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Executive Secretary
G77
UN Building
New York, USA

Dear Sir

The Academy of Engineering and Technology of the Developing World (AETDEW)

As AETDEW President, I would like to introduce AETDEW. It is the only international engineering and technology organization that requires its Fellows to be citizens of member nations of G77. Though AETDEW do admit Fellows from non G77 nations, they must be outstanding leaders in engineering and technology and they are admitted as “Foreign” Fellows of AETDEW.

AETDEW was created by the UNESCO International Science, Technology and Innovation Centre for South-South Cooperation (ISTIC). ISTIC was one of the successful outcomes of the 2nd Summit of G77+China in Doha 2005. Malaysia was successful in bidding to UNESCO to host ISTIC. ISTIC was established in Kuala Lumpur in 2008 and remains the only organisation in the UN system dedicated to South-South Cooperation in science, technology and innovation. ISTIC has built up an “alumni” of some 3500 STI practitioners in South countries through its programs in developing countries to date. ISTIC created AETDEW in 2017 in order to mobilise the engineering and technology human resources in the developing world to help their nations achieve the UN SDGs by 2030.

AETDEW is now a thriving academy of engineering and technology that is focused on having effective projects on the ground that will help uplift the social and economic development of South countries. All information about AETDEW is available from its website www.aetdew.org. Your attention is particularly drawn to AETDEW History, Council, Constitution, Fellows and its News and Projects.

Currently, AETDEW is working on the following projects:

- i) Exchange Visits of Villages from Malaysia and China to learn from the successful poverty eradication experience and practice of China. This project will be extended to ASEAN and Africa.
- ii) Virtual Belt and Road Civilizations Museum in China to demonstrate the mutual benefits of civilizations of Belt and Road nations on one another in museum exhibits in Museums in China using the most modern interactive ,AI, Internet of Things ,virtual reality ,robotic and related digital technologies. When the virtual Belt and Road Civilizations Museum displays are completed in China, it will be offered to national museums in Belt and Road countries.
- iii) Establishment of Regional Training Institutes in Malaysia in physical and virtual infrastructure by the alliance of Chinese corporations and universities initially in Malaysia for ASEAN countries, to be extended to Africa in future.
- iv) Promotion of Mobility of Engineers in Africa under the framework of African Engineers Register based on the successful ASEAN Engineers Register that is anchored by the Mutual Recognition Agreement for Professional Services of the ten ASEAN nations.

v) Promotion of AI Education in Schools by China in Developing Countries , the pilot is being conducted by the Beijing Technology and Business University BTBU and the Foundation of Armenia Science and Technology FAST.

In view of the historical connection between AETDEW and G77, I am wondering whether there is anyway for AETDEW to be affiliated to G77 so that AETDEW can offer its services to G77 in the arena of engineering and technology for the SDGs.

With kindest regards

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