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Sustainably Speaking - Thoughts from the IEEE Humanitarian Activities Committee (HAC) Chair



Dear IEEE Colleagues,

It is a pleasure to wish you all a happy new year! I'm excited to continue this journey as the HAC Chair and for the opportunity to serve IEEE Members this year. HAC is starting the year on a high note by sharing the recently published **2021 Annual Report** and the **HAC/SIGHT Success Story Portfolio**, which demonstrate the record-breaking growth and portfolio of programs offered in 2021. So far, we have received a tremendous positive response to these publications and the achievements and accomplishments they highlight from key IEEE leaders in various programs. I'd like to reiterate here how thankful I am to our partners and the IEEE Board of Directors for investing in HAC in 2021.

In 2022, we are starting the year with a great team, who will continue to grow the portfolio of impactful programs aimed at strengthening IEEE's position as a world leader in the sustainable development space. The incoming committee is already working on defining a productive roadmap to make 2022 a record-breaking year as well. To achieve that, we are meeting with key leaders from across the Institute to define joint partnership programs. HAC will keep collaborating, both within and beyond IEEE, to foster a community of technologists ready to volunteer in the sustainable development space.

One result of a collaboration is the ongoing **IEEE Antennas & Propagation Society (AP-S) and IEEE HAC Call for Proposals**. I'm delighted to start off the year with a funding opportunity in partnership with AP-S, and I strongly encourage AP-S Members to participate.

At the beginning of the month, I had the opportunity to present at the **IEEE Rising Stars conference**, where I shared about HAC/SIGHT. There was a terrific response and a lot of interest from the attendees to learn more about humanitarian activities within IEEE. On 27 January, I will be joining the **Engineering Global Development (EGD) Stakeholder Summit** as an invited participant. There, I will join experts representing academia, industry, philanthropy, multilateral agencies, and other professional associations to

imagine the future of the global engineering workforce's contributions to the SDGs. Coming up next month, IEEE HAC will be hosting a general session at the IEEE Board of Directors February Meeting Series. For those who are attending the meeting series, I heartily invite you to register for the session and visit us at the HAC/SIGHT virtual table.

I am truly grateful to our SIGHT members, and all who took part in HAC activities, who made 2021 a great success. I look forward to your continued participation in HAC's exciting initiatives this year.

Stay safe and healthy,
Sampathkumar Veeraraghavan
2021 - 2022 IEEE HAC Chair

Thoughts from the IEEE Special Interest Group on Humanitarian Technology (SIGHT) Chair

Hello SIGHT Members,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the new year of 2022 which I hope will bring prosperity, hope, and renewed energy to us all! It is also my hope that during this year we can continue to put our heads together to advance all the activities before us for the sake of uplifting humanity. I urge you to take advantage of HAC/SIGHT opportunities, and participate in as many activities throughout the year as possible both for community impact and for the enrichment of our own knowledge and experiences.



At this juncture, I wish to inform you that I have been given an additional period of time to serve as SIGHT Chair through 2022. I look forward to your continued cooperation and support so that together we can further the SIGHT mission to leverage technology for sustainable development.

I wish you all a happy and prosperous 2022.

Best regards,
Lwanga Herbert
2021 - 2022 IEEE SIGHT Chair

FEATURED STORIES

Introducing the 2022 Humanitarian Activities Committee!

- Sampathkumar Veeraraghavan, Chair
- Kartik Kulkarni, Immediate Past Chair
- Simay Akar

- Mei Lin Fung
- Lwanga Herbert
- Jayakrishnan MC
- Karen Panetta
- Pritpal Singh
- Lucia Pia Torres
- Rabab Kreidieh Ward
- Corresponding Member - Ajay Poddar

Visit the [HAC website](#) to read a short biography of each Committee member.

Appointments to HAC/SIGHT Subcommittees

If you were one of the nearly 65 applicants from eighteen countries and seven IEEE Regions to apply to volunteer on an HAC/SIGHT Subcommittee this year - thank you! Applications are being carefully considered and appointments are expected to be completed by the first week of February.

