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TREASURY AND ECONOMIC PLANNING DURING  
THE ANNUAL HEADS OF PROCUREMENT FORUM  
ON 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024 HELD AT THE SAROVA  
WHITESANDS HOTEL, MOMBASA**

- ❖ The Prime Cabinet Secretary, and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, Hon Musalia Mudavadi E.G.H,
- ❖ The KISM Chairman, Mr. John Karani, MBS and the entire Council,
- ❖ All Invited Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) and Accounting Officers,
- ❖ KISM CEO Mr. Kenneth Matiba and all KISM Staff,
- ❖ All Heads of Procurement and Distinguished Participants,

***Ladies and Gentlemen***

***Hamjambo!***

1. It is my honor to join you during this **3<sup>rd</sup> Edition** of the Annual Heads of Procurement and Supply Chain Management Forum, 2024.

2. From the onset, I wish to recognize and appreciate that this Forum brings together **diverse groups of professionals** from the public and private sectors, providing a **valuable platform for experience and knowledge sharing**.
3. I therefore wish to thank the Kenya Institute of Supplies Management (KISM), for institutionalizing this Forum, and for inviting me to officiate its opening.
4. Indeed, The National Treasury plays a pivotal role in shaping and overseeing Procurement and Supply Chain Management Practices within the public sector. This includes;
  - i. **Policy making and direction,**
  - ii. **Administration of Scheme of Service for Supply Chain Management cadre of professionals,**
  - iii. **Public Financial Management (PFM),**
  - iv. **Capacity building, and**
  - v. **Public Private Partnerships (PPP) oversight, among others.**
5. These functions **aim to enhance efficiency, transparency, and accountability** in Supply Chain Management in the public sector.
6. And so today, as I engage you, I wish to appreciate your role as Heads of Procurement and Supply Chain Management, and the Regulators – KISM and Public

Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA), as the **critical mass** the Country depends on for its socio-economic progress, through prudent application and utilization of public resources.

***Ladies and Gentlemen,***

7. This Forum offers a unique opportunity for us to **collectively address the current and emerging issues** in the procurement and supply chain landscape.
8. The Procurement and Supply Chain Profession play a pivotal role in upholding the principles of fairness, equity, transparency, and competitiveness enshrined in Article **227 of the Kenyan Constitution**.
9. However, we cannot ignore the **persistent challenge of corruption** that undermines our efforts and erodes public trust sometimes associated with Supply Chain Management processes.
10. As you are all aware, the world today is grappling with **unprecedented** complexities. Geopolitical tensions, climate change, and the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict have disrupted supply chains globally, including ours. Yet, the insidious threat of corruption remains a constant challenge.
11. In the recent past, we have all witnessed the **call for more transparency and accountability** in our governance systems including **the proposals to**

**reform the public procurement and supply chain management processes.**

12. As the Heads of Procurement and Supply Chain Management, I urge you to be part of the **reform discourse** as we endeavor to promote good governance.
13. I am confident using your positions, you **can influence positive change by ensuring cost-effective, competitive, equitable and transparent** Supply Chain Management processes.

***Ladies and Gentlemen,***

14. It is no doubt, we are being affected by hard economic times. The situation has influenced the decision of the National Treasury to issue a number of **austerity measures**. We urge you to **ensure full compliance while embracing innovation** to sustain service delivery to the citizens.
15. The theme for this year's edition, "**Navigating Turbulence: Strategic Leadership for Stabilizing Supply Chains in Kenya**," aptly captures the challenges facing the sector.
16. As leaders, your role in building resilient and adaptable supply chains is paramount. Notably, the recent events underscore the public's demand for accountability, transparency, and efficient service delivery.

17. The government is committed to addressing these concerns and transforming procurement into a cornerstone of good governance. Our focus is on;

**i. Professionalizing the sector.**

The National Treasury's position is that only those registered and licensed as professionals by KISM should be allowed to practice in SCM. We appreciate the position KISM has taken on this matter and the progress being made.

**ii. Enhancing transparency through the use of technology.**

As you are aware, the National Treasury is currently piloting the end-to-end electronic Government Procurement System, with the full rollout scheduled for **1<sup>st</sup> January, 2024**. I encourage all Heads of Procurement and Supply Chain Management to embrace the e-GP System, as it seeks to enhance transparency, tractability and competitiveness in the process.

**iii. Policy development and administration of scheme of service for the SCM Cadre of professionals.**

Through our Public Procurement Department, and working together with both KISM and PPRA, we will continue to monitor and assess the effectiveness of the existing legal framework with a view to ensure improvements

where necessary, as we work with other arms of Government including Parliament.

18. I urge PPD under the National Treasury, KISM, PPRA, Kenya Institute of Supplies Examination Board (KISEB), and Public Procurement Administrative Review Board (PPARB) to strengthen their **collaboration and coordination** in the advancement of the SCM profession.
  
19. I urge the Director Public Procurement Department, on behalf of the National Treasury to organize a meeting bringing together the Accounting Officers of these Agencies to discuss and make proposals aimed at fast tracking the **Directives by the President on amending the Public Procurement law and to accelerate reform implementation.**

***Ladies and Gentlemen,***

20. As I conclude, I wish to state that while navigating these turbulent times in line with the theme for this Forum, **effective leadership and innovative strategies** are indispensable for mitigating supply chain disruptions.
  
21. I commend KISM for organizing this timely Forum. The insights shared here will be crucial in **building a more resilient and transparent procurement ecosystem.** Let us seize this opportunity to collaborate and share best practices.

22. Together, we will combat corruption, enhance efficiency, and deliver value for money. By working collectively, we can **position Kenya as a center of excellence in supply chain management.**

23. With those remarks, it is now by humble duty to **declare** this 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the Heads of Supply Chain Management Forum, 2024 **officially opened.**

**Thank you, and may this Forum be a resounding success.**

**God bless you, and God bless our beloved Kenya.**

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