



REMARKS BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE KENYA INSTITUTE OF SUPPLIES MANAGEMENT (KISM) DURING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE HEADS OF PROCUREMENT FORUM, 2024 EDITION WITH THE THEME “NAVIGATING TURBULENCE: STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP FOR STABILIZING SUPPLY CHAINS IN KENYA” HELD ON TUESDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 2024 AT SAROVA WHITESANDS RESORT IN MOMBASA

Protocols

- The Principal Secretary, The National Treasury and Economic Planning, **Dr. Chris Kiptoo, CBS**
- The Chairman KISM Council – **Mr. John Karani, MBS**
- Chairman PPRA Board, **Hon. Jimmy Kahindi,**
- Chairman PPAR Board, **Mr. George Murugu,**
- Chairman KISEB, **Mr. Amos Ochieng’**
- Director of Public Procurement, The National Treasury, **Mr. Eric Korir,**
- Distinguished KISM Council Members,
- Director Generals and Chief Executive Officers present, **Mr. Patrick Wanjuki, Mr. David Omwoyo**
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- Professional Colleagues,
- Heads of Procurement and Supply Chain Management Functions,
- Members of the KISM Secretariat,
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning!

1. It is with great humility and gratitude that I take this chance to welcome you to the **2024 Edition of the Heads of Procurement and Supply Chain Management Forum.**
2. Before I make further remarks, please allow me to introduce those in attendance at this Forum;

- i. **Members of the Secretariat,**
- ii. **County Governments,**
- iii. **Ministries, Departments and Agencies,**
- iv. **Constitutional Commissions and Independent Offices,**
- v. **Private Sector Actors,**
- vi. **Sponsors and Exhibitors,**
- vii. **State Corporations – name the CEOs,**
- viii. **Recognize the Chairman and the KISM Council.**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

3. From the onset, I wish to recognize that this Forum, is coming in the wake of **many socio-economic challenges** affecting our progress as a Country.
4. Being on the expenditure side of our public financial management architecture, procurement and supply chain management, **occupy a unique position to positively influence the desired mitigations** that can assist the nation in tackling the socio-economic challenges.
5. It is on this accord that we deemed it appropriate to curate the theme for this Forum, as **“Navigating Turbulence: Strategic Leadership for Stabilizing Supply Chains in Kenya,”**.
6. Noting the **budget constraints and austerity measures** in the public sector, we are grateful that you still found an opportunity to be here.

7. We appreciate **our parent ministry, the National Treasury and Economic Planning through the Office of the Principal Secretary** for issuing a Circular to facilitate the attendance of this Forum.

8. The specific objectives of this Forum include;
 - i. **To enhance the strategic leadership capabilities,**
 - ii. **Foster collaborative partnerships and knowledge-sharing,**
 - iii. **Advocate for policy reforms and regulatory changes among others .**

- iv. Our desire from this Forum is to **arrive at possible action points** that would augment the reforms for better management of procurement and supply chain management in the Country.

9. In the recent past, our priority has been;
 - i. To revamp points of service delivery to be responsive and efficient in serving our members. **We have finalized the automation of our registration services for better service delivery. This is going to assist us in tackling the problems of administrative delays in serving our membership. We have revised our service charter to realize our aspirations in the delivery of efficient services to our stakeholders.**

- ii. To position the profession for better **visibility, credibility, and relevance**, working with both state and non-state actors.

We have put in place a robust mechanism for updating our stakeholders on the work we are doing continuously through strategic communication.

- iii. To contribute to matters of national interest and promotion of good governance. For the first time, we have the disciplinary arm of the Institute fully functional.

The Institute, working with the Judiciary and other actors has now satisfactorily built the capacity of its disciplinary wing to handle matters of professional misconduct.

- iv. To translate feedback into continuous improvement as we seek to serve our members better. **We have made our position clear, on compliance enforcement. We are working very closely with other regulatory institutions in this regard. This has seen our membership grow to over 10,000 in the recent past.**

- v. To strengthen our institutional capacity, by having structured programs including on emerging topics. **The focus is now two-fold, characterized by the modeling of both public and private sector-oriented programs.**

Milestones:

Kenya College of Supply Chain Management, RPL Framework, Timely OAG Audits, CPD Guidelines, CPSK Pathway, Enhanced Partnership with other Professional Bodies and development partners, DC Capacity enhancement, Professional Standards, Regional Chapters, Consultancy Services, Fellowship Policy, etc.

10. We have no doubt that our membership has noted operational improvement in many aspects, that **the Council will be able to share during this Forum.**
11. As we move forward, we shall embark constructively on enhanced interventions on **welfare frontiers and opportunities for our membership. We want to answer the question about the benefits of being a KISM Member.**
12. We kindly request for your continued resilience as we serve you. **I grant you our assurance that as the Secretariat, we shall always remain objective and impartial in the work that we are doing. I therefore request for your continued support.**
13. As I conclude, **we are optimistic that the resource persons and the 4-days Programme** that we have put forward for this Forum will add value, we encourage you to interact freely, network, and engage in experiential exchange.

14. We shall do our best, to **document and follow up on all aspects and resolutions that this Forum of 2024**, shall arrive at.

15. We are aware in the **past two (2) editions**, there are several issues that were discussed that are still outstanding implementation, we shall combine the same with this year's resolutions for prioritization and action.

The issues of schemes of service, negative stereotyping, equality in appointments, representation and opportunities shall be on the table as was serve you.

16. We have **adequate capacity** at the Institute, and there should be no excuse from our side not to implement the commitments that we make to our members.

17. With those remarks made, **it is now my humble duty to invite the Chairman** of the Institute to take over the Program.

I thank you all most sincerely, wishing you all a productive Forum.

Kenneth Matiba
Secretary/Chief Executive Officer.