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The development of libraries in any country is critical for its socio-economic transformation, especially in the 21st century where access to information and knowledge has become the key factor in production. In support of this thinking, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) launched its Global Vision project in 2017, which has attracted the participation of over 190 countries worldwide. For most nations, this project has indeed created platforms for championing strong and united library associations that contribute towards developing literate, informed and participative societies. A number of countries in Africa have taken the initiative to participate in the IFLA Global Vision project, and Zimbabwe is no exception. This article seeks to examine the challenges and opportunities for Zimbabwe as a participant. It also scrutinises the road travelled by librarians in Zimbabwe in their pursuit of a vision to reposition their libraries in the global library landscape. The article studies the factors affecting the development of a unified library sector in Zimbabwe. In addition, it explores how Zimbabwe's national professional association, the Zimbabwe Library Association (ZIMLA), can unite librarians and contribute towards the IFLA Global Vision for a unified library profession. The article proposes a strategy to enhance unity among library professionals for the actualisation of the IFLA Global Vision.