

FROM: IVP Nigeria August 25, 2020

To The Chairman, IMC, CILT International,

United Kingdom.

SUBJECT: CILT NIGERIA REPORT TO IMC FOR FEBRUARY, 2020 MEETING

Please find herewith the report of CILT Nigeria for your attention and action.

Generally, CILT Nigeria have witnessed a lull in many areas of its activities as planned meetings, workshops, seminars, conferences and Implant programmes, 2020 Programme Calendars has not held due to the spread of COVID-19 pandemic across Nigeria. Government strict orders and restrictive guidelines due to the ravaging effects of the virus did not also help matters.

In spite of the above situation, the Institute managed to carry out some activities which are as follows:

1. **Webinar Held:** We held six (6), webinars on issues relating to best practice and approaches under the COVID-19 environment on railways; aviation; maritime, ports; logistics; passenger services including seaport barge operations. The National President declared the programmes open with seasoned speakers on hand to do justice to the topics.
2. **Membership Upgrade and MPDP with the Military:** We enlisted into the Institute, military officers for the Logistics Staff Course 17/20, of the Nigerian Army College of Logistics, Lagos. A total of 24 officers were enlisted and participated in the Institute’s Mandatory Professional Development programme (MPDP). They were accordingly inducted into the MILT Grade. The Commandant of the College, a Major General by rank was also upgraded from a Chartered Member to grade of Chartered Fellow.
3. **Creation of Transport Cadre:** The Federal Government of Nigeria has approved the creation of Transport Professionals’ Cadre in the Civil Service. This was done due to the proposals and consistent push by the Institute. The approval has provided career path for Transport Professionals in Federal Ministries. Next on our struggle is to ensure that CILT Qualifications are listed as the major certificates to be used in the conversion to Professional Cadre by the Ministries.
4. **Creation and Inauguration of a new Chapters:** CILT Calabar and Kano and Chapters were inaugurated in December 2019 and March 2010 respectively. Both are doing well and efforts are on to grow the Chapters.
5. **New Training Provider:**  A new Training Provider, just before the pandemic, was accredited to run the CILT professional education programme.
6. **Examination:** Following the encouragement from CILT, International, our Training Providers (TPs), adopted and stepped up their use of online teaching methods, the huge cost of the sudden change notwithstanding. We are happy to report that the TPs were able to present a total of 70 students at the exams which held between August 12 to 14 and August 19 to 20, 2020 respectively. The exams couldn’t hold in June as earlier planned due to the effects of Covid-19.
7. **National Council Meeting:** National Council meeting was held on Zoom platform on July 25, 2020 to deliberate and take decisions on important matters. It was a well-attended meeting.
8. The Institute was nominated to serve in the Nigeria’s National Office of Trade, on the African Continental Free Trade Agreement, just before the pandemic outbreak. We have participated in all the meetings of the Committee, held online.

**Challenges**

* 1. Membership enrollment has dropped for an average of 12 to 3 of each month. Reason is basically the pandemic which has caused loss of jobs and apathy, making it difficult for people to develop positive attitude towards their financial obligations. Similarly, we also have a reduction in the payment of annual subscription due to the pandemic which impacted on members’ income adversely.
  2. There is a serious decline in students’ enrollment into the Institute examination largely due to issues regarding government recognition, loss of jobs and businesses.
  3. There are some forms of competition from similar Institutes, doing all they can to edge out CILT in the market space but we are making efforts to stop such move.
  4. Funds to carry out services are getting slimmer each passing moment, Council has put some processes in place: Promoting the CILT brand to institutions, corporate organizations and individual groups, using members in strategic positions, online resources, Television, radio programmes.
  5. Next Generation has not been quite effective due to the effects of the pandemic which has made it difficult for them to hold election. We are going to do the prompting for the elections to hold very some with a view to injecting new blood into the leadership of the NG in Nigeria.

Conclusion

The National Council is doing all it can to keep the Institute alive in Nigeria, despite the challenges.

Thank you.

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