Extended! IEEE Antennas and Propagation Society (AP-S) and IEEE HAC Call for Proposals

Special Call for Proposals on AP-S-Relevant Technology for Local Community Challenges

IEEE Foundation Donor Supported Program

IEEE AP-S and IEEE HAC Projects

Open Submission
15 November 2021 – 28 February 2022

IEEE Antennas and Propagation Society

IEEE Humanitarian Activities Committee

IEEE AP-S and IEEE HAC are currently offering a **special Call for Proposals to support AP-S Chapter projects** that utilize AP-S-relevant technology to address local community challenges. The Call deadline has recently been extended through 28 February 2022, so there is still time to submit a proposal. Awards of up to US\$3,000 will be made to selected projects that present a convincing plan to a) understand the real needs of a local community or local stakeholder organization and b) complete in no more than six months' time a pilot project utilizing AP-S-relevant technology

to address those local community challenges.

The Call for Proposals is supported in part by the IEEE SIGHT Fund of the IEEE Foundation. If you would like to support future SIGHT Fund efforts, please visit the [Fund donation page](#).

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HAC/SIGHT PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



Read the [IEEE HAC/SIGHT Success Story Portfolio](#), which showcases grassroots IEEE Member projects, funded by IEEE HAC/SIGHT, that utilized technology to address local challenges that were primarily related to the COVID-19 situation. HAC/SIGHT is proud to share the stories of these humanitarian technology and sustainable development projects, the amazing efforts of our volunteers, and a summary of each activity's initial impact.

To see all the projects that received HAC/SIGHT funding in 2020 and 2021, and their current status, see [this list](#).

SIGHT GROUP CORNER

Updating SIGHT Group Chairs with IEEE vTools

If your SIGHT Group will be selecting a new Chair and/or Officers for 2022, please be sure to report these changes through the IEEE vTools [Officer Reporting](#). SIGHT Group Chairs can enter the Group's Officers for the positions of Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. Other members can also be listed. Not familiar with vTools? See [these tutorials](#) on the different functions. If you have any further questions, you can write to sight@ieee.org.

Recruit New Members for Your SIGHT Group on the IEEE Volunteering Platform

Are you looking to publish a "call for volunteers" for your SIGHT Group? Now with the IEEE Volunteering Platform, it is easy to create opportunities and match with Members who are interested. This platform is open to all types of opportunities, be it short- or long-term, local or remote, or requiring different skills. Go to volunteer.ieee.org to get started today!

2021 SIGHT Group of the Year Announcement

The 2021 SIGHT Group of the Year will be announced in early February - be sure to keep an eye on the [SIGHT Facebook page](#) to congratulate the recipient!

GET INVOLVED WITH IEEE HAC/SIGHT

Important Dates & Upcoming Virtual Events

- **11 February** - IEEE HAC/SIGHT General Session at the IEEE Board of Directors February Meeting Series

Visit the HAC/SIGHT [calendar](#) for more humanitarian technology events and activities (all virtual for now).

Support IEEE SIGHT

Your donation of any amount to the [IEEE SIGHT fund of the IEEE Foundation](#) will help form the IEEE sustainable development leaders of the future and incubate projects that support IEEE's mission of advancing technology for the benefit of humanity in communities around the globe.

Become a SIGHT Member

Add SIGHT to your IEEE Membership - it's free and open to non-members as well. Benefits include the monthly newsletter, first notice of HAC/SIGHT funding opportunities, and increased connectivity with the Committees, staff, and volunteer network.

[SIGHT MEMBERSHIP](#)

Join a SIGHT Group

SIGHT groups partner with communities and local organizations to work together on sustainable development projects - [find your closest group!](#) If a SIGHT group does not exist in your area, visit the [SIGHT Toolkit](#) to learn how to create a new one.

[JOIN A GROUP](#)

HAC/SIGHT Education Resources

See the free HAC/SIGHT resources on the [IEEE Learning Network \(ILN\)](#) and [SIGHT website](#) to equip participants with a basic understanding of humanitarian technology and sustainable development topics.

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