

# The First IEEE Student Branch in Ethiopia

In June 2021, the first IEEE Ethiopia Student Branch was established at Addis Ababa Institute of Technology, Addis Ababa University in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The IEEE EPS Santa Clara Section (Chair: Annette Teng) from Northern California played a critical role being a big brother and providing the financial support to start the branch 3000 miles away. We would also like to thank Prof. Fetene Mulugeta, from the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, for serving as the advisor of the "IEEE Addis Ababa University Student Branch." This and similar student branches will play key roles in IEEE EPS conferences to be held on the continent of Africa.

The School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, since its inception in the late 1950's, has trained most of the Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineers in Ethiopia. These engineers are playing key roles in the various sectors of development in the country. In recognition of the growing influence and need in the development of the country's educational systems, the school currently runs Electronic Communication Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Industrial Control Engineering and Power Engineering in the Undergraduate and postgraduate programs and also the School runs industry Tailored M.Sc. programs in Telecommunication Engineering and Sugar Engineering.

Currently the School has 630 undergraduates and 545 Postgraduate (485 M.Sc. & 60 PhD) students with a staff profile of 20 PhD, 38 M.Sc. and 9 B.Sc. holders. The school has strong industry linkage with Ethiopian Electric Power, Ethiopian Electric Utility, Ethiopian Electric Authority, ethio-telecom, Sugar Corporation, Addis Ababa City Administration Science and Technology, Ministry of Innovation and Technology Transfer, Almost all Regional Universities at national level and international collaboration with Oxford Royal Academy of UK, Aalto University, Finland, Michigan State University, USA, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden.

