

Formation of Africa, Asia and the Pacific Accord **(AAP Accord) on 16 April 2021**

Federation of Engineering Institutions of Asia and the Pacific (FEIAP) and Federation of African Engineering Organisations (FAEO) agree to develop a comprehensive framework for accreditation of education qualifications and competency of engineering personnel not only within their own jurisdictions or economies but also internationally. FEIAP and FAEO also aim to establish an Accord to facilitate recognition of substantial equivalence of engineering qualifications based on FEIAP Engineering Education and Accreditation Guidelines and to recognise other equivalent international standards acceptable to both organisations. Both FAEO and FEIAP agree to name the accord as Africa, Asia and the Pacific Accord (AAP Accord). The Accord also aims to promote mobility of engineering personnel between the signatory economies of the Accord. The engineering personnel include engineers, engineering technologists and engineering technicians. There will be an established regional register of engineering personnel within the Africa, Asia and the Pacific including economies in the Belt and Road Region.

As FEIAP and jurisdictions in the FAEO are members of World Federation of Engineering Organisations (WFEO), WFEO welcomes such initiative which is in line with the UN SGD's such as Goal 4: Quality Education, Goal 5: Gender Equality, Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities, Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions and Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goal

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by the President of FEIAP, Academician Prof. Huang Wei, and President of FAEO, Eng. Martin Manuhwa, on 2 July 2020 which was witnessed by President of WFEO, Academician Prof. Gong Ke.

With strong will to make the initiative a success, the working group from both FEIAP and FAEO worked very closely and promptly concluded the AAP Accord within 6 months. The AAP Accord agreement was signed on 16th April 2021 by the President of FEIAP, Academician Prof. Huang Wei, and President of FAEO, Ing. (Mrs.) Carlien Bou-Chedid. The signing was witnessed by President of WFEO, Academician Prof. Gong Ke. The following officials from UNESCO and Organisation also attended the signing, giving their endorsement for such an important initiative:

1. Dr. Peggy OTI-BOATENG, Director, Division of Science Policy and Capacity-Building, Division of Science Policy and Capacity-Building (SC/PCB), UNESCO
2. Dr. Eng. Ahmed Hamdy, Executive Director of African Union -STRC & AU-ASRIC
3. Professor Dr. Shahbaz Khan, Director of UNESCO in Beijing and Representative to China, DPRK, Japan, Mongolia and Republic of Korea
4. Prof. Hubert Gijzen, Regional Director and Representative, UNESCO Regional Office for Southern Africa, Harare, Zimbabwe
5. Ms. Ann Therese Ndong-Jatta, Regional Director and Representative, UNESCO Regional Office for East Africa
6. Dr. Hans Thulstrup, Officer in charge UNESCO Cluster Office in Jakarta, Indonesia
7. *Dr. Rovani Sigamoney, Assistant Programme Specialist, UNESCO Engineering Initiative (SC/UEI), UNESCO.*

Since the signing of the Accord, a few training courses and seminars on Outcome-based Engineering Education and Mobility of Engineering Personnel have been conducted for academics, policy makers, engineering education assessors in Africa, Asia and the Pacific.

WFEO looks forward to a successful AAP Accord for the benefit of engineering fraternity in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, particularly for mobility of engineering personnel.

Photo's of AAP Accord signed on 16th April 2021:

