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**Panel Session: Moderator's Introductory Remarks**

In this Panel Session, I would like to suggest that panelists and delegates focus their discussion on the opportunities presented for collaboration between the engineering organisations in Asia Pacific and Africa in the accreditation of engineering education qualifications leading to regional mobility of engineers and technicians. Today's papers have been very rich in information.

In view of FEIAP's leadership role in this endeavor, FEIAP can perhaps mentor the sister regional organization the African Federation of Engineering Organisations (AFEO) to play a more proactive role in this endeavor.

On the other hand ASEAN can emulate the Engineers Registration Boards of the member nations of the East African Economic Community to set up the ASEAN association of boards/councils of engineers to promote mobility of engineers and technicians.

I would like the panel to include maintenance of infrastructure as an important corollary. I attach my ASEAN Academy of Engineering and Technology (AAET) Distinguished Lecture on 9 May 2015 "Challenges for Engineering in the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2016-2030: South-South Cooperation for SDG No. 9 and SDG No.4" for your reference.

I would like to propose we organise a follow-up workshop/forum in Africa on the subject "Africa/Asia Pacific Cooperation in Engineering Accreditation and Mobility".

In all this, the active participation of UNESCO in leadership role is vital.

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