



YEFL Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 2 2022, 1:00 – 2:30 pm CET

Item	Subject	Lead
1.	Welcome & Introduction <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Opening by Chair b) Introduction of Members & Guests <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Firas Bou Diab – Chair (Lebanon) 2. Nicole Brown – Australia 3. Zhang Wei – China 4. Milda Pladaite – Corresponding Member 5. Aung Thet Ping – Myanmar 6. Ayoub Mataoui – Morocco 7. Sofia Retana Valverde – Costa Rica 8. Tak Tang – Hong Kong 9. Michael Mhlanga – South Africa 10. Christopher Chukwunta – Nigeria 11. Khin Maung Myint - Myanmar 12. Donovan Guttieres – Corresponding Member 13. Li Pan – China (Observer) 	F.B.D
2.	Summary of 2019-2021 achievements A run through the activities over the last two years and an outline strategic plans and actions to date and any outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The framework of WFEO General Assembly meetings in San Jose, Costa Rica, WFEO STCs and YEFL Partners was shared to give an overview 	F.B.D
3.	World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development – Build Back Wiser, Engineering the Future	F.B.D
3.1	HACKATHON International event with a goal to involve engineering students from all over the globe in the celebration of the World Engineering Day. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - YEFL Active Participation (by Sofia and Nicole) in the WED2022 Hackathon – Challenge 1, 2 & 3 focused on SDG 12, 9 and 6 respectively. - Preliminary assessment of the SDG challenge project submissions has been completed with some members of the YEFL involved in the organization and assessment - Final assessments to be completed this week ahead of the WED2022 24-hour live event on March 4th. - Special thanks to Marlene Kanga who attended most of the working group meetings. 	F.B.D / N.B/ D.G



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 24-hour Livestream on March 4th, 2022 – events holding in the UK, US, EU, Asia on WED2022 - Encourage all YEFL members, regional bodies and partners to participate in the events. 	
3.2	<p>WED2022 YOUNG ENGINEERS PANEL</p> <p><i>An Inspiring and Collective Young Engineering Vision, Feb 15, 2022</i></p> <p>a) A webinar was held in collaboration with FIDIC - International Federation of Consulting Engineers Young Leaders Council, European Young Engineers (EYE), The Student Platform for Engineering Education Development (SPEED) ahead of the WED2022 –</p>	F.B.D & C.C
4	Working Group on SDG 13	M.P/C.C
4.1	<p><i>Climate Declaration: COP 26 Joint Statement of International Youth Organizations</i></p> <p>a) Engaged Heads of Delegation and Parties at the COP26 Blue Zone to present the Youth Joint Statement</p> <p>b) Secured the endorsement of partners like World Bank Global Youth Climate Network, UN Youth NGO (YOUNGO) etc.</p> <p>c) Participated in some COP26 panels – Capacity Building, Finance and Technology Day, Resilience Hub etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 of the 12 policy recommendations were either reaffirmed or adopted - 7 recommendations were either recognized or acknowledged with(out) action - 2 recommendations were not discussed: one highlighted for discussion in COP27 - Remarkable youth attendance with very limited inclusion in actual policy discussions/negotiations - YEFL developing Capacity Building Initiatives with other youth leaders on the Path to COP27 	M.P & C.C
5.	YE/FL Webinar Series “Engineering the Future”	N.B
5.1	<p><i>About Last Webinar - Ethics in Engineering – Nov 19, 2021</i></p> <p>a) Michael Mhlanga shared the details of the South African webinar focused mainly on ‘Ethics in Engineering’ and how young engineers can be involved in its (re-)definition across cultures</p> <p><i>Note: 7 webinars so far are already held by the YEFL directly under the theme “Engineering The Future”.</i></p>	M.M
5.2	<p><i>Upcoming webinars</i></p> <p>a) The webinar team (Donovan and Nicole) will be looking at topics in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Global Trends (e.g., Oceans summit) and 	ALL



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Skills-based topics (traditional engineering tools e.g., GIS, CAD etc) focused on SDG applications.</i> b) <i>Experience has shown huge benefits from engaging more diverse groups at the webinar!</i> c) <i>Welcome every YEFL member to host a webinar – contact Nicole or Donovan to discuss the planning a webinar</i> 	
6	Involvement with other STCs / PICs	F.B.D
7.	<p>Regional Updates (2 -3 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hong Kong (Tak Tang) – The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers. 20 regional young engineers committee members appointed. 55 events organized in the last 2 years including an online competition, technical visits, AGMs etc. Joined 2 major conferences in the region. (YEFL will be interested in working with HKIE YE on the future programs - Australia (Nicole Brown) – Chair of the YE for Engineers Australia. Instituted a group focused on a national perspective with age, gender, sectoral diversity. 3 working groups operational – Local Support, External Relations, Research & Development teams. 2 monthly training/presentations to develop soft skills and technical expertise respectively. 450% increase in participation/uptake. - South Africa (Michael Mhlanga) – SAICE YMP – Engineering Quiz night, won the WED poster competition, collaboration with the MEC of the Department of Infrastructure, involved the WED hackathon, Climate action engagements. 2022 YMP committee including YMP in Diaspora to capture a multinational and regional oversight. Future events: After action review of remarkable engineering projects (e.g., World Cup Stadium) for YMP learning, Online shows, DEI events, Women in STEM, Climate Action, Future Custodians Webinars Series etc. - Myanmar (Aung Thet Ping) – Limited activities due to the political situation. Mostly virtual activities including regional and multinational webinars (e.g., with HKIE). Developed a YE app to enable more opportunities for collaboration among YEs. Contributed to the COVID19 response by developing a remote chamber and Covid19 intervention pod. - China (Zhang Wei) – organized webinars and online events in China. <p>Action (All): All presentations to be shared with Firas so we can share with the wider WFE0 and on the YEFL page on the WFE0 website</p>	ALL



8.	<i>YE/FL Committee Future Plans</i> <i>Monthly meetings in view starting in April 2022.</i>	<i>F.B.D</i>
9.	<i>Any Other Business</i>	<i>ALL</i>
10.	<i>Closing Remarks and Adjournment</i>	<i>F.B.D</i>
11.	<i>Next Meeting – April 2022</i>	<i>ALL</i>