



**The Chartered
Institute of Logistics
and Transport**

Subject: Report on CILT Nigeria

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To International Management Committee

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Dear Secretary General,

Please find below my report on the activities of CILT Nigeria.

1. National Council of CILT, Nigeria

As you are already aware, a new National Council was elected and inaugurated on October 29, 2016, and from the steps taken so far by the Council, I have no doubt as to the Council's ability to manage the Institute productively. I have seen quality leadership in action through issues slated for discussion; open, frank and participatory discussions including quality decisions taken in the overall interest of the institute. The governance structure and operations are quite good from my observations, the Council members are working as a team.

2. The National Secretariat

The National Secretariat is manned by quality manpower, and from my assessments the Secretariat is not only carrying out the decisions of Council but is also in harmonious relationship with the Council and Branches across the country.

3. **Membership**

The processes and procedures for registering new members and managing existing members are in line with the membership guidelines approved by the National Council. We attract new members through industry direct marketing, qualified university graduates, branches, WiLAT, accredited training providers, workshops/conferences/social events, etc. There are plans underway to particularly grow membership through students' enrolment for the CILT professional examinations.

4. **Education**

Currently, CILT Nigeria has few active Accredited Training Providers presenting students for the Institute's examinations. The Secretariat is working assiduously towards ensuring that the inactive ones start presenting candidates.

Some areas we want to focus attention to enable the Institute meet specific needs of the industry are the inclusion of courses related to Aviation, Maritime and Rail subsectors, and review of some current modules to meet with local needs.

If these courses are included and some of the current modules are reviewed, more people would be attracted to reading the CILT qualifications, and of course, employers of labour may also see the need to look at the direction of CILT qualifications. The bigger picture is gaining a wider market share in Nigeria.

The partial recognition of CILT qualification is still a huge challenge as the Federal Ministry of Education insists that only CILT UK qualifications at the Diploma and Advanced Diploma levels are recognized in Nigeria. The response from the Ministry on April 4th 2017 is not really different from its previous stand. A copy is hereby attached. The most likely solution to this challenge is recognition through the Act of the National Assembly. The Council is working assiduously towards achieving this.

As far as certificate nomenclature is concerned with people and government institutions querying the difference between CILT UK and CILT International, we recommended that neither "International nor UK" should appear on the Certificates.

What should appear on the Certificate is CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORT and the Name of the candidate, Code, Certificate Number and the Institute's address in the United Kingdom. Once these features are correctly reflected and sample sent, we shall place order for the printing and issuance of the Certificates.

Note: It should please be noted that candidates holding the Certificates awarded in the name of CILT International cannot use them in Nigeria as they failed the evaluation of the Federal Ministry of education.

The international examination fee has become too high for students because of the prevailing high exchange rate in Nigeria. This situation has made it difficult for many students to register for the CILT examination. Rather than register for our programmes, many potential students subscribe to Degree and Higher Degree programmes. This situation will be unhealthy for CILT in the long run.

Our record shows a decline both for new enrolments and those undertaking re-sit examinations. The cause of the development is traceable to the inability of candidates to pay. May we therefore request for:

- i. Reduction in examination fee in general and
- ii. Reduction in re-sit examination
- iii. Communication to CILT Nigeria on the downward review from £60.00 to £24.00 for re-sit examinations as discussed during the Secretary General Territorial Audit visit. The major reason for the reduction is that the students have originally paid for the certificate during the main examination, and paying again for the same item is a double charge.

5. Women in Logistics and Transport (WiLAT)

WiLAT Nigeria is quite active and making quality contributions on membership drive, encouraging female members' enrolment for the CILT professional examination and carrying out corporate social responsibility especially to the needy. In their drive to penetrate into the Francophone countries, the group has commenced lessons in French language. I can report that the presence of WiLAT is being felt in the industry.

6. Young Professionals (YPs)

There is newly rejuvenated YPs in Nigeria. The group is making plans on membership drive, internship, employment and skills development

7. Regional Strategic Alliance

We plan to reach out to our neighbouring countries on professional education and how to organize a major regional conference that will help to bring about ease of doing business and ultimately boost trade in the region.

8. CILT Africa Forum

CILT Nigeria isn't happy that the Africa Forum was not held as planned this year and is interested in working with member countries in Africa to ensure the 2018 forum holds.

Thank you.

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