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THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN INSTITUTE
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Ms. Audrey Azoulay
Director General, UNESCO
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Paris, France

By Email to WFEO: executivedirector@wfeo.net

Dear Ms. Azoulay,

Support for Declaration of World Engineering Day for Climate Change Action and Sustainability

On behalf of the members of the Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (SAIMM), 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.***

SAIMM is a professional institute with local and international links aimed at assisting members source information about technological developments in the mining, metallurgical and related sectors.

We directly or indirectly represent 5 000 engineers.

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 the mining and metallurgical engineering in our region.

Yours sincerely

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