

Appendix IWorld Federation of Engineering OrganizationsFédération Mondiale des Organisations d'IngénieursCONSTITUTIONPreamble

1. A strong and dynamic engineering profession is essential to the successful development of any nation. Engineering harnesses the manpower and natural resources of a region to bring about progressive advancement of its agriculture, industry, commerce, culture and general standard of living.
2. Today it is more than ever important that national engineering organizations create an effective organization for liaison, co-operation, exchange of experience and ideas, and for mutual support. In this way, the engineering profession will be strengthened in all countries, and engineers everywhere may hope to pursue their learned art freely and successfully in any part of the world. Such a world organization is created by this instrument.

Name

3. The name of the organization shall be: World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) - Fédération Mondiale des Organisations d'Ingénieurs (FEMOI).

Aims

4. The aims of the Federation shall be to advance engineering as a profession in the public interest and to act as a spokesman in matters on which a group opinion is possible. It will act to further the exchange of information and to foster co-operation between engineering organizations and with organizations outside the engineering field.
5. These aims shall be implemented inter alia by sponsoring meetings, by encouraging national and regional associations of engineers, by furthering the exchange of information, by special projects relating to the professional interests of the member societies and by promoting co-operation with governmental and non-governmental organizations.
6. All these activities will be supported by the raising of the competence of engineers through education and training.

Membership

7. The Federation shall be composed of national and international organizations which represent engineers engaged on a high level of technical competence according to national standards, under the designations National Members and International Members.
8. A National Member shall comprise the national professional engineering organization or (if there are more than one) the national professional engineering organizations within one country, and shall be represented in the Federation in such manner as the National Member shall decide.
9. An International Member shall be a group of national professional engineering bodies organized on a continental or other international basis, which will normally be expected to have been in existence for several years and to have held or sponsored at least two international conferences, and shall be represented in the Federation by not more than two persons.

10. A national engineering organization may be represented in more than one International Member.

11. The Federation, on the proposal of the Executive Committee, shall examine each application for membership of the Conference and may accept or reject it.

Management

12. The management of the Federation shall be carried out by an Executive Committee acting under the instructions of the Federation. This shall consist initially of the following members: The President of the Federation, the Vice-President of the Federation, three members nominated respectively by the Pan American Union of Engineers Associations (UPADI), the Commonwealth Engineering Conference (CEC), and the European Federation of National Associations of Engineers (FEANI); five members nominated by the National Members; and two members to be co-opted by the Executive Committee during the first year of existence of the Federation. The nomination of the representatives of the National Members shall be made by the Federation, which shall also have power to change the numbers and the structure of the Executive Committee at any time. The Executive Committee shall appoint its own Chairman and its Secretary and establish its own procedure. Decision by the Federation and the Executive Committee shall be by majority vote, except as provided in paragraph 27.

13. Each National Member shall have one vote at meetings of the Federation.

14. International Members shall have no vote.

15. Each member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote at meetings of the Executive Committee.

Financing

16. Each National Member shall agree to accept one, two, five, ten or twenty units of the expenses of the Federation.

17. General expenses incurred in the administration of the Federation shall be shared by all National Members in proportion to the respective number of units they have accepted.

18. Special projects shall be financed through voluntary contributions from any societies and other agencies that may have interests in these undertakings.

19. The travelling and personal expenses incurred by delegates attending meetings of the Federation will be the responsibility of the organizations which they represent.

20. The Executive Committee shall propose every two years its estimate of all administrative expenses for the next period which shall be maintained within such estimate.

Conduct of Business

21. The Executive Committee shall prepare annually a plan for activities of the Federation and shall submit the plan to Members for comment and amendment. This plan shall take into account the activities planned and proposals put forward by other bodies which may affect engineers. The Executive Committee will be responsible for initiating and implementing any activities to be undertaken on behalf of the Federation.

22. The Executive Committee shall inform the Members regularly on the progress made through the Secretariats of the International Members or through all other appropriate channels.

23. Plenary meetings of the Federation shall preferably be arranged in conjunction with one or more general meetings of the International Members.

24. The Executive Committee shall draft and maintain, subject to confirmation by the Federation, regulations covering the detailed planning and conduct of activities.

25. The official languages of the Federation shall be English, French, Spanish and Russian.

Alteration of the Constitution

26. No change may be made in this Constitution except by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the National Members present and voting at a plenary meeting of the Federation.