



---

**REMARKS BY MR. KENNETH MATIBA, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, KENYA INSTITUTE OF SUPPLIES MANAGEMENT (KISM) DURING THE OPENING OF THE PROCUREMENT FRAUD MASTER CLASS “ENHANCING INTEGRITY IN PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY CHAIN PROCESS” ON TUESDAY, 7 MAY 2024 AT TRAVELLERS BEACH HOTEL, MOMBASA**

---

- ❖ **Distinguished Participants,**
- ❖ **Resource Persons,**
- ❖ **Colleagues,**
- ❖ **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

*Good Afternoon!*

### **A. Welcoming Remarks**

1. It is a great honour and privilege to join you this morning as we open the **3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the Procurement Fraud Master Class, themed “Enhancing Integrity in Procurement and Supply Chain Process”**.
2. From the onset, I **convey greetings** from the entire KISM fraternity, as I also express our message of commitment to service delivery in the **professionalization of supply chain management and connected practices** in Kenya.
3. I wish to **thank you dear participants for creating time** to be here as I **appreciate the leadership of your respective institutions** for facilitating your attendance and participation.
4. To our **resource persons**, I am **greatful** for accepting our invitation. I am sure all of you were **carefully selected** by your institutions to officiate this important topic on **“Enhancing Integrity in Procurement and Supply Chain Process”**.

I can attest to this fact because **I have worked with you before** and am therefore confident you will be able to deliver to the satisfaction and expectations of our participants.

Please, when you return to your respective institutions, **convey our gratitude** to your appointing authorities on behalf of the Institute.

***Ladies and Gentlemen,***

5. I am briefed with us are **practitioners not only in area of supply chain management** but also in **audit, financial governance, policy making, public relations, media** among other sectors.
6. This is quite encouraging since as an Institute we believe in **peer-to-peer models of delivery** that brings together professionals from diverse backgrounds to share experiences, challenges and knowledge as all operate in the **same governance ecosystem.**
7. Please indulge me to recognize all the the institutions present... **I would have loved to name all of you individually, but in the interest of time...** allow me to just say that **we value you...**

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

## **B.About KISM and The Course**

### *Ladies and Gentlemen,*

9. Just to apprise you, KISM is a public entity established under the "Supplies Practitioners Act Management Act No.17 of 2007" to promote **"learning, development of best practices, and application of the same to the practice of procurement and supply chain management in Kenya"**.
10. Our Mission is to **train, register, licence, discipline and regulate supply chain management practitioners... Anyone** that practices as a Procurement and Supply Chain Professional (PSCM) in Kenya must be **registered and licensed** by KISM and be of good standing.
11. This week, I will be sign-off **a Circular to all public entities** to reinforce compliance with requirements of the Suppliers Practitioners Management Act.

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

12. This Course has been curated in the advancement of our **Statutory mandate**, and is organized in collaboration with the **key institutions in the Oversight and Justice Chain, namely;**

- **Office of the Auditor-General (OAG),**
- **Office of Director of Prosecution (ODPP),**
- **Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC),**
- **Directorate of Criminal Investigation (DCI),**
- **Commission on Administrative Justice (CAJ), and**
- **Media Council of Kenya (MCK).**

13. Notably, this workshop is being conducted for the third time after the two successful ones held in the past two years, and **demand from members for more trainings in “Enhancing Integrity in Procurement and Supply Chain Process”.**

14. To ensure value addition, this year, the Institute has increased the scope of collaboration with investigative agencies to **gain practical insights aimed to entrench ethics and integrity in supply chain processes.**

15. The **Course Objectives** include;

- To promote High standards of integrity and ethics for all supply chain actors,
- To gain practical tips and lessons learned on early detection and identification indicators of procurement fraud risks in order to rectify issues before it happens,
- To Learn how to plan and develop an effective procurement fraud risk management framework, metrics, and strategy,
- To identify best Practices in Procurement Fraud Management Response and Investigation Techniques, and
- To understand how to apply procurement fraud management principles and theories in your organization including,

16. Some of the key **workshop sub-themes** include;

- Enhancing Integrity at each stage of the Supply Chain Cycle,
- Streamlining Procurement Process,
- Procurement Fraud Management,
- Procurement Audits,
- Whistleblowing of Procurement Fraud,

- Investigation of Procurement Fraud,
- Prosecution and Hearing of Procurement Fraud-related Cases,
- The role of the media and investigative journalism in promoting integrity in supply chain processes, and
- Managing New Fraud e-Risks in an Electronic Procurement and/or Tendering Environment.

