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TO ALL NATIONAL COMMITTEE SECRETARIES/MANAGERS

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Launch of the call for nominations for the 2026 IEC Young Professionals Programme and workshop

Dear National Committee Secretary/Manager,

The aim of the IEC Young Professionals Programme is to encourage the participation of professionals early in their careers in IEC work at both national and international levels. This is a crucial activity, as part of our succession planning and preparation for the future. For participants and their organizations, the IEC YP Programme offers an important networking platform and a unique opportunity to help shape international standardization and conformity assessment work. The IEC and the IEC National Committees benefit from the increased participation of young experts who bring new ideas to our activities.

The 2026 IEC Young Professionals workshop will be held as a face-to-face meeting in conjunction with the 90th IEC General Meeting (GM), which is taking place from 16 to 20 November 2026 in Hamburg, Germany. You will find enclosed the flyer for the 2026 IEC YP workshop and the draft agenda, also available online at iec.ch/ypps/yp-workshop.

Young Professionals will be invited to participate in and contribute to a series of activities following the workshop to strengthen engagement and provide YPs with a platform for enhanced knowledge sharing. In 2026, based on feedback from the YPs to the General Assembly, the YP Programme is also launching a YP Alumni Network.

Call for nominations

I am pleased to inform you that the call for nominations for the 2026 YP Programme is now open. You are invited to start the selection mechanism to determine the two participants (three for NCs holding eight or more IEC TC/SCs secretariats) who will represent your country in the 2026 IEC YP cohort. Many NCs use their national YP Programme, whereas others use national competitions, award programmes, or broader young professional initiatives to select their participants. For the sake of continuity, you may, if you wish, include one of your former Young Professionals in your selection. Renominations count within the quota for your NC.

Eligibility

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 not come from national standards bodies. You are also encouraged to consider gender balance during your selection process.

Nomination process

I would be grateful if you could submit your nomination through the online application form used for the first time this year. The tool will help us streamline the nomination process in a secure and automated environment. Please submit your nomination **by 7 August 2026**. We cannot guarantee acceptance of nominations received after the deadline and encourage NCs to submit their nominations promptly.

To nominate your selected participants, please take into consideration the following information:

1. Create the participant profile, as an expert for your National Committee, if the nominee is not listed in the [EMS](#) (Experts Management System)
2. Fill in and submit the form at [2026 Young Professionals Nominations Form](#)

Once processed, you will receive an email confirming the acceptance of your selected YPs as 2026 IEC YP Professionals. The IEC YP team will then regularly contact the YPs to inform them about the registration, agenda, and upcoming activities.

I am looking forward to your feedback using the online application form. If you wish to provide your nomination by email, please email the YP team at youngprofessionals@iec.ch to receive the form in a Word document.

Accommodation

IEC will reserve and cover accommodation costs for up to six nights from 15 (check-in day) to 21 November 2026 (check-out day) for participants attending the workshop in Hamburg. 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.

Expectations from the IEC National Committees and nominees

Before submitting your nominations, please ensure that the nominees have secured the necessary support and funding to participate in the 2026 IEC YP workshop in Hamburg, Germany. The Host Committee and IEC make significant investments in providing a holistic experience during the IEC YP workshop including several logistical elements such as accommodation, facilities and networking events. IEC reserves the right of reimbursement for accommodation costs in case of late cancellation of participation.

IEC YPs are expected to attend all the activities of the 2026 IEC YP workshop. Registration to other meetings or events overlapping with the YP workshop will be disapproved. If YPs are experts in IEC Technical Committees and have registered to attend the working group meetings during the IEC General Meeting, their participation in the IEC YP workshop will be denied.

The IEC YP workshop and all the workshop materials are provided in English. Please ensure that your nominees have a very good command of the English language in order to make the most out of their participation.

If required, IEC YPs should start arranging for their visa as a high priority to avoid delays. 2026 IEC YPs will receive more detailed information (e.g. visa invitation letters) as soon as the registration is open. In the meantime, for visa related information please consult the following website: gm2026.iec.ch/arrival.

For more information about the IEC YP Programme please visit iec.ch/youngprofessionals, or contact [the IEC YP Secretariat](#).

I welcome you joining me in promoting the 2026 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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Cc: National Committee Presidents/Chairs/Heads of Delegation
2010 – 2025 IEC Young Professionals
National Committee YP Programme coordinators

Annex:
Draft agenda, 2026 IEC YP workshop
Flyer, 2026 IEC YP Programme

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