

2ND ANNUAL AFRICA SUPPLY CHAIN OPTIMISATION



10th & 11th April 2025

Sandton Sun Hotel, Sandton, South Africa



Transforming Africa's Supply Chains: Innovation, Resilience, and Sustainable Growth

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

The 2nd Annual Supply Chain Optimisation event is a must-attend gathering for professionals and decision-makers from both the private and public sectors who are eager to tackle Africa's most pressing supply chain challenges. With infrastructure gaps, limited technology adoption, regulatory inconsistencies, and governance barriers continuing to hinder supply chain efficiency, this event offers a vital platform to explore actionable solutions. For governments, the struggle to address budget constraints, bureaucratic inefficiencies, and corruption creates an urgent need for innovative strategies and collaboration.

This event will deliver unparalleled insights into overcoming these challenges through sessions led by industry leaders and policy experts. Attendees will gain practical knowledge on leveraging technology, transforming procurement practices, fostering public-private partnerships, and building resilient supply chains that can drive economic growth and service delivery.

For private entities, the event offers an opportunity to understand evolving regulations, explore sustainability initiatives, and enhance collaboration with public sector stakeholders. For governments, it provides a forum to address governance issues, streamline procurement processes, and attract investment for infrastructure development.

With an agenda that addresses critical topics, from regulatory updates and professionalisation to ESG integration and cutting-edge technologies, this event is your gateway to becoming part of Africa's supply chain transformation. Don't miss the chance to connect, learn, and lead the change towards more efficient and sustainable supply chains.

KEY BENEFITS

- Strengthening government supply chains in Africa for sustainable development
- Transforming Public Procurement: Implications of the 2024 regulations
- Handling of AG audits and findings
- Bridging public and private SCM: Strategies for synergy
- Transforming Supply Chain Management through technology and innovation
- Overcoming barriers and implementing solutions for effective warehouse management

"The supply chain stuff is really tricky."

Elon Musk

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DAY 1 - 10 APRIL 2025

Transforming Africa's Supply Chains: Innovation, Resilience, and Sustainable Growth

07:30 - 08:30 Registration

08:30 - 08:40 Welcome

08:45 - 09:00 Opening address

09:00 - 10:00 Session one

Keynote opening session: Strengthening government supply chains in Africa for sustainable development

This session will explore the strategic role of supply chain management in the public sector, addressing challenges and opportunities in African government supply chains while highlighting the importance of technology, innovation, and collaboration for sustainable development.

- Overview of the current state of government supply chains across Africa.
- Understanding the vital role of supply chain management in government functions.
- Addressing the specific challenges and unique opportunities facing government supply chains in Africa.
- What actions are government taking for logistics and supply chain infrastructure development in Africa.
- The importance in promoting collaboration, innovation, and the exchange of best practices.

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee and networking

10:30 - 11:30 Session two

Transforming Public Procurement: Implications of the 2024 regulations

This session will provide an in-depth analysis of the 2024 Public Procurement Regulations, focusing on their transformative impact on procurement practices in the public sector.

- Outlining the most significant changes introduced by the 2024 regulations.
- How must procurement processes evolve to meet the new regulatory requirements?
- Overview of the new compliance obligations for public sector entities.
- Enhancing transparency and strengthening accountability frameworks for procurement practices.
- How can technology support compliance and improve procurement efficiency?
- How the 2024 regulations affect suppliers and contractors?
- Ensuring adherence to public procurement policies and procedures to avoid legal repercussions.

11:30 - 12:30 Session three

Professionalisation of the Public Sector: A focus on supply chain and procurement

This session will explore the National Framework towards the Professionalisation of the Public Sector, with a specific focus on its implications for supply chain and procurement processes. The aim is to discuss strategies for enhancing professionalism, ethical standards, and efficiency in these critical areas.

- Outlining the National Framework its goals, and implementation strategies.
- How the framework applies to supply chain and procurement?

- Challenges and opportunities in professionalising these areas.
- Understanding the importance of continuous professional development for procurement officers.

12:30 - 13:30 Networking lunch

13:30 - 14:30 Session four

Handling of AG audits and findings

This session will focus on best practices for managing Auditor-General (AG) audits and addressing audit findings within the public sector, particularly in the areas of supply chain management and procurement.

- Ensure all relevant documents, such as procurement policies, contracts, and transaction records, are organised and accessible before the AG's audit.
- Assure that procurement processes comply with relevant laws, regulations, and internal policies.
- Carefully review the AG's findings to understand the issues raised.
- Communicate audit findings and action plans to relevant stakeholders, including management, suppliers and employees.
- Provide regular updates on the progress of implementing corrective actions.