17. We believe that the future lies in **Inter-Agency Collaboration, Cooperation and Coordination in tackling the challenge of fraud in our Country.**

18. Personally, I am a strong believer in **corruption prevention, capacity enhancement and professional integrity** as key ingredients in fraud mitigation at the workplace.

***Ladies and Gentlemen,***

19. We all agree that Supply Chain Management is the **implementation vehicle** by which service delivery is achieved and plays a major role in our socio-economic development.

20. This is the area where a huge percentage of **the national budgets** is expended hence of **strategic importance.** The **paradox** is that it

is also cited as one of the most vulnerable frontiers to fraud and graft.

21. The Government has **established reforms** by creating the policy, legal, and institutional framework to facilitate efficient and effective service delivery through supply chain management. **However, fraud and lack of accountability remains a challenge.**

22. I am therefore looking forward to hearing from this forum some of the **mitigation proposals** that can shape policy strengthening to help us reduce fraud in Supply Chain Management.

***Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Members of the Institute,***

23. I wish to record my gratitude for the **warm welcome and Messages of Goodwill** on my assumption of Office as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

24. With utmost fairness, objectivity and impartiality, 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.

25. Riding on the **strategic direction** of the Council and stakeholders' support, I am confident we will deliver on our mandate with



utmost professionalism, integrity and diligence.

26. 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**.

27. **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.**

For instance, I have already **appointed a team internally to review the gaps in our membership services** and points of service delivery to ensure that we deliver to the expectations.

Just this week alone, we have been able to ensure finalization of processing of over **730 practitioners applications and licenses**.

As a believer in corporate responsibility, I have also taken time to **follow-up on the pending issues affecting members**.

Infact, I have even written directly to some of our members to apologies in the

**administrative delays in service delivery.**

The good news is that we are **digitizing our core business processes** to have a long lasting mitigation to the members concerns.

- ii. Second, to create a **condusive working environment** that yields impactful programmes.

I am keen on ensuring that the Institute's staff are adequately capacitated to deliver on their roles with **utmost Professionalism, INTEGRITY and Diligence.**

We reached out to a number of development partners including the **European Union (EU) for cooperation in peer to peer exchanges.**

I am sure once rolled-out, our members will also benefit from the cooperation. I will be happy to accordingly **share updates** with the members in the coming months...

- 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 can not be fence-seaters** when other professions are on the table on matters of national interest.

We will **advocate within the available structures** for welfare, equity in employments, appointments and ‘killing the negative stereotyping of Supply Chain Professionals’

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

29. Regarding mitigation of fraud at the work place, I wish to share the following **useful tips;**

- **Share information with the Institute and seek our technical advise with oversight institutions on matters that maybe challenging,**
- **Continuous facilitate Compliance with the law. The law is your shield, use it and comply with it.**

- **Taking professional responsibility for actions. Mitigate omissions to avert possible loss of public resources.**
- **Documenting advisory of processes and keep records,**
- **Engage auditors and investigators professionally to explain processes and roles,**
- **Contribute to legislative proposals development, and understand the policy propositions.**
- **Embracing professional courage to counter misdirections, be the vanguards of professional integrity,**
- **Embracing technology and best practice, and**
- **Ensure segregation of responsibilities. Understand your roles and be incharge.**

30. As I conclude, I call upon all participants to be strategic in equipping themselves with **relevant and dynamic skills to match the fast-paced work environment.** I am sure the content that we have put together will meet your expectations.

31. 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.

32. I have also reviewed the Programme and I have no doubt the resource persons lined to deliver the content are up to the task.

33. Please **feel free to interact, grow your networks, and learn as much as possible** for your personal growth and optimal performance in the responsibilities bestowed on you to serve.

34. With those remarks, it is now my humble duty to declare this **3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the Procurement Fraud Master Class, themed “Enhancing Integrity in Procurement and Supply Chain Process”**, officially opened.

35. I thank you all most sincerely.

Kenneth Matiba  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Kenya Institute Supplies Management**