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Y+ Global announces the Executive Office leadership transition

NETHERLANDS, 7 JUNE 2021 | The Global Network of Young People Living with HIV (Y+ Global) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the Executive Office leadership transition.

In 2019, as a result of the Board meeting which was held in Kigali, Rwanda, soon after the International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA), Y+ Global Board validated the organization transition plan which includes the official registration of Y+ Global as an independent organization in the Netherlands (2020), South Africa (2021) and the transition of the Executive Office leadership.

As per the plan, Y+ Global would like to announce to the communities of young people living with and affected by HIV in all their diversity, and partners that from the 1st of July 2021 Cedric Nininahazwe, the current Director of Programme, Management and Governance, will hand over the leadership of the Executive Office.

Since 2016, Cedric Nininahazwe has led Y+ Global to become a respected and trusted advocate for the health and rights of young people living with HIV and affected by HIV. Cedric has driven the organization's strategic development, implemented robust operational systems, recruited a dynamic team of 12 members of the Executive Office and spearheaded the registration of Y+ Global as an independent organization in Netherland and South Africa.

Quote from the Board Chair

"We have come a long way! Cedric significantly contributed for Y+ Global to build trust and credibility from the community and partners, we thank him for guiding the organization, handing over and supporting the principle of youth leadership." – Igor Kuchin, Y+ Global Board Chair.

Cedric Nininahazwe said: *"I enjoyed working and growing with Y+ Global. Y+ Global will remain one of my best experiences ever. It is with no surprise that we faced many challenges; the challenges are what indeed fulfilled the pride of our success. I will forever thank Y+ Global for the unique opportunity to work with the different communities and partners who gave their unwavering support"*

Incoming Director of Programmes, Management and Governance

Guided by the principle of youth leadership, we are pleased to announce that Tinashe Rufurwadzo will be appointed the new Director of Programmes, Management and Governance from 1 July 2021.

Tinashe joined Y+ Global in 2019 as the Communications, Evidence, and Influence Manager. With over seven years' experience, Tinashe is an accomplished practitioner and advocate for the health and rights of adolescents and young people living with and affected by HIV, and young key populations. He has managed regional and internationally funded programmes from initiation to closure and will bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the role.

Quote from the Treasurer

"We welcome the executive office leadership transition and look forward to working with Tinashe Rufurwadzo as Y+ Global and its staff members continues to deliver high-quality programming and advocacy for young people living with and affected by HIV in all their diversity." – Renatta Langlais, Y+ Global Treasurer.



Igor Kuchin



Renatta Langlais



Cedric Nininahazwe