

BUENOS AIRES DECLARATION

We, the professionals at the World Congress “ENGINEERING 2010-ARGENTINA: Technology, Innovation and Production for Sustainable Development”, organized by the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) together with the Argentine Union of Associations of Engineers (UADI) and the Argentine Center of Engineers (CAI), consider that it is necessary to:

1. Call upon the institutions that bring together engineering professionals to spread out what has been done by this Congress and assume the responsibility of contributing to advancing towards the integral development of our societies, both with their proposals and works.
2. Encourage the action of engineers and that of governmental and private organizations to boost the capacity to innovate and to increase business efficiency and competitiveness, applying knowledge and new technologies to meet the growing needs and demands of an inclusive and sustainable development.
3. Call upon public authorities to give the necessary priority to the development of vocations and the promotion of engineering courses of studies, with particular interest in a greater participation of women.
4. Urge UNESCO to implement as soon as possible the “International Engineering Programme” (IEP) suggested by WFEO World Engineers’ Convention in Brasilia (WEC 2008) and ask that its implementation should be shared or led by WFEO.
5. Foster the systemic participation of engineering institutions, integrating honorary advisory councils, to cooperate in analysis and decision-making processes of governments and organizations related to development.
6. Ask national governments, multilateral banks and agencies, and the system of the United Nations to accept the cooperation of WFEO and to support politically and financially the action of engineering institutions and engineers, to contribute to minimize the effects of natural and technological disasters and to further the effective accomplishment of the world commitment to overcoming hunger, extreme poverty, social segregation, gender inequality, environmental damage and climate change threats.

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