

**Memorandum of Understanding**

**between**

**The International Council of Academies of Engineering and  
Technological Sciences, Inc. (CAETS)**

**and**

**The World Federation of Engineering Organizations  
(WFEO)**

**on**

**Cooperation and Promotion of Engineering**

## **PREAMBLE**

The purpose of this Memorandum is to encourage the cooperation in and joint promotion of engineering activities designed to provide independent and internationally recognised policy advice related to their areas of expertise for the benefit of humanity. The coordinated efforts of the members of CAETS and WFEO will be undertaken through agreed projects and programs.

### **1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

CAETS and WFEO acknowledge that:

CAETS is the international organisation of national academies of engineering and technological sciences; and

WFEO, established in 1968, is the international organisation of national and regional engineering organisations; and

Both organisations agree to cooperate with each other to advance the contribution of the engineering profession for the benefit of peoples throughout the world.

Each organization acknowledges the vision, mission and objectives of the other organization.

### **2. JOINT ACTIVITIES**

The organisations may enter into joint projects and events, such as conferences, and forums, as specified for each in separate agreements.

The organisations will also explore joint activities devoted to preserving and sustaining the environment, improving the engineering, technology, and science awareness in the general public, and improving the image of the engineering and technological sciences professions generally.

The organisations will seek opportunities to cooperate in the preparation of policy statements in their shared areas of expertise which may be made available to national and international organisations to inform them and others on issues of importance to humanity.

### **3. INVITATIONS TO CONFERENCES, EVENTS & TECHNICAL MEETINGS**

Schedules for international conferences and major events will be exchanged between the organizations.

#### 4. JOINT MEETINGS

Each organisation agrees to invite the other to send an observer to major meetings: the WFEO General Assembly and CAETS Convocation; and to welcome participation in associated conferences or forums held in conjunction with those meetings.

#### 5. REVIEW, AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

The term of this agreement will be for an initial duration of four (4) years from the date of signature.

Either organisation may terminate its obligations under this agreement by three months notice in writing to the other party.

Amendments to the agreement may be proposed at any time.

This agreement and any amendments thereto will come into force only after ratification by the governing bodies of each organisation.

The following addresses apply for the purpose of formal notification under this Agreement:


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Agreed the 18<sup>th</sup> of October, 2006, in duplicate, each copy equally authentic.

On behalf of CAETS

On behalf of WFEO



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Attachments:

CAETS: Objectives; Mission; Vision

WFEO: Vision; Mission

## **Attachments**

### **CAETS**

#### **OBJECTIVES**

Provide an independent non-political and nongovernmental international organisation of academies of engineering and technological sciences, prepared to advise governments and international organisations on technical and policy issues related to its areas of expertise;

Contribute to the strengthening of engineering and technological activities in order to promote sustainable economic growth and social welfare throughout the world;

Foster a balanced understanding of the applications of engineering and technology by the public;

Provide an international forum for discussion and communication of engineering and technological issues of common concern;

Foster cooperative international engineering and technological efforts through meaningful contacts for development of programs of bilateral and multilateral interest;

Encourage improvement of engineering education and practice internationally;

Foster establishment of additional engineering academies in countries where none exist; and

Undertake other projects, programs, and activities not inconsistent with section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and any applicable law of the District of Columbia.

#### **MISSION**

The mission of CAETS is to foster effective engineering and technological progress for the benefit of societies of all countries. Specifically, CAETS provides the mechanism through which the engineering and applied science academies of the world work together on internationally important issues in ways that enable each academy to draw on the total global experience and expertise of all member academies in addressing issues at the national level; and which ensure that the best technological and engineering expertise is made available to, and used to best advantage by, the key global intergovernmental institutions for the benefit of all the peoples of the world.

#### **VISION**

The vision of CAETS is of a world in which national and international decision-making on economic, social and environmental issues is properly informed on relevant scientific, technological and engineering considerations and in which the peoples of all countries benefit to the full from the capabilities of science, technology and engineering.

## **WFEO**

### **VISION**

WFEO is the internationally recognized and chosen leader of the engineering profession and cooperates with national and other international professional institutions in being the lead profession in developing and applying engineering to constructively resolve international and national issues for the benefit of humanity.

### **MISSION**

To represent the engineering profession internationally, providing the collective wisdom and leadership of the profession to assist national agencies choose appropriate policy options that address the most critical issues affecting countries of the world.

To serve society and to be recognised by national and international organisations and the public, as a respected and valuable source of advice and guidance on the policies, interests and concerns that relate engineering and technology to the human and natural environment.

To make information on engineering available to the countries of the world and to facilitate communication between its member nations of worlds best practice in key engineering activities.

To foster peace, socio-economic security and sustainable development among all countries of the world, through the proper application of technology.