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**Remarks by Mr. Kenneth Matiba, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Kenya Institute of Supplies Management (KISM) during the Official Opening of the Disciplinary Committee Training at Ciala Resort, Kisumu County on Tuesday, 14 May 2024**

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- ❖ **Commissioner, Kenya Law Reform Commission, Commissioner - Duncan Okello representing the Kenya Judiciary Academy,**
- ❖ **The Chairman, KISM Council Mr. John Karani,**
- ❖ **Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee of the Council, Mr. Fidel Muema, also Representing the Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee,**
- ❖ **Honorable Members of the Disciplinary Committee,**
- ❖ **Honorable Judges,**
- ❖ **Kenya Judiciary Academy Secretariat,**
- ❖ **Colleagues,**
- ❖ **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

***Good Afternoon!***

1. It is a great **honor and privilege** to join you during this Training Program for the **Disciplinary Committee** of the Kenya Institute of Supplies Management
2. From the onset, I wish to **convey greetings** from the Secretariat, as I express my **sincere gratitude** to you Members of the Disciplinary Committee, for your **sacrifice and commitment to service, and for creating time for this Program.**
3. I took time to review your profiles, and I am impressed with the **quality and level of experiences** that you bring onboard.....**name and appreciate....**
4. Particularly, I noted the team is comprised of professionals from **diverse backgrounds and expertise.** This is **quite profound as professional diversity and peer-to-peer models of delivery facilitates experiential exchanges.** This is true as we all operate in the **same governance ecosystem.**

5. Ultimately, in all this work that you have done and continue to do, **the winner is the Supply Chain Management Profession**, as we endeavor to be agents of positive **transformation** in this **unique and critical pillar of socio-economic progress of our Country**.
6. I recognize our **Council Chairman – Mr. Karani, CM Muema and the entire Council** for the critical role you continue to play in **steering the strategic focus of the Institute. I thank Messrs.... for your astute leadership being present to officiate this training.**
7. To our **resource persons**, I am grateful for accepting our invitation. I am sure all of you were **carefully selected**, and definitely, we will **benefit immensely from your insights and experiences**.
8. We thank the **Judiciary** for this collaboration, and particularly the **Kenya Judiciary Academy (KJA)**. We believe that the future lies in **Inter-Agency Collaboration, Cooperation and Coordination** in tackling the compliance and accountability challenges.
9. Invidiously, I recognize the work that has been done by the **technical team** in preparing for this Conference including the **critical working tools** that we are trying to put forward to equip the Disciplinary Committee.
10. I am aware, up-to this morning, this team has been reviewing the **Investigations Manual** for the Institute. A lot of good work has gone in it, **but we believe in continuous improvement**.

11. We will ensure all the **inputs and feedback** shared during this Conference are expeditiously **incorporated** to make the Investigations Manual more **User-Ready, User-Friendly and Most Important, Facilitative** in the work of the Committee.
12. We thank the **ODPP, DCI and EACC** for their contribution in this journey. **I know there have been challenges, and the Investigations Manual has been put forward to address some of the concerns.** I will be happy to hear more as we **seek for common solutions for optimal performance of the Committee.**

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

13. As you are aware, the Supplies Practitioners Management Act, designates the **Chief Executive Officer** of the Institute as the **Secretary of the Disciplinary Committee.**
14. I therefore wish to take this earliest opportunity to record my **utmost assurance of support** as I embark on taking this substantive role. With **humility, respect and clarity of sense,** we will work closely in the discharge of the Committee's mandate. I am sure as a team, **we will deliver on our obligations, and for the better.**
15. I will count of your **wisdom and experience** as I immerse myself in the work of the Committee...in the end, I am confident we will celebrate our **milestones together** as we overcome drawbacks.....**I say this because, I believe in the postulations of the distance between service -----and gratitude.**

***Ladies and Gentlemen,***

16. I am briefed this is the **second training** for the Disciplinary Committee, flowing from the initial one facilitated by the **Chartered Institute of Arbitrators**, where Members were sensitized on their role as a **Quasi-Judicial Body** and the expectation(s) thereof in the execution of their mandate.
17. Notably, this Disciplinary committee takes the lead on the **Institute's approach** to embedding the **highest possible standards of professional conduct across its membership and the entire profession more broadly.**
18. Suffice it to note that this Committee **advices the Council on approaches** to improving standards of professional conduct by ensuring that the enforcement of the Code of Conduct and standards of professional practice achieve their proper functions.
19. Flowing from the Launch of the **KISM Code of Conduct in 2021**, the Institute has demonstrated commitment to ensuring that this Code is disseminated to the members.
20. The Secretariat has also put in place measures to facilitate the Committee to **originate member reports and report on implementation of the code of conduct.**
21. These reports continue to **form theories of change** for the professional conduct of members and become the **baseline upon which the institute grows its portfolio for responsive professional standards.**

