Thank you for the opportunity to share thoughts on why I know I’m the right person to take over the position of Global Chairperson for the Next Generation.

I’d be privileged to be part of the *Champions of Progress* of CILT in order to share my unique ideas for the growth of our Institute. I have made enormous and distinguishable efforts in the growth CILT in Zambia. I want to push my efforts on the international level.

I successfully formed the Young Professionals in Zambia from a scratch to follow suit with a few countries worldwide as discussed at the CILT Convention held in Dubai, UAE in 2015. The growth speed at which the YP in Zambia was going was appreciated and I was awarded a *Certificate of Recognition* in Abuja, Nigeria in 2018. I was involved in creating a platform to link CILT Africa YPs among member countries at which they network on a regular basis.

I would love to strengthen the YPs in Africa and the world at large. We have a considerable large squad of YPs worldwide with very vibrant and qualified youths. All they need is the drive and I’m in the driver’s seat already, awaiting confirmation for the position of Global Chairperson to begin already.

Most YPs worldwide, especially in Africa, want to be part of the movement only to benefit themselves with a job but I want to change that mentality by introducing activities that they can find interesting. I desire that they suggest activities themselves, that may also attract sponsorship for international tours that exposes them to the out-side world.

YPs need to organise international debates on various issues affecting the profession, where debate topics are areas of interest for Governments and other stakeholders, especially where Governments introduce statutory instruments that are not easily embraced and implemented. YPs could also assist with awareness programs which could obviously boost funding.

Unemployment levels in our industry, regardless of having qualified professionals are high because laws to restrict employment of qualified CILT professionals to handle logistics and transport jobs are weak. I want to spearhead the campaign to eliminate this scourge.

Apart from being the Next Generation founder member in Zambia, I am a CILT chartered member and Examinations Board member. I’m also the Class President in the MBA in Transport Economics and Logistics management class. This has given me massive industry exposure and knowledge.

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