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Ms. Audrey Azoulay
Director General, UNESCO
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By Email to WFEO: executivedirector@wfeo.net

Dear Ms. Azoulay,

RE: SUPPORT FOR DECLARATION OF WORLD ENGINEERING DAY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION AND SUSTAINABILITY

On behalf of the members, the Council and the Executive Management of **The South African Institution of Civil Engineering**, I am writing to indicate the strong support of our organisation for the Declaration of 4th March of each year as World Engineering Day for Climate Change Action and Sustainability.

The South African Institution of Civil Engineering is a voluntary association and professional home for over 11000 civil engineers, technologists, technicians and students in civil engineering programmes both in South Africa and abroad.

SAICE's relevancy to the engineering industry is illustrated through our mission and objectives, which are:

- to be a learned society and to ensure continuing education in technical, managerial and communication skills for our members by keeping them abreast of development;
- to develop technical guidelines and documentation;
- to provide support and input to central government regarding legislation concerning all aspects of civil engineering;
- to promote, advance and uphold appropriate standards and professional ethics of the civil engineering profession;
- to pursue Community Outreach Programs for society through career guidance, awareness campaigns and capacity building for decision makers;
- to enable our members, through consultation and accountability, to provide the community with environmentally and economically sustainable infrastructure;
- to cater for the interests and needs of our members by creating an effective communication channel in a strong, dynamic and stable organisation;

- to create interactive networking opportunities with participants in the profession and the industry;
- to enhance the recognition of civil engineering as a highly respected profession and a desirable career;

If declared, our organisation commits to celebrating World Engineering Day with a wide range of activities that promote the role of engineering for climate change action and sustainability as urgent action is needed in these areas. Such celebrations will improve community recognition of the importance of engineering to society and the economy.

The activities to celebrate World Engineering Day is expected to encourage young people, girls and boys, to raise the number of people studying science and mathematics, increasing the intake of engineers into universities. This is critical for the sustainable development of our country.

We anticipate that our activities will reach and have an impact on 55 million people in our country.

Yours sincerely,

The South African Institution of Civil Engineering



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SAICE President 2018

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