

IEM Engineering Accreditation Project Important Milestones 2017 to 2026

- **Launch of project in January 2017**
- Development of a Draft Governance Structure for an Engineering Accreditation Board (EAB)

2017

2018

- IEM, through EAB, is required to demonstrate to WA that it has developed the accreditation standards, and criteria serving as benchmark (to be aligned on WA) and that it has in place a process for conducting accreditation, with trained accreditors
- Assistance from the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) through an MOU between IEM and ECSA for a period of 5 years
- The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the IEM-EAB (Document EAB 001) was approved and issued in June 2018
- **The IEM has set up the Engineering Accreditation Board (EAB) and all associated committees, the Standard Advisory Board for Engineering Accreditation (SABEA) and the Engineering Accreditation Steering Committee (EASC) and they are all fully operational**
- **Appointment of a Project Coordinator and an Administrator**
- Financial support for years 2018-2019 and 2020 has been secured from the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education and Scientific and Technology for EAB to reach provisional membership with the WA as soon as the Mauritian Universities running 4 year full time engineering degrees are ready with their courses to be compliant to WA requirements.

2019

- **Finalisation of MOUs with UOM, UDM, and CRPE**
- A register of potential Accreditors from academia and industry has been compiled and are undergoing training both locally and overseas.

2020

- IEM Validation workshop on the EAB documents, BEng Standard, Criteria and Policy was organized by IEM on 29th February 2020, in the context of the World Engineering Day. 38 participants from all stakeholders (Ministries, HEIs, PEIs, HEC, CRPE, and other institutions.) attended
- An MOA with the Ministry of Education is presently under consideration
- The National Board of Accreditation of India (NBA) has expressed its willingness to assist IEM towards achieving WA provisional status as a proposer
- **Forum of accreditors is being organized in August 2020 ;**
- **A complete set of EAB documents will be ready by Oct 2020 and will be reviewed by SABEA and later be peer reviewed by ECSA and NBA.**
- **MOU signed in Dec 2020**

2021

- **ECSA and NBA missions will be organized to ascertain preparedness of IEM /EAB for application for provisional application by IEM to WA by late 2022**
- Higher Educational Institutions must make to make formal request to EAB for accreditation
- Accreditation exercises will be done in collaboration with ECSA and NBA.

2022

- ECSA and NBA missions as NOMINATORS
- **EAB submits Washington Accord Provisional Status Application in December 2022.**

2023

- Application distributed to all WA signatories
- IEM EAB attends IEA Meeting in June 2023 to present its Application in 2023
- If successful, then IEM EAB 's would apply for full membership within two years and IEM/EAB becomes a signatory of the WA.

2026

FINAL GOAL

- **Application to WA for full membership of the WA**
- Mauritius becomes a signatory of the WA
- Sustainability of IEM EAB as a recognised Accreditation Body.