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The Institution of Engineers Mauritius (IEM), in competition with PEIs from 49 other Subsaharan countries, is among the applicants whose submissions have been approved for funding by the [Royal Academy of Engineering](#) under the GCRF Africa catalyst Scheme 16/17.

IEM decided to team up with [Engineers Against Poverty](#), a London based NGO, to bring to fruition a project aimed at Building Engineering Capacity through the Accreditation of Engineering Education. The project which fully satisfies the aim of the Academy in launching the Africa Catalyst Scheme further meets one or more of the Scheme's objectives. For IEM, the Africa Catalyst Scheme is a welcome opportunity towards creating the necessary ground work for a future institutional regime for the accreditation of engineering education in Mauritius, a task that IEM has set itself following a decision of its Executive Council to establish an autonomous Engineering Accreditation Council. The latter should satisfy a long- felt need for implementing an accreditation procedure to a standard such as represented by that advocated by [Washington Accord](#). IEM knew right from the start that it was a major task and one which IEM could not handle alone, and therefore is grateful to EAP for having responded positively to IEM's call.

IEM acknowledges with thanks Engineers Against Poverty for its commitment to deliver the following key deliverables of the project.

1. Conducting a Conference/Seminar session on the benefits and implications of accreditation of engineering degree programmes (to an international standard, such as the Washington Accord) and hold work sessions with Authorities, including with Focus Groups. This component will be delivered for EAP by Professor Barry Clarke CEng, FICE, FGS, Eur Eng; Prof of Civil Engineering Geotechnics (Univ. of Leeds), Member of EC(UK) Washington Accord Team and Past President of the Institution of Civil Engineers (UK).
2. Impart Training on Engineering Accreditation, including Interpretation and Application of Criteria to a select group of engineers and academics from engineering who display a potential to serve as future Accreditation Evaluators and Engineering Programme designers or extend a hand in the administration of the accreditation system.

With the help of Engineers Against Poverty we would, hopefully, have firstly won over to the cause of accreditation any residual sceptics, and secondly, trained a sufficient number of professional engineers who can contribute to bringing international recognition to engineering degrees of Mauritian Universities.

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