

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Oliver Nachevski
EWB-I President

The EWB-I quarterly Newsletter is back! In order to continue with the regular communication with our global network, donors and supporters are sharing the latest information on EWB-I Executive Board activities and decisions, news from the Member Associations, projects of particular interest and recent donations to EWB-I. The experienced team from EWB Argentina is in charge of the preparation of the Newsletter. The main achievement in the previous period was the successful management of the 200,000 USD ALCOA Foundation grant. The final event – the Global Engineer International Forum - took place in Denver, USA on 17th March 2016 bringing most of the grantees to present their projects.

Starting from May 2016, Ms. Lionelle Samnick has been contracted as EWB-I Secretary and she is in charge of providing technical assistance to the EWB-I Board.

The raised awareness among the MAs for payment of the membership fee resulted in more than 30% increase in the collection rate. This shows their commitment to participate more actively in the EWB-I work through nomination of their candidates to the new EWB-I Board to be elected in autumn 2016.

I hope the EWB-I Newsletter will be the window of our MAs for distributing their news and stories of success. It will trigger much closer cooperation between MAs worldwide for the common benefit of the people and communities supported with our activities. Sincerely,

EWB AND ALCOA FOUNDATION: A SHARED VISION FOR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Ryan Kish
Alcoa Program Manager

On March 17th, I had the distinct pleasure of attending the Engineers without Borders International Global Forum. The Global Forum brought together EWB organizations from around the world to share their best practices, recent innovations to technology and content and organizational aspirations. Alcoa Foundation has been a proud partner of Engineers without Borders since 2011, providing over \$1 million in grant funding to support its mission. The grants support EWB organizations globally that are based near or operate in Alcoa communities. EWB and Alcoa Foundation's shared values were epitomized in the Global Forum and illustrate why we are committed to this partnership. One reason that was on display at the forum is EWB's focus on impactful community development.

Regardless of the country, project, or practice being discussed, the ultimate mission of serving a community always came through. Alcoa Foundation's mission is to serve Alcoa communities, so we relate to and value the approach of improving lives by building stronger communities. A second shared value that stood out for me is workforce development. The core learning-through-doing model of EWB was a highlight in every discussion. We view the learning experience EWB provides as an invaluable development opportunity for young engineers to build the problem-solving, teamwork, and technical skills they need to be successful in their career. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to meet so many of EWB's passionate global leaders and hear more about their inspiring work. Alcoa Foundation is honored to support EWB and further its mission.

EWB-I MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS GATHER AT GLOBAL FORUM



Fourteen EWB-I Member Associations (MAs) gathered in Denver, Colorado, for the second Alcoa-sponsored Global Forum on March 17, 2016. Attendee organizations included Australia, Brazil, Canada, India, France, Kosovo, Lebanon, Macedonia, Mexico, South Africa, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the USA.

The EWB-I MAs who received Alcoa funding in 2015 provided updates on their grants. The forum facilitated knowledge sharing, identification of best practices and renewed partnerships between many EWB-I organizations. Additional forum outcomes included:

- EWB Kosovo and EWB-USA began joint work on a USAID funding request for a proposal in Kosovo.
- EWB India and EWB-USA are working to collaborate on proposals within India for several corporations.
- EWB Sierra Leone (not in attendance) was connected with EWB France for possible work in Sierra Leone.

Several corporations (Bechtel, Boeing, CH2M, Tetra Tech) attended the forum and introductions were facilitated with future collaboration in mind. Opportunities for collaboration included:

- Tetra Tech announced \$50,000 in project grant funding for EWB-I MA's. Applications were accepted through May 15, 2016, and award decisions were announced June 7, 2016.
- Boeing is working to identify if funding is available outside of the U.S.
- CH2M is working with EWB UK to explore potential collaboration.

EWB-International would like to thank the Member Associations that participated in the forum. Your presentations sponsored great conversations and sparked exciting ideas for working together in the future.





EWB - CANADA

EWB Canada seeks to create a thriving and sustainable world. They do this by investing in people—both their members in Canada, and local entrepreneurs in sub-Saharan Africa. They focus their time and energy on tapping into local entrepreneurs, rather than deploying their own construction projects. They foster lasting, meaningful change that affects the systems that create and perpetuate poverty. They see this not as a side project for engineers, but as part of their place in society.



Last year, EWB Canada invested volunteers and seed funding in LishaBora Ltd., a social enterprise in Kenya

Indicators

1,300 People engage in global development in a systemic way in 2016

3 million People reached by VOTO Mobile venture in 30 countries. [More information here.](#)

5 ventures reaching national scale by 2020 is their goal.

Evolving Engineering / Change Lab



Founded last year in partnership with Engineers Canada, the Engineering Change Lab is a platform for collaboration to allow stakeholders from across the profession to take action to address the systemic challenges (i.e. ethics failures, lack of diversity, and low levels of innovation) that have been holding back the profession's full potential. We believe this platform will not only lead to a stronger profession, but one that understands and acts on the social issues in a thoughtful way.

Small and Growing Business



Kingsford Amano-Mpianim was looking for a way to manage his store's financial records. Kingsford, who manages a tech store in Accra, Ghana, soon met Alanna Howell, an EWB Fellow working with Numida Technologies. Numida Tech is a startup that has built a mobile app, TrackApp, that enables African entrepreneurs to do exactly what Kingsford was looking to do: improve their record-keeping to access financing to grow their businesses and offer more opportunities to their communities. "It's just the perfect thing I needed," Kingsford says. "When I showed TrackApp to my bosses, they recommended that I use it with all the employees here."



Bolivia

EWB Bolivia recently developed master plan for the Jukucha River Basin in Potosi-Bolivia. This document embraces 32 communities which were assessed based on water and sanitation needs. EWB Bolivia requests collaboration to support the implementation of this WASH River Basin Plan. Contact:

 directorio@ewb-bolivia.org

Burundi

EWB Burundi and EWB Belgium join their forces around a drinking water supply project in Maramvya (Burundi) benefiting 30 000 people. The vice President of ISF Belgium visited the sites projects on April 22th 2016. For more information:

 isf_burundi2009@yahoo.fr

Cameroon

EWB Cameroon has published with CTA, eight additional booklets in two languages to improve the living conditions of rural communities. The booklets are on moringa, cassava, quails and pineapple. Download and share these free online booklets:

 <http://bit.ly/1TFXac3>

Netherlands

EWB - Netherlands - has become a Foundation, also with a division within KIVI (the Dutch Society of Engineers) for now called "Ingenieurs Zonder Grenzen". The Foundation legal framework will allow them to expand their activities. EWB NL welcomes you to join them in this fantastic journey. Follow, join, and share their activities:

 <http://www.ewbnl.org>

Portugal

TESE shared the Public-Community' Partnership model of the project "Bambadinca Sta Claro" at the Off-Grid Investment Forum 2016, sponsored by Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE) and Africa-EU Renewable Energy Cooperation Programme.

Learn more on

 <https://vimeo.com/130211180>

South Africa

EWB-SA introduced the Project Leadership Lab workshop to guide its engineering members of motivational leadership, effective communication, the art of building relationships and the project life cycle process; placing emphasis not only on empowering communities but also on developing engineers. For more information:

 www.ewbsa.org

EWB International

Award Ceremony of "empowering people" competition

As a jury member, the president of EWB International, Oliver Nachevski will attend the Award Ceremony of the "empowering people" competition of the Siemens Stiftung on 06th October 2016 in Berlin. To go further, read the President interview:

 [HERE](#)

Enhance communication of the network

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