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**Ms. Audrey Azoulay**

Director General, UNESCO

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Paris, France

By Email to WFEO: [executivedirector@wfeo.net](mailto:executivedirector@wfeo.net)

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

Dear Ms. Azoulay,

On behalf of the members of the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) I am writing to indicate a strong support of our organisation for the ***Declaration of 4<sup>th</sup> March of each year as World Engineering Day for Climate Change Action and Sustainability.***

The Engineering Council of South Africa is the national body for South Africa with responsibilities for regulating the engineering profession.

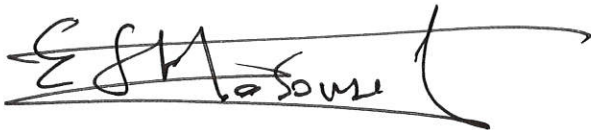
We directly or indirectly represent 52 000 engineers.

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 55 million people in our country.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sipho Madonsela', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Engineer Sipho Madonsela

*Chief Executive Officer*

**ECSA**