



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

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Introduction to WFEO

We are the global body for the engineering profession. Founded in 1968, we have national members from almost 100 countries representing some 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, and others. We have cooperation 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).*
- *50th 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 Associate?

An Associate shall be an engineering organization, other professional organization or corporate body that registers as such for the purpose of supporting the Federation, and receiving regular information on its activities. As such, the Associate does not participate in WFEO's governing bodies and General Assembly, except as observer. Its members may take part in WFEO's conferences and WFEO's work through its STCs, on request and by approval of the Board.

Benefits of Associate status

Participation:

- *Your work can be featured in our e-newsletter*
- *Presentation of your work at and/or participation 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 regional organizations (10 continental/regional organizations are WFEO international members).*

Influence:

- *Reach all our members to 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 (not usually possible from a national level)*
- *Contribute to the policies and actions of WFEO in improving the engineering profession around the globe*

Representation:

- *Promote your organisation, its work and its agenda at the global level and in the UN System*
- *Be recognized as an Associate on our website and in our Biennial Reports*
- *Become a Distinguished Associate by granting sponsorship for a particular WFEO project or activity, like conference organization, social event, or a new WFEO Award in an area of particular interest to you.*

These advantages apply to all your staff or representatives.