

Current and Future Trends in Continuing Engineering Education in the West Indies

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Abstract: *This paper presents a brief review of the state-of-art of continuing education activities for engineers and technicians in the West Indies with particular emphasis on the roles of The University of the West Indies (UWI), professional bodies and industry in promoting such activities. Also presented are some of the more important results of two recent surveys on continuing education needs of engineers and methods of course development and operations which were carried out by the UWI and the Council of Caribbean Engineering Organisations (CCEO) over the six month period October 1978 to March 1979. The paper concludes with a comparative discussion of some of the results with those obtained in the United States, and gives a set of guidelines which should prove useful to directors of continuing engineering education programmes, not only in the West Indies, but also in other developing countries, in planning and conducting such course.*

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