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**Attention:**

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Professor Faquan Wu  
Secretary General, IAEG  
Shaoxing University  
No.508, Huanchengxilu, Shaoxing City, Zhejiang Province, 312000, China,

Dear Sir,

**RE: Nominations for Officers of IAEG Executive Committee for 2023-2026**

### **PREAMBLE**

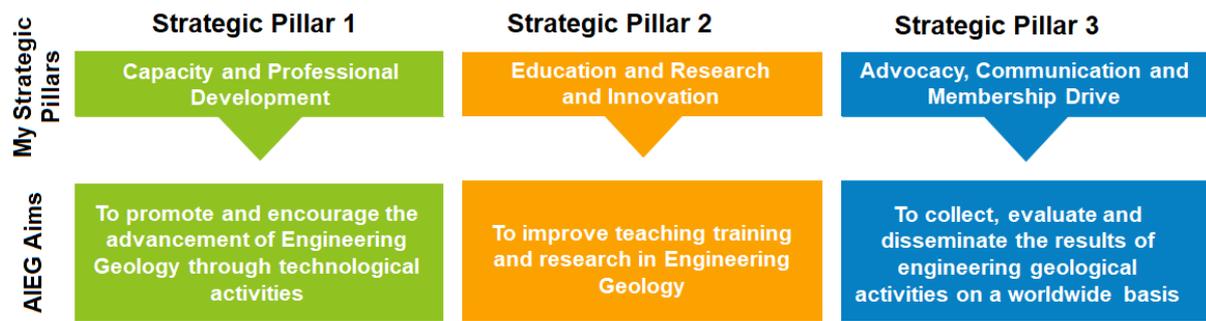
The **International Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment (IAEG)** was founded in 1964. IAEG is a worldwide scientific society with more than 5,200 members and 59 national groups and is affiliated to the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS).

The association aims to promote and encourage the advancement of Engineering Geology through technological activities and research, improvement of teaching and training in Engineering Geology. The organizational governance structure of IAEG is based on the Executive Committee which consist of the President, Secretary General, Treasurer, regional Vice-Presidents and Ex-officio members in addition to the Advisory Committee members.

Every four years, the IAEG organizes an international congress, during which a general meeting takes place, and the board for the subsequent four years is also elected. *It is within this governance framework that my humble self (Prof. Moshood N. TIJANI) has been nominated to occupy the position of the **Vice-President for Africa.***

### **MY STRATEGIC PERFORMANCE PLAN**

With Africa having the least membership enrolment and the least number of national groups in IAEG, it is imperative that a regional VP should support the advocacy to enhance more participation of African experts and professional in IAEG, both at individual and national group levels. Therefore, my strategic performance plan, as a nominee for post of VP for Africa will revolves around Tripod Strategic Pillars (SP) to advice the service delivery of IAEG, especially in the Africa Continent. These Pillars are clearly linked to the key aims of the IAEG as briefly highlighted below (Fig. 1):



**Fig. 1:** The linkage between my strategic pillars and the Aims of the IAEG.

### **Strategic Pillar 1: Education, Research and Innovation**

- Networking and North-South Collaboration to develop and/or help to review graduate-level curriculum in Engineering Geology in selected Institutions in Africa.
- Promote North-South Collaborative research for the benefit of African academic and research institutions.
- To work with national groups to develop a template based on education guidelines to focus on graduate or entry level careers.

### **Strategic Pillar 2: Capacity and Professional Development**

- Create North-South partnership to develop suite of professional training programs, workshops, and webinars to advance the practice of Engineering Geology in Africa.
- Coordinate national groups to organize symposia, regional workshops, webinars on specific topics relevant to Africa context.
- Encourage North-South collaborative efforts to facilitate capacity development of young professionals in Engineering Geology.
- To prepare a compendium of data base of Experts in Engineering Geology in Africa

### **Strategic Pillar 3: Advocacy, Communication and Membership Drive**

- Launch membership drive advocacy to attract new members both at national and individual levels in the different regions of Africa that are currently underrepresented in IAEG.
- Seek collaborative partnership to develop promotional and advocacy materials to increase awareness and interest of undergraduates in Engineering Geology.

- promoting international cooperation among geologists and engineers who have an interest in engineering geology and related environmental issues.
- Produce and disseminate regular communications to Africa-focused members, in line with the existing publicity plan of AIEG.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create North-South partnership to develop suite of professional training programs, workshops, and webinars to advance the practice of Engineering Geology in Africa.</li> <li>• Coordinate national groups to organize symposia, regional workshops, webinars on specific topics relevant to Africa context.</li> <li>• Encourage North-South collaborative efforts to facilitate capacity development of young professionals in Engineering Geology.</li> <li>• To prepare a compendium of data base of Experts in Engineering Geology in Africa</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Networking and North-South Collaboration to develop and/or help to review graduate-level curriculum in Engineering Geology in selected Institutions in Africa.</li> <li>• Promote North-South Collaborative research for the benefit of African academic and research institutions.</li> <li>• To work with national groups to develop a template based on education guidelines to focus on graduate or entry level careers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch membership drive advocacy to attract new members both at national and individual levels to IAEG.</li> <li>• Seek collaborative partnership to develop promotional and advocacy materials to enhance interest of undergraduates in Engineering Geology.</li> <li>• promoting international cooperation among geologists and engineers who have an interest in engineering geology and related environmental issues.</li> <li>• Produce and disseminate regular Africa-focused communications to members in line with the publicity plan of AIEG.</li> </ul>

**Fig. 2:** Action points for the implementation of the Strategic Pillars.

### Concluding Remarks

Arising from the above outline of my strategic performance plan, if given the opportunity serve, and with the backing of the vibrant national group in Nigeria, I will put in my outmost best to execute those strategic plans for the advancement of IAEG in Africa.

Finally, I must emphasize that this is not going to be an individual effort, rather it is going to be a joint collaborative and networking effort for which I will be counting on the support of other members of the Executive Committee to advance the course of IAEG.

While looking forward to a positive approval of my nomination as IAEG VP-Africa and to working with other members of the Executive Committee, kindly accept the assurance of my highest regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
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Cc: National President, Nigerian Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment (NAEGE).