

IEEE SIGHT

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Note from the Chair

We are currently having a [call for nominations for positions in the SIGHT Steering Committee](#). This is an opportunity for rising leaders, or perhaps those who have already been doing Sustainable Development or Humanitarian Technology Activities OUTSIDE SIGHT to gain "a seat at the table" and participate in determining the future of this network. We seek to build a Steering Committee and related Subcommittees that is as diverse as SIGHT itself, with representatives from as many of IEEE's 10 regions as possible, and from a vast range of cultural, linguistic, and social backgrounds. The deadline for the nominations will be April 27. To read more about the key responsibilities and qualifications, [click here](#).

Also, as a reminder, there are only a few days left to submit your SIGHT project proposals for the first deadline. [Click here](#) to read more and apply. Please note that the deadline is on 31 March.

We love to see people get involved and make a difference with the opportunities we are able to provide. We thank you for everything that you do and can't wait to see what is next!

Daniel Lottis
Chair, IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee

Featured Stories

IEEE-MySIGHT4Rehab (Malaysia) & IEEE-EMBS UTAR Student Club interaction day

The IEEE-MYSIGHT4Rehab SIGHT group in collaboration with IEEE-EMBS UniversitiTunku Abdul Rahman Student Club, Malaysia have successfully conducted interaction day amongst members on 3rd February 2018. The event was attended by some thirty (30) engineering undergraduate students.



[Read more at sight.ieee.org](http://sight.ieee.org)

Newly Formed SIGHT Groups!

We would like to welcome these new SIGHT groups that have been formed in the past few months!

- IEEE Canada SIGHT
- Oregon State University Student Branch SIGHT in United States
- Tokyo Section SIGHT in Japan
- Rowan University Student Branch SIGHT in United States
- IEEE France Section SIGHT
- IEEE Makerere Student Branch in Uganda

We are looking forward to seeing what meaningful and creative projects these groups will pursue in the near future!

If a SIGHT group does not exist in your community, follow the links below at the bottom of this newsletter to learn how you can get one started.

Other Funding Opportunities and Future Deadlines

Did you miss the deadline for this round of SIGHT project funding? No need to worry! There are plenty more opportunities in the future for your group to get the funding you need.

There are also other funding opportunities for workshops and events.

To read more about the deadlines and other funding available, [click here](#).



Video: Planning for Long-term Project Sustainability (a recorded SIGHT Webinar)

It is important from the outset to plan for project sustainability when performing a SIGHT project. There are many cases where a group has gone into a community, performed an intervention, and then left. The intervention has then failed after some time and the community is left without the resource that is temporarily enjoyed.

Various factors need to be considered when planning for long-term project sustainability including: **how will the system be sustained over time? Who will be responsible for sustaining the system? What are potential business models that could support an entrepreneurial solution?** This webinar will aim to answer these questions and provide some case study examples to showcase ways in which organizations have sustained their projects over time.

- Do you have a sustainable business model?
- Extra revenue may be brought into the community
- Money may be saved by members of the community
- Tools to develop sustainable business models:
 - Business model canvas
 - E-Spot canvas
 - BYU Developing world canvas



Want More? Visit SIGHT's Site!

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www.sight.ieee.org

Get Involved - Find Resources

Become a SIGHT Member

Membership is free and open to all individuals who want to engage in sustainable development. Your membership benefits include the monthly SIGHT newsletter, as well as SIGHT announcements.

SIGHT Membership

Become a Community Partner

We are in search of committed community partners with a distinct technology challenge who want to access engineering and technical resources. Requests from prospective community partners are reviewed monthly and paired with local SIGHT groups if appropriate.

Submit request

Find a SIGHT

Professional and University SIGHT groups around the globe are partnering with communities and local organizations to leverage for sustainable development.

Find a Group

Start a SIGHT

If a SIGHT group does not exist in your area, click below to access the SIGHT Toolkit, a custom resource for those who wish to create a new SIGHT for their community or understand what is involved in creating a new SIGHT.


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