14:30 - 15:00 Coffee and networking

15:00 - 16:00 Session five

Building SCM Human Resource capacity: Addressing performance challenges, service delivery, and corruption

- Pinpointing SCM performance challenges like inefficiencies, resource constraints, and skill gaps impacting service delivery.
- Adopt essential components, such as training programmes, certification processes, and career development pathways.
- Approaches for optimising SCM processes to improve service delivery and operational efficiency.
- Leverage on technology and innovative solutions to address service delivery challenges and improving SCM performance.
- Strategies to implement preventive measures and controls to mitigate corruption and fraud risks.

16:00 - 17:00 Session six

Navigating the new guidelines for unauthorised, irregular, and fruitless and wasteful expenditure (UIFW)

- Ensure all staff are well-informed about their responsibilities and new guidelines.
- Procedures for identifying, reporting, and addressing UIFW expenditure.
- Implement robust internal control systems to detect and prevent UIFW expenditure.
- Immediately report any identified UIFW expenditure to the relevant authorities required by the guideline.
- Taking disciplinary actions against individuals responsible for UIFW expenditure.

17:00 - 17:15 Closing and end of day one



08:50 – 09:00 Welcome

09:00 – 10:00 Session seven

Championing sustainability and ethical sourcing in supply chains

- Incorporating sustainability and ethical considerations into procurement decisions, such as ESG.
- Aligning procurement practices with global standards and best practices for sustainable development.
- Increasing focus on green procurement practices and reducing the carbon footprint of supply chains.
- Integrating sustainability criteria into procurement policies and supplier selection processes.

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee and networking

10:30 – 11:30 Session eight

Driving Procurement Excellence: Digital Transformation, cost optimisation, and strategic sourcing for a resilient supply chain

- The role of SCM digitisation in enhancing efficiency and transparency
- Cost reduction strategies that drive business value without compromising quality
- Advanced negotiations and stakeholder management for long-term success
- Public vs. private sector procurement approaches and lessons learned
- Transforming supply chains to improve resilience and adaptability

Macdonald Maluleke, Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) of **Airports Company South Africa (ACSA)**

11:30 – 12:30 Session nine

Bridging public and private SCM: Strategies for synergy

- How governments, businesses, and international organisations can collaborate to support supply chain optimisation in Africa?
- Create public-private partnerships (PPPs) to address common challenges and achieve mutual goals.
- Initiate a joint task force to tackle risks, supply chain disruption and infrastructure improvements.
- Implement transparency measures with real-time data sharing to improve decision making and build trust between public and private entities.

Shandini Naidoo, Chairperson of Supply and Demand Estimates Liaison Committee, **National Agricultural Marketing Council** and Director, **Avoport**

What past delegates had to say?

The speakers' insights were incredibly valuable, offering new perspectives on tackling supply chain challenges. I left feeling inspired and equipped with practical strategies to enhance efficiency in our operations." **Executive Director, All Farmers Association of Nigeria**"

Hearing from industry leaders and participating in discussions highlighted innovative approaches to improving supply chain performance. It was refreshing to see such dedication to driving positive change across African supply chains." **Design & Optimisation Specialist, Sasol**

12:30– 13:30 Networking lunch

13:30 – 14:30 Session ten

Transforming Supply Chain Management through technology and innovation

- Adopting cloud-based solutions for scalable and flexible procurement and supply chain management.
- Establish inter-agency collaboration with data centres to enable secure data sharing and seamless collaboration between different public sector agencies.
- Enhancing transparency in procurement processes, such as e-procurement systems to curb corruption.
- Implementing advanced analytics, artificial intelligence, and planning to enhance decision-making and traceability.
- Administer robust cybersecurity measures to protect sensitive procurement data from cyber threats.

14:30 – 15:00 Coffee and networking

15:00 – 16:00 Session eleven

Overcoming barriers and implementing solutions for effective warehouse management

- Review the current situation regarding audits and unaccountable inventory loss.
- Investing in advanced technologies such as IoT, AI, and automation enhances efficiency, real-time visibility, and responsiveness across the supply chain.
- Adopt Warehouse Management Software (WMS) software to streamline warehouse operations, improve order accuracy, and optimise workflow and resource allocation.
- Incorporate of sustainable warehousing practices, such as energy-efficient lighting, solar power, and green building designs, to reduce environmental impact and operational costs.
- Implement advanced security systems, including surveillance cameras, access controls, and inventory tracking, to safeguard assets and reduce theft and loss.

16:00– 16:15 Closing and end

Who should attend?

- Chief Supply Chain Officer (CSCO) / Vice President of Supply Chain / Head of Supply Chain Operations / Director of Supply Chain Management / Director of Procurement
- Supply Chain Manager / Logistics Manager / Procurement Manager / Warehouse Operations Manager / Inventory Control Manager / Production / Planning Manager / Demand Planning Manager / Transportation Manager / Distribution Center Manager / Sourcing Manager / Supplier Relationship Manager
- Supply Chain Data Scientist / Supply Chain IT Specialist/ ERP Systems Specialist / Warehouse Automation Specialist / Supply Chain Solutions Architect / E-commerce Logistics Specialist / Forecasting and Planning Analyst

From Public and Private sector