



CONCEPT NOTE

1st AISCR PAN AFRICAN SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

Dear Supply Chain scholars and practitioners

We are pleased to announce the 1st AISCR Pan African Supply Chain Management Conference to be held at the University of Nairobi, Kenya from October 23-25, 2024. Following the successful summits organized by AISCR in collaboration with the University of South Africa (UNISA) in 2020 and 2021 with over 350 and 500 delegates who registered and participated in the events, there has been a call from AISCR members to organize annual conferences to promote excellence and advance the profession in the continent. This conference will be hybrid in nature. Should you not be able to make it to Nairobi, Kenya for the conference in person, you have an opportunity to submit your paper and join the conference as a virtual participant. This flagship conference is oriented towards industry and academic papers, featuring a comprehensive and high-quality program including paper presentations, talks from eminent keynote speakers, expert talks by leading industry veterans, and exhibitions.

CONFERENCE THEME

As the global supply chain landscape undergoes transformative shifts, driven by technological advancements, infrastructure development, and regional collaboration, Africa emerges as a pivotal player in shaping the future of supply chain management. The conference aims to bring together researchers, academics, industry professionals, and policymakers to explore and contribute to the discourse on reshaping supply chains in Africa. The theme of the conference *“The Future of Supply Chain Management in Africa”* reflects the imperative for Africans to chart a course toward a more dynamic, efficient, and sustainable supply chain ecosystem. By addressing key challenges and embracing innovative solutions, the conference seeks to propel Africa into a new era of supply chain excellence.

Join us in Nairobi, Kenya to contribute to the discourse, share insights, and be a part of the transformative journey shaping the future of supply chains in Africa. We look forward to your valuable contributions. The conference provides an excellent platform for local and international academics, practitioners, students, and industrial participants to share their research findings, network, and discuss the future of supply chains in the continent.

CONFERENCE TRACKS

We invite submissions of original research, case studies, and innovative solutions addressing, but not limited to, the following topics:

- Procurement, Global Sourcing and Supply Chain Management
- Logistics, Inventory, and Transport Management
- Operations, Production and Quality Management



- Innovation in Supply Chain Management
- Supply Chain Resilience and Value Chain Management
- Ethics, Accountability, and Transparency in Procurement & Supply Chain
- Digital Transformation and Emerging Technologies in Supply Chain Management
- Regional Integration, Trade and Infrastructure Development
- Supply Chain Sustainability and Climate Change
- Health and Humanitarian Supply Chain
- Agricultural Value Chain and Food Security
- Government Procurement, Policies and Regulations
- Supply Chain Performance, Monitoring, and Evaluation

PAPER CATEGORIES

We solicit papers that are related to the theme of the conference provided they meet the required quality criteria through the review process. We encourage the submission of three categories of papers:

- Competitive papers (Full papers on submission): These are papers based on empirical studies that have been completed. Competitive papers should be conceptual or empirical. This category is in principle, ready for submission (Not exceeding 20 pages).
- Working papers (Extended abstracts): These are papers that are on work in progress. Working papers indicate “work in progress”. These papers can report on empirical or conceptual research in progress. Practitioner papers can be submitted by practitioners and with academics (Not exceeding 15 pages).
- Practitioner papers (Extended abstracts): These are papers from industry practitioners (Not exceeding 15 pages).

All full paper submissions will be peer-reviewed and evaluated based on originality, technical and/or research depth, accuracy, and relevance to the theme of the conference.

DOCTORAL WORKSHOP

We are pleased to announce the 1st Pan African Supply Chain Doctoral Workshop to be held on 23 October 2024, in Nairobi, Kenya. We want to welcome PhD students to attend the doctoral workshop. The workshop is intended for PhD students in supply chain management (Procurement, Logistics, transport as well as Operations and Production Management) preferably at the second or third year of their study. The objectives of the workshop are as follows:

- to assist PhD students, present their proposals, and obtain useful insight into their work for improvement and progress as well as the opportunity to bounce ideas with experienced faculty.
- to assist PhD students in building an international network of fellow PhD students and renowned faculty; and
- to assist PhD students in developing and improving their research projects.



Doctoral candidates interested in attending and presenting their research proposal should send a two-page abstract including information on when they commenced the study and the expected completion date. The full accepted proposal should not be more than 20 pages.

The abstract should be organized as follows:

- The title
- Theoretical background
- Research questions and objectives
- Proposed methodology
- Expected contribution of the study

BURSARIES

Three PhD students will receive a bursary to attend the AISCOR Doctoral workshop and conference. The value of the bursary is \$1500 (3 students x \$500). The bursaries are particularly aimed at supporting those students of limited means. All applications will be treated confidentially. The deadline for application for these bursaries is 20th May 2024. We will communicate our decisions to all applicants on 28 July 2024. We are looking forward to receiving numerous proposals!

We encourage especially students on a need and merit basis to apply for bursaries. Note that all students receiving reduced rates or bursaries are expected to attend the entire conference.

STUDENT CASE COMPETITION

The conference offers an opportunity for students across African universities to participate in a student case competition. The student competition aims to provide a unique learning opportunity for supply chain students (undergraduate) and create awareness of its importance in solving business problems. The case competition allows students to interpret, analyze, evaluate, and synthesize a supply chain management problem and present its implications to developing countries. The competition includes cash prizes totaling \$4000. Funds for the competition will be made available through the gracious support of corporate sponsors of the conference.

