

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS (MAURITIUS)

30th July 2025

To All EAB Assessors

Dear Colleagues Engineers

Subject: NETWORKING OF EAB EVALUATORS.

We are pleased to invite you to a Networking Session scheduled for Wednesday 13th August 2025 at 17h00 at the Office of Pro-Five Ltd at Ebene (see enclosed programme). You may be aware that following the bold decision taken in 2016 by IEM to establish itself as an Accrediting Agency for engineering degree programmes, we have made it into the provisional membership of Washington Accord in June 2024. IEM is thankful to all of you who collaborated with the Engineering Accreditation Board and served either as Evaluators or received training for conducting evaluation of engineering programmes. You need to know that having a cohort of well-trained Evaluators is also a criterion for an accrediting agency.

The Institution of Engineers' Mauritius (IEM) and the Engineering Accreditation Board (EAB) are now progressing towards IEM's goal of applying for Full Signatory to Washington Accord (WA) in 2028, and as you may know, this cannot happen without your collaboration.

Following our successful presentation of the IEM Application at the meeting of the International Engineering Alliance in New Delhi in June 2024, a delegation of four members attended this year's meeting of the International Engineering Alliance Meeting (IEAM) in Mexico and reported on progress achieved since June 2024. As a Provisional member it is mandatory for IEM to attend each annual meeting of the IEA and report on its progress. The next year's IEA meeting will be in Cape Town and IEM would like to have a larger delegation in attendance.

IEM has already signed an MOU with ECSA (South Africa) and would shortly renew its MoU with NBA (India) to continue mentoring us towards Full Signatory. In line with the Washington Accord procedure for admitting new Signatories, IEM will expect three (3) Assessors to come over to observe and evaluate IEM's accreditation process, hopefully during late 2027, prior to making any recommendation for admitting IEM as a full member.

However, as part of the mentoring that we have to undergo, our two mentors would be working with us over the next 3 years, in a combination of on-line and site visits, perhaps starting with a visit programme tentatively scheduled for 10 - 12 September 2025.

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The competence of IEM for conducting accreditation can only be developed and demonstrated if IEM undertakes accreditation of engineering programmes routinely, and that means that HEIs running engineering degree programmes and awarding a Mauritian degree must seek accreditation of their programmes from IEM. No programme or poorly designed engineering degree programmes cannot help us. IEM is pleased to note that the HEIs are continuing their collaboration with us and will have programmes that we can evaluate under the observation of our mentors and the WA assessors.

In this context, IEM and EAB shall be organizing a Networking Session on Wednesday 13th August 2025 at 17h00. During this session, Engr. Dr Manta Nowbuth will be sharing with you an interesting presentation which was delivered by Engr. Megat Johari NOOR from Board of Engineers, Malaysia on "Mentoring: Sharing of Experience" at IEAM 2025 in Mexico. The Programme for this Networking Session is attached. We look forward to your attendance and participation at this important session.

Please confirm your attendance by return mail to iem@intnet.mu by Thursday 07 August 2025 at latest.

IEM will also schedule a comprehensive and intensive training programme that will start soon and run over the next three (3) years, in addition to training sessions and webinars that our Mentors will deliver under the MoU signed with them.

Looking forward to seeing you on 13th August.

Yours sincerely

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