

Dear friends,

Welcome to 2020. I would like to thank each of the EWB Member Associations for all of the hard work done in 2019. It has been wonderful to see so much of it on social media. I have been honored to meet some of you and I am looking forward to doing more this year.



I would like to welcome new members to the EWB-I Board. Please meet:

- Fernanda Deister Moreira from EWB-Brazil. Fernanda has been a part of the network since 2016 and is looking forward to connecting people to change lives!
- Adan Levy from EWB-Argentina. Adan is looking forward to adding the Latin American Perspective.
- Irshaad Vawda from EWB-South Africa. Irshaad is bringing strategy to the network to support the activities and collaboration of the EWB Mas.

They along with the rest of our board and staff will be taking on work to support the EWB Member Associations in their efforts

Some of the resources now available:

- Virtual episodes on disaster response
- Engineering for people design challenge
- Guide to Starting a National Association
- Guide to Building a Website for a Startup MA

Moving this world forward in a way that is socially and environmentally responsible, is a significant task that we, at our collective EWBs, are all engaged upon. As we prepare the current and next generation of professionals, it will take a diverse and inclusive conversation. I am looking forward to those conversations as we continue on our path to convene, collaborate, and catalyze conversations around our mission.

I would like to thank all of you for being a part of Engineers Without Borders International and for all the work that is happening in communities and universities around the world because of you. We are changing the world!

In partnership,

Cathy Leslie
EWB-I President



Auto Desk has partnered with EWB-International to offer up licenses to all of our EWB National Member Associations.

All Member Associations can claim a license from EWB-International to aid in projects and make a difference. There is only 1 license available per member association. Should more than 1 license be required please motivate this to us in writing.

To claim your free license please complete the [form](#) and send confirmation back to admin@ewb-international.org



Global Disaster Response Team

EWB's disaster response team responds to the recovery needs of communities hit by natural disasters. Working alongside our in-country client, our volunteers conduct engineering assessments and provide advisory services related to the long-term building strategy of the communities we work with.

Our focus with this work is building the local capacity and ensuring that our client is provided with critical information needed to rebuild in a sustainable and resilient manner.

How To Join

Our volunteers are highly skilled and play an essential role in each project. To fill our roster, we look for skilled engineers in a range of disciplines related to disaster recovery however, we are primarily focused in the following areas:

- Building design and inspection
- Structural design in risk prone areas
- Construction oversight
- Infrastructure planning and design
- Flood risk assessment



Volunteers typically have at least five years of experience in their field. Our average volunteer has 15 years or more of experience.

If you are interested in collaborating, please complete the interest form [here](#).

Engineering for People Design Challenge

The award-winning Engineering for People Design Challenge prepares young engineers for real life design challenges whilst crucially considering their impact. The challenge which is integrated into undergraduate courses allows students to explore the ethical, environmental, social and cultural aspects of engineering design- harnessing their skills whilst also benefiting people and the planet.

For the first time the 2019/20 design challenge is a collaboration between three Engineers Without Borders organisations; South Africa, UK and USA. In total 7,000+ students in the UK, Ireland, South Africa and the USA are partaking across the world creating innovative and responsible solutions.





EWB Australia and the engineering recovery from Australia's bushfires

EWB Australia stands alongside the many individuals, families, communities and the wildlife impacted by the unprecedented bushfires currently devastating large areas of Australia. We support the many reputable agencies who are providing much needed immediate assistance, and encourage our EWB family to give and support in whatever way you can.

Whilst EWB will not be responding in the initial stages of this emergency, we stand ready to assist in rebuilding and providing appropriate assistance when and if required.

If you wish to register your preparedness to support rebuilding and recovery efforts, we encourage you to register your interest [here](#).

Donate to EWB-Australia [here](#)



Partnership Seeks to Make Caribbean a Climate Resilient Zone and a Safe Place for Women After Disasters

In a forward-thinking partnership, Engineers Without Borders USA (EWB-USA), International Planned Parenthood Federation/Western Hemisphere Region (IPPF/WHR), and the Clara Lionel Foundation are leveraging their strengths to ensure that health care facilities throughout the Caribbean are able to weather increasingly violent storms and that the health

care needs of women and girls—the most vulnerable populations—are met in the wake of natural disasters and extreme weather events. Adaptation, done right, will lead to better growth and development.

It will also save lives, protect nature, reduce inequalities, and create opportunities.

[Read More Here](#)