Students are expected to work in teams of three to five from the same university or different universities and colleges, guided by an instructor. Following selection, the finalist teams will be required to do a presentation to judges' panels consisting of business professionals from the corporate sponsor.

EDUCATOR'S WORKSHOP

During the conference, we will be hosting an educators' workshop. The purpose of the educators' workshop is to provide a collaborative space for academics and practitioners in the field of supply chain management, to discuss the current and future research practices in education and pedagogy in Africa. For this year's conference, we will have presentations focusing on teaching experiences, pedagogical approaches, simulation games, case study method teaching, continuous learning, and other areas of interest in the field of education.



OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLICATION

All accepted papers accepted for the conference will be published in a peer-reviewed conference proceeding while selected papers will be published in an e-book. Authors of the best papers presented at the conference will have an opportunity to get their papers published in prestigious supply chain management journals.

AWARDS

At the conference, we will recognize supply chain excellence and grant awards at the conference Dinner. Selected papers of the various paper categories for the award will be considered. The award categories at the conference will include:

- Best competitive paper
- Best working paper
- Best practitioner paper
- Session's best presentation
- Best session chair
- Winners of the student case competition
- Supply chain researcher award
- Supply chain women researcher award

CONFERENCE TOURS

Get an opportunity to explore Nairobi and Kenya. This event is free for conference participants. The conference tours aim to provide opportunities for informal networking, possibly creating partnerships among the conference participants.

EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITIES

Elevate your brand's exposure by exhibiting at the Pan African Supply Chain Conference. The conference aims to attract more than 500+ key stakeholders and powerhouses from across the African supply chain ecosystem and international players under one roof, creating the ideal opportunity to showcase your brand. This is a great opportunity to leverage supply chain management to push businesses to the next level in Africa.

From small, medium, and large enterprises, this is an opportunity for you to sign up to exhibit your product or services. Training will also be offered by Experts in supply chain management to enhance the competitiveness of small businesses.

IMPORTANT DATES

Activity	Due Dates
Summit Papers	
Deadline for paper submission	03 June 2024
Paper acceptance notification	12 July 2024
Final paper submission	16 August 2024
Doctoral Workshop	



Submission of research proposal	24 June 2024
Proposal acceptance notification	26 July 2024
Final research proposal submission	23 August 2024
Student Case Competition	
Submission of proposal	28 June 2024
Notification of selection	09 August 2024
Conference Registration	
Registration opening	19 August 2024
Early-bird registration	02 September 2024
Late bird Registration	20 September 2024
Registration deadline	16 October 2024
Conference Schedule	
Conference registration and welcome	23 October 2024
Doctoral workshop	23 October 2024
Student case competition	23 October 2024
Conference Day 1	23 October 2024
Conference Day 2	24 October 2024
Writing for publication workshop	24 October 2024
Supply chain educators' workshop	24 October 2024
MSMEs Workshop	24 October 2024
Post-Conference Tour	25 October 2024

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Name & Affiliation	Portfolio
Dr Peterson Obara Magutu , University of Nairobi Kenya	Conference Chair: Governance, Compliance & Administrative Support
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ABOUT THE HOST (UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI)

The host for the 1st AISCR Pan African Supply Chain Conference is the Department of Management and Project Planning, at the University of Nairobi, Kenya. The University of Nairobi a body corporate established by an Act of Parliament Cap 210 of the Laws of Kenya is the pioneer institution of university education in Kenya and the region. The only institution of higher learning in Kenya for a long time, the University responded to the national regional, and African high-level manpower training needs by developing and evolving strong, diversified academic programs and specializations in sciences, applied sciences, technology, humanities, social sciences, and the arts. The university is proud of its distinguished record of achievements in teaching, research, development, and consultancy while strategizing for a greater future as the center of academic, research, and professional excellence. Located on the 6th floor of the University of Nairobi Towers is the state-of-the-art Chandaria Centre for Performing Arts. The facility can hold up to 500 delegates. The venue comes equipped with a public address system, an overhead projector, and a projector screen. The conference facility also includes a lavish and open space on 5th floor, perfect for fine dining. Other add-ons include a furnished VIP holding room, press room, and secretariat room. There are adequate amenities such as parking and security.

ABOUT AISCR

The African Institute for Supply Chain Research (AISCR) is a premier non-profit, independent, and globally recognized institute driving excellence in supply chain research and education, fostering sustainable economic development, and contributing significantly to the growth and prosperity of Africa and beyond. Serving over 13 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, including the United States (US), AISCR provides supply chain innovative solutions in the form of research, education, outreach, and advisory services in pursuit of the strategic priorities of the US-Africa Trade and Investment, African Continental Free Trade Agreement (ACFTA), Africa Agenda 2063, United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. AISCR is particularly positioned to play an important role in ensuring that future supply chain leaders develop the capabilities, and constructively employ smart and well-researched instruments, locally and globally, to advance knowledge and practice. Since its establishment in 2019, AISCR has expanded its global presence, with offices now located in Pretoria, South Africa, Dallas, USA, and Nairobi, Kenya. Following the successful submits organised by AISCR in collaboration with the University of South Africa (UNISA) in 2020 and 2021, with over 350 and 500 delegates respectfully who



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registered and participated at the Summits, there has been a growing call for AISCR to kick-start its annual conferences. This 1st AISCR Pan African supply chain conference is therefore in respect to the calls.

