

**REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KENYA INSTITUTE OF SUPPLIES MANAGEMENT (KISM) DURING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE HEADS OF SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT - NAVIGATING TURBULENCE: STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP FOR STABILIZING SUPPLY CHAINS IN KENYA ON TUESDAY, 13TH AUGUST AT SAROVA WHITESANDS – MOMBASA**

- Principal Secretary of the National Treasury – **Dr. Chris Kiptoo**
- Chairman PPRA
- Chairman PPARB
- Chairman KISEB and Board Members
- Director of Public Procurement
- My fellow Council Members
- CEO KISM
- CEO KISEB
- DG PPRA, our partners
- Chief Executive Officers present
- Professional Colleagues
- Ladies and Gentlemen

**Good morning!**

1. It is a great honor for me to welcome you all today to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Heads of Procurement Forum, a forum that we started three years ago in Naivasha aimed at bringing together all HOPS to talk about our issues; our challenges, best practice sharing, etc in a safe environment
2. We started off these networking forums in 2022 and I am happy to state that we have entrenched these critical event in our annual calendar:

a. The 2022 forum was focused on addressing the CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW STANDARD TENDER DOCUMENTS

b. The 2023 held right here at the Whitesands Hotel was themed THE IMPACT OF PROCUREMENT REFORMS IN FIGHTING CORRUPTION IN KENYA

3. The theme of this 3rd pivotal forum is very appropriate: —“Navigating Turbulence: Strategic Leadership for Stabilizing Supply Chains in Kenya.” This epitomizes the truly VUCA/BANI environment that we are operating in and supply chain management is right in the centre of it. We are here to equip ourselves on how to navigate this increasingly turbulent operating environment
4. On behalf of the Kenya Institute of Supplies Management (KISM), I am privileged to address a gathering of professionals whose expertise and leadership are instrumental in shaping the present and the future of our procurement and supply chain sectors.
5. Let me take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Principal Secretary the National Treasury, Dr. Chris Kiptoo, our parent Ministry for his unwavering support. His circular last week was very instrumental in facilitating most members to attend this forum
6. These meetings are also an opportunity for us to update you, our Members, on the critical milestones we have achieved over the last one year in entrenching the critical role that supply chain management plays in the socio-economic discourse of our country.
7. One of our most significant achievements has been the enhancement of professional standards within the procurement and supply chain sector. To this end, I wish to **inform you all that CPD policy has finally been Gazzetted and all those who have registered for this forum will get 24 CPD Points.**
8. We have also continued to strengthen partnerships with other government agencies, development partners, and the

private sector actors as evidenced by this forum which has a sizable number of private sector participants.

9. **I am also happy to announce that our Membership has grown significantly this with** all time registration now at over **23,000**. Active members have also **grown from 7,325 in the Year 2023 to now over 10,000**. This is a **22% increase in active membership** which is attributed to vigorous membership recruitment drives and the Circular from the Head of Public Service directing that all Procurement and Supply Chain officers must be members of the Institute.
10. **We have also Strengthening the human capital of the Institute by recruiting a** substantive CEO & 5 new Directors & DDs heading Corporate Services, Capacity Building & Accreditation, Compliance & Standards, Strategic Planning & Resource Mobilization, Supply Chain Management & Marketing & Communication
11. **Repeal of the Supplies Practitioners Management Act (SPMA)** 2007 has finally been reviewed to comply with the 2010 Constitution and in keeping with modern developments after undergoing comprehensive Member validation and feedback
12. **Enforcement of the SPMA:** We have engaged and established strategic collaborations with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA), and the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission to support in enforcing the SPMA.
13. **Automation of Membership Services:** The Institute has automated membership services including a member self-service portal. **Today membership applications are done and reviewed online.** We are working on the final stage of how to issue certificates by reducing the current cycle time to a maximum of 14days upon submission of all relevant documents.
14. **Fellows (FKISM):** For the first time since the Institute was established and SPMA 2007 was passed we now have a

**policy on appointing Fellows.** In the coming days we shall begin to operationalize the Institute's Fellows.

15. **Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL):** The Policy on recognition of prior learning has been completed. **On 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024 the KISM and KISEB signed an MOU to operationalize RPL.** This is a huge milestone as it will bring on board about **4,000 Associate Members** who need to graduate to full membership.
16. **Disciplinary Committee and Disciplinary Policy:** As part of the mandate, the Institute has now a revised disciplinary manual and the **Disciplinary Committee members have been trained by the Judiciary Training Institute.** This is expected to make the committee more robust. Already its handling three cases of discipline as we sensitize the public and members on submission of cases.
17. **Kenya College of Supply Chain Management:** In line with earlier discussions and to fulfil the members interest, the Institute has now operationalized the Kenya College of Supply Chain Management which will be housed on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of KISM Towers.
18. **Strengthening Partnerships:** The Institute is increasing its strategic Partnerships with EACC, DCI, ODPP, PPRA, OAG, AG, CoG. Indeed, we have an MOU awaiting final concurrence to sign between KISM and EACC on handling matters of misconduct by practitioners.
19. **Regional Chapters:** We have operationalized nine (10) regional chapters to make our services accessible as required in the Constitution.
20. Fellowship Policy roll-out in recognition of those of us who contributed significantly to the SCM Profession
21. As we celebrate these achievements, we must also look to the future with a vision of continued growth and impact. We aim to further expand our training and certification programs. We remain committed to driving positive change in the industry through advocacy, research, and innovation.

22. I am confident that by working together, we can build a more resilient, efficient, and sustainable supply chain for Kenya.
23. We are on a journey of making supply chain management an integral pillar in the socio-economic discourse, locally and globally. **We are the ones to make it happen; We Are the Change Agents That We Have Been Waiting For. To quote Buckminster Fuller, “We are called upon to be the architects of the future, not the victims”**
24. Let us determine to bequeath the next generation a profession and indeed a country that we can all be proud of. That is what living a legacy is all about...what do we want to be remembered for?

**God bless You**

**John Karani, MBS**

**Chairman**

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