

# WFEO Action Plan for the period 2013-2015

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The main focus of my action plan during my presidency will be on the implementation of the **World Engineering Forum**. As you may know, I am discussing with officials from different governments the possible hosting of the World Engineering Forum with the goal of promoting sustainable development in infrastructure and the built environment.

Already, Mark Weichold from Qatar participated in a meeting about this initiative at UNESCO last April, as attended by UNESCO Assistant Director General for the Science Sector who gave UNESCO support to this initiative.

To date, I have also met with World Bank, OECD and US State Department officials as well as officers from leading US engineering organizations who all showed great interest in this project.

In order to **increase the WFEO resources** and in addition to the above initiative, I shall continue the efforts made by Adel Al Kharafi to increase the number of national members. In fact, I succeeded in bringing some five members from Europe: Montenegro, Serbia, Croatia, Portugal and Turkey.

I will also look for **leading engineering companies** to become **Associate Members** and will attach great importance to communication, fund raising and the visibility of WFEO.

I would like to strengthen the relationship with **our international organizations** and will make sure to meet with their presidents as soon as possible.

As far as **other international organizations and the UN bodies**, I shall give my full support to the standing committees working with these organizations in the framework of the **UN Sustainable Development Goals** such as the committee on the environment, disaster risk management, the WFEO / UN relations committee and others.

**Standing Technical Committees must work together** and look seriously into being involved in projects launched by international bodies and give advice to those who are looking for the engineering input and advice.

**Supporting regional cooperation** among our members is also very important and is considered as an important objective for some members, namely Eastern European countries with whom I have already started working in this field.

**Innovation in all engineering fields** is now a must and I would like WFEO to look into some way of encouraging innovators especially in developing countries.

Finally, the **gender issue and youth** are very important issues that are not only addressed by international organizations but also at local and regional levels.

I would like to express my thanks to the former presidents of WFEO who made great efforts to bring WFEO where it stands today.

I count on the executive council members and STC chairs to collaborate closely with me and inform me of any of their needs.