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### **Partnership to enhance Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) between the Kenya Institute of Supplies Management (KISM) and Kenya Institute of Supply Examination Board (KISEB)**

**KISM Towers - Nairobi, 30 May 2024** - The Kenya Institute of Supplies Management (KISM) and the Kenya Institute of Supplies Examination Board (KISEB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) today to collaborate on Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) within the Supply Chain Management practice in Kenya.

This MOU signifies a significant step forward in acknowledging and valuing the knowledge and experience gained by individuals through professional careers in supply chain management.

It also marks a new chapter in promoting excellence and professionalism within Kenya's supply chain sector. By recognizing prior learning and experience, KISM and KISEB are paving the way for a more skilled and competitive workforce. This is also aligned to the **Ministry Education's present launch of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Policy Framework** in Kenya.

Following the approvals of the KISM Council and the KISEB Board of Directors, the MoU was signed by Mr. Kenneth Matiba, CEO KISM and Dr. Ongisa, CEO KISEB in a signing ceremony witnessed by Mr. John Karani, MBS - Chairman of KISM, and Mr. Amos Ochieng' Chairman of KISEB.

Notably, the cooperation has been undertaken prior to engagements with the **Kenya National Qualifications Authority's (KNQA)** which has a role in guiding the development of the RPL system according to established national guidelines.

"This MOU establishes a Framework for KISM and KISEB to develop and implement a comprehensive RPL system which will grant formal recognition to individuals' skills and knowledge gained through professional experience or independent learning in the supply chain sector", said Mr. Karani.

Mr. Matiba elaborated on the initiative's goals. "This collaboration aims to enhance the professionalism and effectiveness of the Kenyan supply chain practice by recognizing the valuable contributions of individuals with diverse backgrounds and experience," he stated.

"The signing of the RPL agreement marks a significant milestone in the management of supply chain qualifications in Kenya", Said Mr. Ochieng. "This opens doors for more flexible learning pathways, paving the way for greater participation in higher education by a wider range of professionals."

Dr. Ongisa echoed this sentiment, stating, "RPL represents a key component in our pursuit of a more inclusive and equitable supply chain profession in Kenya. This MOU allows us to leverage the strengths of both KISM and KISEB to create a system that benefits all stakeholders.

"We are thrilled to partner with KISEB on this initiative," concluded Mr. Matiba. "RPL empowers Kenyans in the supply chain field, granting them access to better career opportunities and furthering their education."

KISM and KISEB's firm commitment to collaboration ensures that RPL becomes a reality, fostering a more inclusive and skilled workforce within the Kenyan supply chain sector.

#### **About the Kenya Institute of Supplies Management (KISM)**

The Kenya Institute of Supplies Management (**KISM**) is established under Section 3(1) of the Supplies Practitioners Management Act, 2007 (the SPMA) to, among other functions, register, and license all supplies practitioners in Kenya and to regulate their practice. The vision of the Institute is to build an empowered, competent and ethical supply chain management practitioner.

KISM collaborates with both state and non-state actors across the governance ecosystem including in the education and training landscape to establish standards that align with the evolving needs of the Kenyan workforce.

#### **About the Kenya Institute of Supply Examination Board (KISEB)**

The Kenya Institute of Supply Examination Board (KISEB) is a government agency responsible for managing the Kenyan supply chain professional qualification process. KISEB's mission is to provide best in class research, certification and career development in supply chain management for sustainable development.

KISEB offers a variety of services to educational institutions, students, and instructors, encompassing curriculum development, assessment practices, and professional development programs.

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