

ICA Youth Network

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ATT: Gretchen Hacquard

Dear young cooperators,

**RE: ICA YOUTH COMMITTEE (ICA-YC) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT  
LARGE**

As soon as I read your advertisement for the invitation to apply for Members at Large for the ICA Youth Committee on my email, **I was determined to apply for the post.** There is so much that I wanted to share as of why I see myself as a valid candidate to this position, but first of all, let me share how I feel, I can contribute to the development of this network and committee further and as a legacy for the future.

Firstly, I'd like to share a bit about myself. **I am Badejo Adeyemi Emmanuel, from Ijebu Ode, Ogun State, Nigeria, Africa. I have been exposed to the Cooperative Movement all my life (my father is a Cooperative Pioneer in Ijebu Ode Local Government Area, Ogun State of Nigeria, a Co-operator per excellent as I studied Cooperative Professionally at Ogun State Cooperative College, Ijeja, Abeokuta, Ogun State, Nigeria). I'm also a certificate holder in Dual Vocational Training (DVT) in Office Administration and Project Management conducted by German International Cooperation (GIZ-SEQUA).**

Secondly, I was employed to the service of Ogun State Cooperative Federation Limited (OGSCOFED) an affiliate of Odua Cooperative Conglomerate Limited in the year 2010. My proficiency in ICT later came to the notice of OGSCOFED Management who promoted me to become the Head of the ICT Department of the organization in 2015. I have been using my wealth of experience in promoting the activities of the Federation to the world (like Alajeseku Alajumose Alafowosowopo Kari Aye, it is an indigenous radio programme in Yoruba Language aired on Ogun Radio Abeokuta OGBC 2 90.5FM, every Monday morning from 11:00WAT to 11:30WAT). **I have been recognised as the Best Staff in the Service of OGSCOFED Limited in year 2015, 2017, 2018 and 2021. Also, I received OGSCOFED IT Innovative Award by Ogun State Cooperative Federation Limited (OGSCOFED) and Exemplary Leadership Award of Excellence for Best Use of .coop Domain Name Online by Cooperative Rating and Award Society of Nigeria (CRASON) in year 2021. I am a dedicated, hardworking and meticulous staff.**

Thirdly, I am the Chairman of the Digital Committee of the Nigerian Youth Cooperative Network (NYCN-COOP) since 2011, **driving the digital evolution of Youth Cooperatives in Nigeria.** I was elected as the Board of Trustees (BoT) of Ogun State Youth Cooperative Multipurpose Society Limited in year 2015, Member of OGSCOFED Staff CTCS Limited since year 2012 and presently the President of Oluwaseyi Mawuko (Abeokuta)

Cooperative Multipurpose Society Limited since year 2019. I am also a Cooperative entrepreneur, I have experience the struggles, the joys and the full ride of what it means to be a young person which motivate me in wanting to guide youth in their struggles of life making use of Cooperative philosophy.

In the last years, I like to think, I have grown from a worker-cooperator into a cooperative activist. My experience in the worker cooperative sector in education and training at the Local and International levels, my participation in the youth committee and other groups of work of the Nigerian Youth Cooperative Network and my presence in various cooperative events has allowed me to generate an opinion for myself as my manifesto thus:

1. Propagation of Cooperative to the Youth across the African continent.
2. Harnessing Co-operative opportunities in other to boost entrepreneurship and self - employment in Africa and Nigeria in particularly
3. Facilitation of legislative process that will ensure Introduction of Cooperative courses from elementary to the tertiary institutions in the continent and establishment of more Cooperative Universities across the continent and,
4. Promotion and establishment of Youth-Led Financial Cooperatives that can help Youth entrepreneurs

Lastly, I never thought I can reach the point where I felt comfortable being the voice of youth in the International Cooperative structure. This is why I gather my strength for action, from the ground. But my current historical participation in the structure will allows me see the work done till today and so as to improve the lots youths by making use of the Cooperative philosophy to solve their day to day challenges.

With the power of team work that will include Ana Aguirre and other Executives of the International Youth Committee, I can achieve my action plans.

**I am here to take responsibility and leading by example, which is our slogan in Ogun State Cooperative Federation Limited (Leadership by Example). I believe in the power of action and in Cooperative philosophy. My concerns now is for the ICA Youth to give me the chance to serve Youths in Africa and globally in general.**

Thank you so much for the time you took to read this my manifesto and I pray you believe in me by giving me the chance to serve the ICA YC



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