22. Despite the progress, our **Compliance Assessment Audits** continue to identify regulatory and compliance exposures that necessitates urgent intervention.
23. Consequently, yesterday the **13 May 2024**, we issued a **Circular** to reinforce compliance with requirements of the Suppliers Practitioners Management Act, especially for those practicing without registration and licensing.
24. The Secretariat through **compliance audits and checks** will be **monitoring and reporting on emerging issues** in the practice of supply chain management... **I am happy our new Director – Standards and Compliance is here with us.** She, **Ms. Mary Mutugi**, is taking Lead in this process.
25. Eventually, some of the findings will find way into the work of the Disciplinary Committee. With this training, I believe our **resolve to tackle these challenges is bolstered** to enable expeditious and effective delivery of our roles and responsibilities.
26. As the Secretariat, our **goal** remains to provide the **institutional framework** upon which the Disciplinary Committee shall operate. We will do our best to deliver in our responsibilities.
27. I have told my team, we have to be **available, responsive and efficient in supporting the work of this Committee....and I assure you, it shall be done.**
28. Of **paramount importance** is to **apprise the Committee of all the complaints received, those disposed-off, the modes of disposal, the**

**challenges encountered and find ways to overcome them, to hear your suggestions and to seek cooperation to effectively and fairly deal with the complaints.**

29. This explains why the Secretariat is here and we pledge our support to the Committee as the Institute remains committed to upholding its **fiduciary duty** to the public by ensuring that it **investigates all viable matters and ensure completion.**
30. **I am aware there are pending matters, we will prioritize them for due action.** The Secretariat, we will always endeavor to be responsive to your inquiries and feedback, **as we make service delivery the pulse of our business processes.**

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

*Useful Insights and Tips;*

31. Just to share some insights and points of reflection, I suggest the following;
- **First, Safeguarding the Supply Chain Profession;** How do we take up our space as a Disciplinary Committee to efficiently and effectively discharge our mandate in the interest of safeguarding the profession?
  - Many of our Members have been charged in various Courts of Law, **how do we make our contribution for such episodes to be reduced? Can we be known as the pot of objectivity and the vanguard of our members integrity?**

- **Second, peer to peer exchanges;** how do we anchor ourselves as a DC for **greater relevance and credibility?** How do we expose ourselves to learn from other jurisdictions and peer organs of Government? How do we tackle emerging issues?
- **Third, purposive jurisprudence;** Can we be purposive in this space to enrich our processes, Contributions to legislative proposals development?
- **Forth, Documentation;** How do we document our work, and where is the place of technology, can we explore **case digests** for the Disciplinary Committee?
- **Fifth, Courage;** Embracing professional courage, how do we communicate to our members on matters affecting them, can we the vanguards of professional integrity who can be trusted, how do we achieve this?

***Ladies and Gentlemen,***

32. These are the pertinent questions, I have been reflecting on when I was invited to this meeting. My vision is to contribute in the **transformation of KISM to be a model institution** that delivers to the expectation of its members and stakeholders.
33. Riding on the **strategic direction** of the Council and stakeholders' support, I am confident we will deliver on our mandate.
34. The **priorities** I am putting forward and which I have already embarked on include;



- i. **First, to make the Institute efficient, effective and accountable in service delivery by being members-focused.**
- ii. **Second, is to create a conducive working environment that yields impactful programmes.**
- iii. **Third, to contribute to the positioning the supply chain profession in Kenya for greater relevance and credibility.**

We will strongly engage relevant stakeholders to make our members feel adequately represented and empowered, we cannot be fence-seaters when other professions are on the table on matters of national interest.

35. I humbly appeal for your support so that we can create an ecosystem that facilitates service delivery. Please let us support the **bigger foresight** to realize the foundational aspirations of the Institute.

36. As I conclude, I wish to emphasize that we are **rationalizing our strategies** to be more members and stakeholders-centric, and we will keep all of you involved and updated in the work we are doing.

37. I look forward to continue working with you in upscaling the **Institute's Vision of building competent and ethical supply chain management practitioners.**

38. I thank you all most sincerely.

39. **God Bless You All!**

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