

TO:
UNESCO Institute for Statistics
Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development
Women in Engineering
Women in Mining
Women in Safety
Women in Architecture
Women in STEM
All Engineers

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure and pride that I send you this goodwill message today 4th of March 2020- the 1st World Engineering Day !. The world has finally recognised the importance of engineers in society. The world realises that without the contributions of engineers, there is no development! Engineers are being celebrated as a body, in unison, all over the world!

As female engineers in STEM and Tech, it is also an opportunity for the world to know that we are contributors to the development of nations. When we are included in teams, we bring diversity and innovation to the table. Women have indeed made huge strides in the past 20-30years -more women in boardrooms, governance, politics and influence decision-making. However, there is a need for **more**, in order to achieve gender equality. All girls and women have a right to education, healthcare and decent work, and should not be subjugated The UN affirms this and states unequivocally that "*Gender equality is not only a fundamental human right but a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world.*"

The Women in Engineering Committee of World Federation Engineering Organisations is committed to making an impact on the achievement of the goals with an emphasis on SDG 5- Gender Equality. One of our strategic themes is to overlay the importance of engineering and females on each SDG to highlight our importance and how females in engineering and STEM can contribute to the achievement of each goal. This can not be achieved without availability of quality data on the number of women qualifying as engineers, working in engineering sector and gaining professional status as registered engineers, on global level. Therefore, there is an increased need on statistical data and highlighted gaps in data quality as geared towards theme 3-Engineering Strategic Indicators of the Committee.

It is our hope that you all will join us as we embark on the journey of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. My home female organisation(ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL WOMEN ENGINEERS OF NIGERIA- APWEN) will be celebrating International Women's Day on the 12th of March, Abuja and you all are cordially invited

Happy World Engineering Day, Ladies (and Gentlemen in the audience) .

Best regards,

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