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Launch of the 2022 IEC Young Professionals Programme and Workshop

Dear National Committee Secretary

The aim of the IEC Young Professionals Programme is to encourage the participation of professionals at the start of their career in IEC work at both national and international levels. This is a crucial activity as part of our succession planning.

I am pleased to announce that the 2022 IEC Young Professionals (YP) workshop will be held in conjunction with the 86th IEC General Meeting (GM) from 31 October to 4 November 2022 in San Francisco, United States of America.

Moreover, following the recent decision of the IEC Board, the Workshop will be organized as a face-to-face meeting.

Young Professionals will be invited to participate in, and contribute to, a series of activities following the Workshop. Based on the feedback from YPs and YP Leaders on topics of interest, the objective is to strengthen the engagement with the YPs throughout the year, providing a platform for enhanced knowledge sharing. 2021 IEC YPs were invited to take an active role during a series of activities after the 2021 YP Workshop which include their participation in a brainstorming group for the AI with Trust conference taking place in May 2022, sharing their feedback with the NRG Working Group 1 on the IEC Smartplace and the IEC Board Task Force 3 on SDGs. Moreover, two 2021 YPs were selected, upon application, to join the IEC Board Task Force 3 on SDGs as members and two 2021 YPs were selected to attend the IECEE preparatory meetings in February 2022. The 2021 YPs have also participated in the online workshop on the platform economy model on 3 March 2022 where they have shared their input and ideas in breakout groups.

You are invited to start the selection mechanism to determine the two participants (three for NCs holding eight or more IEC TC/SC secretariats) who will represent your country in the 2022 YP cohort. Many NCs use their national YP Programme to do this, whereas others use national competitions, award programmes, or broader young professional initiatives. For the sake of continuity, you may, if you wish, include one of your former Young Professionals in your selection for the 2022 workshop. This person would count as one of the 2022 participants for your NC.

Participants should be engineers or managers, aged early 20s to mid-30s, who have completed their studies and are working in any industry or business relevant to the IEC and with some experience in standards development and/or conformity assessment. Participants should, therefore, not come from national standards bodies. You are also encouraged to consider gender balance during your selection process.

The IEC will cover accommodation costs for up to five nights for participants attending the Workshop in San Francisco. I would ask that your NC coordinates the travel expenses, which could be funded by your NC, government grants, young professional incentives, or by the participant's employer.

Moreover, you will find enclosed the flyer for the 2022 IEC YP Workshop and a link to the promotional video of the Programme at www.youtube.com/watch?v=ef8JXbm7C0U. For the latest information about the activities in 2022, you can visit the IEC website at www.iec.ch/young-professionals.

I look forward to your joining me in promoting the 2022 IEC Young Professionals Programme as we all understand its importance in ensuring that future generations will continue to benefit from using and contributing to the IEC's work.

Yours sincerely,



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IEC Secretary-General and CEO

Cc. National Committee Presidents
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