



## The 1<sup>st</sup> Official CEIE Meeting

Virtual via Zoom

Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 17:30hrs. – 18:30hrs. MMT

### Minutes of the Meeting

#### Participants, CEIE Members:

**Present Attendees:** Dr. Marlene Kanga, Dr. Charlie Than, Dr. Rodrigo Pérez Fernández, Dr. Juergen Kretschmann, Prof. Wang Xue, Dr. Paul Jowitt, Prof. Simiyu Sitati, Mr. Soe Myint,

**Attendees on Behalf:** TC Madikane Pr Eng representatives of Mrs. Refilwe Buthelezi

**Absent Attendees:** Mr. Abdul Menhem Alameddine (Munim), Abdelali Ben Loukilia, Dawn Bonfield, Dr. Khin Sandar Tun, Dr. Patrick Bekoe, Jonathan Jones, José María Goicolea, Mya Warken, Peter Y Wong, Prof. Dr. Capezzali Massimiliano, Shiferaw Alemu Feleke, Silvia Maria Casco Zunigo, Wlodzimierz Misalski

**Secretariat:** Mr. Yin Htwe Thet, Ms. Aye Myat Linn, Mr. Tin Latt

#### Welcome and Introduction

- **Dr. Zaw Min Aung**, Myanmar Engineering Council executive member and Acting Chair of the WFEO Committee on Education in Engineering (CEIE), introduced himself and welcomed all the members to the first official Committee on Education in Engineering (CEIE) Meeting. All present attendees of the Committee on Education in Engineering Education (CEIE) members made brief self-introductions.

#### Brief self-Introduction

All attendees made brief self-introduction since it is the first official Committee on Education in Engineering (CEIE) meeting as follows:

- **Dr. Marlene Kanga**, the immediate past president of the World Federation of Engineering Organisations
- **Dr. Charlie Than**, Chair of the Committee on Education in Engineering (CEIE)
- **Prof. Wang Xue**, Vice Dean of the Department of Precision Instrument and the State Key Laboratory of Precision Measurements Technology and Instruments at Tsinghua University



- **Prof. Paul Jowitt**, President of the Institution of Civil Engineers
- **Prof. Juergen Kretschmann**, Vice Chairman of the German Technical Association
- **Prof. Simiyu Sitati**, Dean, School of Engineering at Moi University
- **TC Madikane Pr Eng**, Council Member at Engineering Council of South Africa. He attended the meeting as a representative of Ms. Refilwe Buthelezi (PrEng, MBL, M.Inst.D), Vice President of Engineering Council of South Africa
- **Prof. Rodrigo Pérez Fernández**, Professor in Technical University of Madrid and also a former director in Sener.
- **Mr. Yin Htwe Thet**, Joint Secretary 2, Myanmar Engineering Council
- **Mr. Tin Latt**, International Relation Consultant, Myanmar Engineering Council
- **Mr. Soe Myint**, Secretary General, Myanmar Engineering Society

#### **Transfer of Chairmanship**

- **Prof. Charlie Than**, the former chair of the CEIE also attended the meeting and officially transfer the chairmanship to Dr. Zaw Min Aung in front of all Committee on Education in Engineering Education (CEIE) members.
- **Prof. Charlie Than** explained the reason to transfer the chairmanship. The main reason is that the military government urgently needs a non-political person like him as a cabinet minister to take under control the very difficult situation in Myanmar. Therefore, he has been appointed as a cabinet minister position for Ministry of Industry for the emergency period. According to law in Myanmar, the cabinet Minister position can hold maximum up to 2 years. Now, he is performing as a Minister of Ministry and there are more than 110 factories under Ministry of Industry. He is in charge of managing those factories, many lands, workshops, and people under the Ministry of Industry.
- Prof. Charlie Than promised that he shall return to WFEO and fulfil his commitments for Engineering Education after completion of his 2 years term as a cabinet minister.

#### **Report on CEIE Activities**

Acting Chair Dr. Zaw Min Aung presented the CEIE objectives, goals and current activities to the CEIE members. And also the updated status of the two approved mentoring economies:

1. The Institution of Engineers Mauritius (IEM) with National Board of Accreditation (NBA), India and Engineers Council of South Africa (ECSA).
2. Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) and Board of Engineers Malaysia.



## **Call for proposals from the Committee for activities:**

### **a. IDEAS Journal & Previous CEIE Work**

**Dr. Zaw Min Aung** mentioned that the CEIE Committee would like to issue the Ideas Journal by May 2022. He proposed to put the work of the International Conference on Engineering Education Accreditation 2021 in Ideas Journal.

**Mr. Tin Latt** commented that CEIE past activities should be included in the Ideas Journal to share the updated information about the CEIE committee among WFEO members. And he also suggested to put the CEIE future activities in the regular issues.

### **b. Proposal for a Conference on Engineering Education in 2022**

**Dr. Zaw Min Aung** proposed CEIE to host a conference on Engineering Education in 2022 online or hybrid and then request the CEIE members to participate as a volunteers for conference sub-committee.

**Dr. Marlene Kanga suggested Dr Zaw Min Aung** to set up a sub-committee or working group for a conference on Engineering Education 2022 and then to discuss and decide the event date, call for papers and do the arrangements for the conference.

### **c. Regular Meetings**

**Dr. Zaw Min Aung** expressed that there will be two or three the CEIE Committee meeting every year.

**Prof. Juergen Kretschmann** suggested to make CEIE activity plan for the upcoming year so that the members can be easily known the next activities of the committee.

**The Meeting Successfully Adjourned at 18:30 hrs. Myanmar Time**