Dear Sir/ Madam:

RE: Invitation to the Vision 2030 Science, Technology and Innovation Forum

IEEE in collaboration with Kenya Vision 2030 cordially invites you to participate in the "Vision 2030: Aligning Science, Technology and Innovation Forum" scheduled for the 22-23rd of October at the Intercontinental Hotel.

Vision 2030, Kenya's long-term development blueprint to create a globally competitive and prosperous nation with high quality of life, acknowledges Science Technology and Innovation as key drivers to achieving these goals.

The purpose of the forum is to bring the policy leaders, researchers, academicians and teachers together to seek joint ways of combining growth with innovation to solve local problems with appropriate technology while engaging, training, and educating students in technology to become practitioners *and* innovators.

 In so doing, IEEE will bring its skills and expertise in forming and convening communities, especially in areas of education, technology, and innovation.   We will all learn and contribute to the discussion on policy and interaction with technologists and educators. The main focus will be on Science, Engineering, Technology, Innovation and related disciplines.

The pertinent topics that will be addressed include:

- Building a skilled workforce that is aligned to industry and societal needs
- At the same time, building of capacity within Kenyan faculty and institutions*
- Implementing the digital revolution as a key piece of infrastructure development
- Increasing the number and quality of students in science and technology from secondary through tertiary and post-graduate levels*
- Driving innovation through local incubators and accelerator hubs

These topics will be developed during sequential sessions on Health Care, Smart Cities, Innovation and Research, Energy and Power, and Data Analytics. In addition, topics with an (*) will be developed in more detail during co-located sessions sponsored by IEEE Educational Activities on October 23-25.

Attached is the draft programme for your reference. We look forward to your participation at the forum.

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