



# World Federation of Engineering Organizations Fédération Mondiale des Organisations d'Ingénieurs

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## Join the world's engineering body as an International Member

### Introduction to WFEO

We are the global body for the engineering profession. Founded in 1968, we have national members from about 90 countries and international members from all continents representing more than 30 million engineers. We work to influence international institutions, to promote globally agreed good practice and to address the challenges of sustainable development around the world. Through these activities, we regularly engage with governments, policy-makers and United Nations leaders to present the engineering perspective. We are a member of the United Nations Social and Economic Council and we co-lead the UN Scientific and Technological Community Major Group. We are an official partner of UNESCO and our secretariat is based at their headquarters in Paris.

Our work is designed and delivered by our Standing Technical or Policy Implementation Committees (with current host members):

- *UN Relations Committee (WURC, USA)*
- *Committee on Engineering and the Environment (CEE, UK)*
- *Committee on Education in Engineering (CEIE, Lebanon)*
- *Committee on Information and Communication (CIC, India)*
- *Committee on Disaster Risk Management (CDRM, Peru)*
- *Committee on Energy (CE, USA)*
- *Committee on Engineering for Innovative Technologies (CEIT, China)*
- *Young Engineers / Future Leaders (YE/FL, Kuwait)*
- *Women in Engineering (WiE, Nigeria)*
- *Committee on Engineering Capacity Building (CECB, South Africa)*
- *Committee on Anti-Corruption (CAC, Zimbabwe)*
- *Working Group on Water (Spain)*
- *Working Group on Global Infrastructure Report Card (Federation of African Engineering Organizations)*

WFEO works closely with UNESCO and is involved in several UN bodies such as UNFCCC (Climate Change), UNIDO (Industry), UNEP (Environment), the World Meteorological Organization... We have co-operation agreements with other international organisations such as the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC), the International Federation of Engineering Education Societies (IFEES) and the International Engineering Alliance (IEA).



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## Recent examples of our work

- *Working with the International Standardisation Organisation on establishing the ISO37001 anti-bribery standard*
- *World Engineering Conventions and WFEO governing bodies meetings held in 2015 in Kyoto, 2016 in Lima, 2017 in Rome, 2018 in London, and 2019 to be held in Melbourne, 2020 in Kigali (Rwanda), 2021 in Doha (Qatar), 2022 in San José (Costa Rica), and 2023 in Prague (Czech Republic).*
- *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration held at UNESCO headquarters in Paris in March 2018, with a joint Declaration issued by UNESCO and WFEO on progressing the Sustainable Development Goals through engineering. Two information meetings held at UNESCO in 2019, on Engineering and SDGs and on Capacity Building in Africa.*
- *Participation to the UNESCO Engineering Report I (2010) and II (2019).*

## What is an International Member?

As defined by WFEO's Constitution, an International Member shall be a union/association of national professional engineering bodies organized on a multi-lateral basis, according to either a regional interest or other international basis and has proven itself capable of undertaking ongoing activities. International Members have full voting rights at our General Assembly and are represented at the Executive Council.

Its members can take part to WFEO's conferences and WFEO's work through its committees.

## Some benefits of Membership

### *Participation:*

- *Propose candidates to be part of the WFEO Executive Council*
- *You work can be featured in our e-newsletter*
- *Present your work at and/or participate in all our events and in front of the UN agencies meetings*
- *Participation in any WFEO projects that are relevant to your area of interest (such as on mobility of engineers)*
- *Facilitation of regular contact with colleagues working in your area of interest across every continent, including with other regional organizations (10 continental/regional organizations are WFEO members).*

### *Advocacy:*

- *Reach all our members to inform and inform them in relation to your work*
- *Opportunities to engage with national governments through our members where appropriate*
- *Opportunities to influence international institutions and initiatives*
- *Contribute to the policies and actions of WFEO in improving the engineering profession around the globe*

### *Representation:*

- *Promote your organization, its work and its agenda at the global level and in the UN System*
- *Nominate candidates for the WFEO awards, e.g. the H.J. Sabbagh Construction Excellence Award, the S. Alami Engineering Innovation Award, and the Gree Women in Engineering Award.*
- *Recognition as an International Member on our website and in our Biennial Reports*
- *The possibility of hosting meetings at UNESCO in Paris hosted with the support of our Secretariat*

These advantages apply to all your staff or representatives.