



**REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY/CEO OF THE
KENYA INSTITUTE OF SUPPLIES
MANAGEMENT, MR. KENNETH MATIBA ON
THE OCCASION OF THE 4TH KISEB CPSP &
APS CERTIFICATE AWARD CEREMONY HELD
ON FRIDAY, 14TH JUNE 2024 AT BOMAS OF
KENYA, NAIROBI**

Salutations

- ❖ **Chairman KISEB, Mr. Amos Ochieng',**
- ❖ **Chairman KISM, Mr. John Karani, MBS represented by CM Jeremiah Nthisu, OGW,**
- ❖ **KISEB Board Members ,**
- ❖ **Honorary Consul of the Republic of Estonia, Kadri Humal-Ayal,**
- ❖ **The Representative of the Vice Chancellor at KCA University, Prof. Onywera,**
- ❖ **Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Director-General, Mr. Patrick Wanjuki,**
- ❖ **Director, Public Procurement, the National Treasury & Economic Planning, Mr. Eric Korir,**
- ❖ **KISEB Chief Executive Officer Dr. Fred Ongisa,**
- ❖ **KASNEB Chief Executive Officer and Secretary, Prof. Nicholas Letting',**
- ❖ **Kenya National Qualifications Authority Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Alice Kande,**
- ❖ **The Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS), Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Agnes Mercy Wahome,**

- ❖ **Rongo University, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration, Finance & Planning), Prof. Daniel K. Tarus,**
- ❖ **Director of Technical Education, State Department for Vocational and Technical Training, Ministry of Education,**
- ❖ **East & Southern Africa, Regional Director, HELP Logistics Limited, Ms. Victoria Njunu,**
- ❖ **Regional Managing Director, AGL East Africa Region, Mr. Jason Reynard,**
- ❖ **Directors and Faculty Members of Training Institutions represented here,**
- ❖ **Distinguished Alumni,**
- ❖ **Parents and Guardians,**
- ❖ **Awardees, Esteemed Guests,**
- ❖ **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

❖ **Good morning,**

1. I am honored to be a part of this 4th Award Ceremony for the Kenya Institute of Supplies Examination Board (KISEB), where 203 candidates will be awarded full certification in CPSP-K while 581 partial qualifications will be awarded to candidates.

2. Recognizing that the 1st Certificate Award Ceremony was held in 2019 with only 3 candidates being awarded full certification, I join the rest of the speakers in congratulating KISEB for the transformative interventions and concerted efforts in the delivery of its Programmes.

3. I also extend my heartfelt appreciation to the KISEB Board and KISM Council for their unwavering commitment to investing in sustainable collaboration and partnership beneficial to both institutes.

4. Indeed, this collaborative approach aligns perfectly with the rebirth of a new philosophy at the Institute which we are proposing to our

internal and external stakeholders, and thus
Delivering – As One, And With All.

5. Ofcourse for KISEB and KISM we are children of the same mother....both our Institutions are a creation of the Suppliers Practitioners Management Act, 2007. Our institutional architecture conjoins us not only an the strategic levels but also also at technical and operational levels....And therefore the success of KISEB is our success.

6. We have started many joint initiatives in the recent past as we seek to position the supply chain management profession in the Country for greater relevance and credibility. I thank our leadership for making this possible.

7. For instance, recently the Kenya Institute of Supplies Management (KISM) and the Kenya Institute of Supplies Examination Board (KISEB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) within the Supply Chain Management practice in Kenya.

8. By recognizing prior learning and experience, we are promoting excellence and professionalism within Kenya's supply chain sector. This initiative aligns with the Ministry of Education's recently launched RPL Policy Framework in Kenya.

9. I encourage all the practitioners in the Supply Chain Management space to take advantage of this initiative and have their skills and knowledge, which they have gained through professional experience or independent learning in the supply chain sector, formally recognized.

Ladies and gentlemen,

10. At the Institute, our mandate is to train, register, license, discipline and regulate supply chain management practice in the Country. In this role, our vision is to model empowered, competent and ethical supply chain management practitioners.

11....as such 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.

12.I am grateful to all our members present, and our stakeholders, in the past 1 month since the time the Institute issued a Compliance Circular to all public entities to reinforce compliance with requirements of the Suppliers Practitioners Management Act, we have continued to register quite a number of new applications at the Institute.

13.This is a gesture of confidence, and I am grateful. During this period we have been

above to successfully process over **700 new applications.**

14. I therefore wish to encourage all graduands here today, to register with the Institute and ensure you remain in good standing. Some of you who are new in the Supply Chain Management Practice, it is a worthwhile career key for the social economic progress of the Country.

15. You must therefore have the right attitude and embody values of selflessness in service delivery, be agile and innovative to fit in this competitive and complex career.

16. I am confident that the training you have received meets the regulatory requirements

and is relevant to the contemporary market expectations.

17. As we congratulate you, we also recognize the sacrifices and support offered by the Institute's staff, parents, guardians, sponsors and other stakeholders, who have made this ceremony a reality.

18. I wish to challenge the awardees to confidently proceed and deploy the knowledge and skills you have acquired for the benefit of society. While exercising integrity and professionalism, show passionate focus as you engage in your career path with a future-oriented approach of accountability and credibility. In addition, strive to further your education in this area of

Supply Chain Management.

19. Indeed, this day marks a significant milestone in your lives, as you step into the world, equipped with knowledge and skills to shape the future. I encourage you to be selfless and diligent in your service delivery to the nation and the world at large.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

20. The realm of supply chain management is in perpetual flux, shaped by swift technological progress, evolving customer demands, and global economic dynamics.

21. Within KISM, we bear the duty of not only anticipating these shifts but also embracing innovation and persistently refining our

expertise to meet emerging challenges head-on. We also encourage our practitioners to comply with the laws that govern the Supply Chain Management space.

To the our Members Present,

22. I wish to assure that the Institute, we are committed to transforming **KISM to be a model institution** that delivers to the expectation of its members and stakeholders.

23. **Our priorities now include;**

- i. First, to make the Institute efficient, effective and accountable in service delivery by being members-focused.**

I aware there have been challenges around **administrative delays processing membership services.**

From the beginning of April to-date we have been able to clear a backlog of

over 1,000 membership applications at the Institute.

The good news is that we are **digitizing our core business processes** to have a long lasting mitigation to the members concerns. **I thank the World Bank** for partnering with the Institute in this journey of reengineering our core business processes.

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

We have now **operationalized the Kenya College of Supply chain Management**, and from this month we are admitting students. Our desire ultimately will be to have all practitioners in the Country to have **CPSP-K qualifications. 1st January, 2025 date.....**

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 empowered, as we work with other professions in contributing to** 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”

This week, we will be **revamping our regional chapters,** to make our services available at the grassroot levels.

We are also empowering our key organs, such as the **Disciplianry Committee** to take up matters of professional misconduct in line with our establishing Statutes.

Just a fortnight ago, we were able to work with the **Judiciary through the Kenya Judiciary Academy to build the capacity of our Disciplinary Committee.**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

24. As I conclude, I wish to convey my sincere gratitude to all the stakeholders present for heeding our call to join us for this award ceremony. I specifically wish to appreciate the presence of representatives from the Estonian Embassy and from KCA University for being

here with us today.

25. Finally to the graduands the surest weapon to excellence and career development is in embracing the values of humility, integrity, compassion, fairness and love of mercy.

26. Thank you and congratulations to the awardees.

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