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Tayo was previously the President and Executive Director of New Zealand Federation of Multicultural Councils . An umbrella organisation for the migrant and refugee communities of New Zealand. He held the organisation leadership role for eight years providing vision, strategic thinking and direction for the National Executive Committee, Regional Councils, Managements, Community Organisations and members to support the well-being and success of migrant and former refugee communities.

Through his broad community engagement, collaboration, and government related exposure, Tayo has a good understanding of the operating frameworks of refugee and migrant, not for profit, government agencies and international business relations and he is able to relate to each of these sectors' specific drivers and needs.

Tayo was a member of Inland Revenue NZ's Diversity and Inclusion Group (Te Manu Korihi), New Zealand Football Federation's Diversity and inclusion Committee (DaIC), Charities Services Governance Working Group Panel, Institute of Directors, Families Commission's Ethnic Reference Group, Ministry of Culture and Heritage's Commemorating Waitangi Day Fund Panel, Social service Aotearoa Inc, Upper Hutt Creative Communities and Victoria University of Wellington Centre for Applied Cross-Cultural Research's Advisory board.

In his spare time Tayo enjoys home comfort, helping others troubleshoot, watching movies and sports, and listening to music.