

Mr. Kasongo Benjamin J. is a Fellow Member of the Institute, a Chartered Accountant and an Educationist. He brings to the table a wealth of experience in Private Sector/NGOs for **3 years**) and Public Sector (Central and Local Government) for **18 years**.

Qualifications:

- (1) Master's Degree (MBA -Finance) The Copperbelt University- 2016
- (2) ZICA Professional certificate ZICA 2010
- (3) Bachelors Degree in Technical Education, Vocational and Entrepreneurship Training (BTEVET) The Copperbelt University in Association with TVTC-2019
- (4) Post Graduate Diploma in Management and Leadership NIPA -2014
- (5) Honors' Graduate Diploma in Business Accounting Cambridge International College UK 2004
- (6) Technical Teachers Diploma- UNZA 2017
- (7) Certificate in Accounts and Business Studies(CABS)- Nortec -1998

What i intends to do once voted in the ZICA Council?

Compliance mover:

When elected as a ZICA Council member, I will advocate for:-

- (a) Creation of small clusters in Provinces/Districts to regularly making follow-ups on compliance with ZICA Mandate/regulatory requirements (e.g. Registration for practicing for both companies and individuals). Those involved to be paid at least 15% of the moneys realized from successful convictions of defaulters.
- (b) Holding of seminar/workshops that will be tailored to the need and benefits arising from being compliance to ZICA mandates.
- (c) Carrying out sensitization campaigns through available Media and with regard to new updates and changes to issues of compliance with ZICA mandates.

Empowering Accountants through entrepreneurship:

- As an Educationist, I will advocate for:-
 - (a) Creation of a *revolving fund Account* where all members with intent to start small businesses can have access in form of soft loans. The collateral will be Membership to ZICA and any defaulter to be blacklisted. This can be created by lobbying for at least 2 to 10%% of the Annual Membership fees.
 - (b) Coming up with trainings/ mechanisms to help members be exposed to what they can alternatively invest in to increase sources of income streams.
 - (c) Creations of committees in Provinces/ Districts that will spearhead the course of action for members to have other alternatives of improving their livelihoods through entrepreneurial skills (e.g Fish farming, Horticulture, Bee farming, Poultry Farming etc)
 - (d) Advance this call by having a slot at every AGM and other gathering to alert members
 - (e) Advancing the call of becoming an Entrepreneur through sensitizations to reach out to all members. This can be achieved by having a permanent slot in the calendar of the ZICA AGMs and other gatherings were materials and practical examples of certain viable businesses could be offloaded.