



**Remarks by Mr. Kenneth Matiba,
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(KISM) during the Opening of the
Procurement of Goods, Works, and
Consulting Services, for World Bank-
Financed Projects: Intermediate Course
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Mombasa**

- ❖ **Our partners from the World Bank,**
- ❖ **Distinguished Participants,**
- ❖ **Our Resource Persons,**
- ❖ **Colleagues,**
- ❖ **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Good Morning!

1. It's a privilege to join you today for the official opening of the **Intermediate Course for Procurement of Goods, Works, and Consulting Services for the World Bank Financed Projects.**

2. From the onset, I wish to convey greetings from the larger KISM fraternity, and **pass our message of unwavering commitment** to service delivery in the professionalization of supply chain management and connected practices in Kenya.

3. A warm welcome to all our esteemed guests from across the region! We are delighted to have participants from **Ethiopia, Botswana, South Sudan, The Kingdom of Eswatini, São Tomé and Príncipe, Mozambique, Somalia, Tanzania**, and of course, our very own, the patriotic and welcoming Kenyans. **Karibuni Sana!**

4. By this gesture, I am seeing our aspiration of transforming KISM to be the **Pan-African Centre for SCM, becoming a reality**. Thank you for coming, we thank for choosing our Programmes.

5. Indeed, this this **collaborative regional 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.**

6. We believe in fostering **peer-to-peer learning** where professionals from across the region can share their experiences, challenges, and knowledge, noting that we all operate in a **comparable ecosystem** characterized by; **Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity and Ambiguity** among other challenges.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

7. Just to apprise you, KISM is a public entity established under the “Supplies Practitioners Management Act No.17 of 2007”, to *inter alia* to **train, register, licence, discipline and regulate supply chain management practitioners...**

8. The Institute plays a key role promoting, **“learning, development of best practices, and application of the same to the practice of procurement and supply chain management in Kenya”**.
9.**as such anyone** that practices as a Procurement and Supply Chain Managemeny Professional (PSCM) in Kenya must be **registered and licensed** by KISM, and be of good standing.
10. I am grateful to all our members present, and our stakeholders, because two (2) weeks ago the Institute issued a **Compliance Circular to all public entities** to reinforce compliance with requirements of the Suppliers Practitioners Management Act.

11. From then we have continued to register quite a number of new applications at the Institute. For instance, last week on **Thursday, 30th May, 2024** we considered over **700 Applications by professionals** which have all been processed. We urge all our stakeholders to join us in supporting compliance interventions of the Institute.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

12. In 2018, the World Bank signed a Memorandum of Understanding with KISM to offer **training materials, resource persons, and program execution support.** This is the backbone of our being here today....and we are grateful for the mutually reinforcing co-partnership with the Bank.

13. This training is currently offered in three (3) phases annually; **Foundation, Intermediate, and Advanced Levels** which have been curated in response to the growing demand for more in-depth experiential learning.

14. I therefore wish to take this earliest opportunity to convey my assurance to you that after this training you will be equipped with the **pre-requisite knowledge on internationally accepted best procurement practices. I am confident the resource persons have been carefully selected and briefed to deliver optimally.**

15. We are also happy to inform you that we are rationalizing our programmes to **offer industry-relevant contents** that

addresses emerging issues such as; **application of artificial intelligence and block chains in supply chain management, humanitarian and health supply, transport and logistics, inventory management among others.**

16. Our view is that we have to be **holistic in our approaches** so that we take care of both the **demand and supply sides of operating environments** when it comes to capacity building programmes....this means have to **address both the public and private sectors.**

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

Ladies and Gentlemen,

18. As you may be aware, the **World Bank framework has been in operation since July 2016**, and it promotes tailored procurement approaches that **emphasize choice, quality, and value for public spending while enabling adaptation to country contexts.**

19. The framework assists client nations in determining the **best value for their money** by ensuring that projects adapt swiftly to changing needs.

20. I believe 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.

21. Highlighting public procurement alone, Governments spend **US\$13 trillion annually** - around **15% of global GDP, with Kenya's being 26% of the GDP** - which demonstrates the important role public procurement – and by extension SCM - plays in achieving global sustainability goals, hence of **strategic importance**.

22. In Kenya, the Government has **established and continue to undertake reforms** by creating the Policy, Legal, and Institutional Framework to facilitate efficient and effective service delivery through SCM with **opportunities** for improvement still in existence, especially in regards to **entrenching transparency**

and accountability, and tackling business processing beauracries.

23. I am therefore looking forward to hearing from this forum some of the **mitigation proposals and best practice** that can shape policy strengthening to help us build **empowered, competent and ethical supply chain management practitioners**, who can compete and serve in the region and globally.

Nexus with this Intermediate Class

24. This **intermediate class** therefore seeks to bolster and augment our reform initiatives. It is being conducted as a follow-up to the **Foundation Class** held in **February this year, 2024**

25. ... and this Class will discuss how to develop and successfully implement procurement strategies and plans that meet the desired goals for **country-specific organizations** across the continent.

26. The objectives of this course include;

- **Highlighting the Project Procurement Strategy for Development (PPSD) for analyzing needs and risks;**
- **Evaluation of bids for value for money;**
- **Resolving procurement-related complaints, and**
- **Contract management among others.**

27. At the **institutional level**, this Course aims at assisting Countries, National and County Government Ministries,

Departments and Agencies (MDAs) and Public Sector Entities to **increase their efficiency and cost-effectiveness in conducting, monitoring and reporting procurements of the World Bank-funded projects.**

To the our Members Present,

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

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

with **utmost professionalism, integrity and diligence.**

30. The Management we will always endeavor to be **responsive to your inquiries and feedback,** as we make service delivery the **pulse of our business processes.**

31. **Our priorities** are;

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

I aware there have been challenges around **administrative delays in 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 **re-engineering our core business processes.**

- ii. Second priority is 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**.

This week we signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Kenya Institute of Supplies Examinations Board (KISEB) **in implementation of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)**. This has been done in line with the **Governments Policy direction through the Ministry of Education (MoE)**, and with the support of **Kenya National Qualification Authority (KNQA)**.

We therefore urge all our stakeholders who may be candidates to engage us for support in this area.

- iii. **Third, is 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.**

32. I therefore 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.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

33. 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.

34. I am sure the content that we have put together will meet your expectations.

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

36. 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.**

37. I commit to partner with you to make the Institute efficient, effective and accountable in service delivery by being members-focused by creating a conducive working environment that yields **impactful programmes.**

38. Lastly, I challenge each one of us to be the **Institute's brand ambassadors**, and by so doing we will be positioning the supply chain profession in Kenya for greater relevance and credibility.

39. With those remarks, it is now my humbly duty to declare this **Intermediate Course for Procurement of Goods, Works, and Consulting Services for World Bank Financed Projects** officially opened.

I Thank You!

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