

## **IEEE UGANDA SUBSECTION WIE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2017 REPORT**

We would like to share the minutes of the first ever Women in Engineering (WIE) Leadership summit in Uganda. This summit was organized in collaboration with Makerere University.

**Date:** 17th February 2017

**Venue:** Department of electrical and Electronic Engineering Makerere University Conference Hall

**Theme:** “Inspire to Lead change in Engineering”

### **EVENT GOAL**

- Promote and recruit IEEE, WIE membership.
- What IEEE is?
- Benefits of IEEE and how to join IEEE.
- Carry-out final projects
- Write research papers
- Acquire leadership Skills, innovation, emerging technology, empowerment and Entrepreneurship

This leadership summit attracted Women Engineering students from Universities across Uganda namely: Kyambogo, Makerere, Mbarara, Muni, and Kampala International Universities. The participants were selected through Eventbrite that was created and the application was online.

There were 95 Eventbrite cards sold, however during the event only 67 participants attended until the event. As mentioned earlier this was 1<sup>st</sup> IEEE Subsection WIE summit in Uganda and we encourage it happen every year, and we wish to mention here that this first summit attracted some women engineers to join the IEEE and we believe that holding this event yearly will register more women engineers into IEEE membership.

## PROGRAMME SCHEDULE FOR THE WIE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

No	Topic	Facilitator/responsible	Time
01	Registration	All participants	8:00 a.m.
02	Introduction	All the participants	08:15 a.m.
03	Welcome Speech	Subsection President	08:30 a.m.
04	Why we are Here: What is IEEE; Benefits and How to Join IEEE: How write scientific papers Final year projects	Mr. Lwanga Herbert	08:45 a.m.
05	Innovation, Research	Mr. Vincent Olema	09:00 a.m.
06	Leadership Skills	Mr. Ezabo Baron	09:15 a.m.
<b>Break/coffee/tea</b>			<b>10.30 a.m.</b>
07	Group Photography	All the participants	10:20
08	Emerging Technology	Mr. Lwanga Herbert	10:30 a.m.
09	Ice Breaker	Miss. Nakimera Janat	12:00 Noon
<b>Break/lunch</b>			<b>12:30 Noon</b>
10	Time management and its implication	Miss. Agnes	01:30 p.m.
11	Entrepreneurship	Mr. Vincent Olema	01: 45 p.m.
12	Ice Breaker	Head of Engineering	03:00 p.m.
13	Why WIE	Mr. Ezabo Baron	03:10 p.m.
<b>Break/Freshments</b>			<b>04:15 p.m.</b>
14	Empowerment	Mr. Ediedu Moses	04:30 p.m.
15	Closing Remarks	Guest of Honor	04:45 p.m.
16	Networking and Closing: Leaving at leisure		05:00 p.m.

The summit began with registration of participants between 8:00 a.m. and later after the participants took their seats. The participants introduced themselves their names, course, and university where they study from.

The welcome speech was done by IEEE Uganda Subsection vice Chair Mr. Lwanga Herbert who represented the Subsection chair who could not be at the Summit. In his welcome speech, he thanked the participants for making it to the IEEE Uganda Subsection WIE Summit 2017. He mentioned the reason for organizing this summit was to introduce IEEE into women engineering community in Uganda, especially the students across Uganda. He told gathering how IEEE Uganda Subsection came being and especially how it started. He briefly mentioned the benefits of IEEE and he concluded by assuring participants the benefit of coming into the event especially the leadership skills.

### **Why we are Here?**

Why we are here? Question was posed by Mr. Lwanga Herbert who defined what IEEE stands for and explained why the summit was organized. He further explained the benefits of joining IEEE and how to join IEEE. He gave website of IEEE ([www.ieee.org](http://www.ieee.org)) for the participants to read more and click Join/renew their membership. He elaborated the projects the Subsection has undertaken already and mentioned a number conferences and public lectures Subsection has organized as Subsection since its inception.

Mr. Lwanga, had talk on how the student can utilize one the benefits of being IEEE member is to write scientific papers in their final year projects. He also mentioned that in any case they students face problem in publishing should contact subsection for advice otherwise IEEE has links to publications. He mentioned that their final year projects can be starting point for them to publish their reports for other students around to read.

Mr. Olema Vincent, who presented paper of innovation and research advised the participants that it is important to innovate. You should ideas that can turn into products and services to help humanity. He mentioned that all the products we use came as results of innovation and development. If there is no innovation and research then there will be no product or services.

Mr. Ezabo Baron presented a paper on leader skills. He tasked participants in teams to come up with leadership skills they know. Participants were organized in teams to generate ideas of good leadership skills. Later he added them together in summarized form which he mentioned each participant can adopt use in their way in their leadership ranks.

Addition to the list: Emerging Technology was among other topics discussed and this topic was presented by Mr. Lwanga Hebert. This topic was presented in order to inspire students to innovate. Mr. Lwanga, came up with array of emerging technologies; Solar Technology, Big data, Smart Cities just mention few. He urged the participants to come up with projects that can be included on the list of Emerging technologies. He encouraged students to know that all the Emerging Technologies were projects for people like them and that there is nothing that come from space. That the participants are capable to innovate.

Mrs. Agnes kabira, in her emphasized that time management is key in project management. It is always important to manage time well in order to succeed in life. She came with list of successful personalities with their projects. She linked time with money, if you are to success in business time is a factor and decisions need to be taken faster to make profits. He also emphasized that with projects time needs to be considered where you want to submit your project in a competition.

All the topics were presented and the participants got opportunity to network. We still get feedback. However, the some participants still attend our events and still in our upcoming events.

We would like to WIE team with WIE and IEEE promotional materials (cups, pens, stickers etc.). We even received financial help of \$150 USD. This money helped to pay for meals, transport refund, Breakfast (tea and snack), refreshments, banner etc.

Overall, the IEEE Uganda Subsection WIE Summit 2017 was success and achieved milestones. More women have joined IEEE. There are now efforts of increasing the numbers women to form WIE affinity group under Uganda Subsection. After the summit more women now volunteer to organize our subsection events which was not the case before.

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