them for a side event.	
	We can also talk to the International Chamber of Commerce if we could have a slot in their daily briefing at COP26. We would need to tailor this message to the business and industry community.	
4	Request for update from Climate Declaration signatories	
	We are still looking for updates from the signatories of the WFEO Declaration on Climate Emergency, and would like to know if any National Members have implemented any of the actions. It is possible that the signatories need some leadership.	
	Action: Davide to ask Prof. Gong Ke if he can talk on the Declaration at the next Executive Council meeting. Post meeting note: this action is complete. Action: Create case study with HKIE's update.	DS KM
	DL (Diana) noted that Technische Hochschule Georg Agricola University have signed the Declaration, and have set up a group in the University looking at what they can do. DL will share more when there have been developments at the University.	
5	CEE Timeline 2021/2022 Action: KM to put together the timeline with all meeting dates and relevant dates and send round for all committee members to comment on and make additions.	км
	AOB Update on WFEO General Assembly KM noted she has been asked about the plans for WFEO General Assembly, and asked for opinions on what CEE's presence might look like.	





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DD noted that we will need to check with WFEO on activities that CEE members could attend, other than the one CEE meeting. Action: Ask WFEO for more information on opportunities at the General Assembly.	KM/DS