Perhaps one of the most common unknowns about the National Society of Black Engineers is that we are an organization and family making a significant global impact. NSBE has a strong presence in Canada, Ghana and Nigeria, and a growing presence in other parts of the world, including Rwanda, Germany and the Caribbean region, just to name a few.

From your perspective, how best can we strengthen our international arm for the achievement of our mission around the world? Our current answer to that challenge is the Going Global Campaign of NSBE's International Committee.

The International Committee’s goals are to drive and coordinate the international expansion of NSBE; integrate international chapters into the NSBE family; assist international chapters in member recruitment, retention, programs ideas and motivation of pre-college students to pursue science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) careers; and finally, to prepare all NSBE members to take leadership roles in the global economy and positively impact the global community through NSBE programs.

Successful engineers of the information age will need to demonstrate not only technical talent but the skills and experience to manage worldwide projects effectively, confidently face challenges in emerging markets and understand global issues and their rippling impacts.

NSBE has your back, and the International Committee has your plan! Get plugged into our Going Global Campaign by participating in our programs, such as the Consulting Design Olympiad (CDO), in which international teams of NSBE members compete to solve engineering problems affecting the developing world. Or join the Chapter Buddy System (CBS), which pairs NSBE chapters in North America with chapters in other parts of the world to work on joint projects, coach each other in their development and growth, and build long-term relationships. We also have the NSBE Ambassador Program, in which members travel internationally to expand the NSBE family. Do you plan to study abroad or visit your home outside of the U.S.? Be a NSBE ambassador, too!

The International Committee is striving to ensure that all NSBE members succeed professionally. Are you ready to become that culturally competent, global engineer?