



**REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KENYA
INSTITUTE OF SUPPLIES MANAGEMENT (KISM)
DURING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 3RD
EDITION OF THE SUPPLY CHAIN NATIONAL
DIALOGUE ON TUESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER AT
SAROVA WHITESANDS – MOMBASA**

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Salutations

- **Hon. CPA John Mbadi Ng'ongo, EGH Cabinet Secretary**, The National Treasury And Economic Planning The Cabinet Secretary
- **His Excellency, Abdulswamad Sharrif Nassir**, The Governor of Mombasa County,
- **Dr. Chris Kiptoo, CBS**, The Principal Secretary, The National Treasury and Economic Planning,
- Chairmen & Presidents of Supply Chain Agencies in Kenya and the African Region
- Members of the **KISM Council**
- **Mr. Kenneth Matiba**, Chief Executive Officer, KISM
- All Invited Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) and Accounting Officers,
- KISM Members, Partners and Stakeholders
- Professional Colleagues
- Ladies and Gentlemen

Good morning!

1. Today marks another huge milestone in the Procurement and Supply Chain Profession in Kenya and the region.
2. This 2024 edition of NDC is also the largest assembly of practioners and partners in the recent past as we dialogue on matters of great national and regional interest.

3. I wish to thank each one of you for coming. This is a true testament that our profession is truly growing and shows our commitment to move to the next level.
4. The national dialogue with the theme of *Unlocking Value: Strengthening National Supply Chains in a Global Economy*, is so timely as SCM continues to be the constant factor for global intergration.
5. We curated the theme while recognizing that , the Procurement and Supply chain landscape is challenged by issues such as fragmentation, limited technological adoption, and inadequate sustainability practices.
6. This national dialogue is therefore specifically organized to tackle these challenges and unlock the full potential of the ecosystem.
7. By bringing together industry leaders, policymakers, and supply chain professionals, the we aim to facilitate knowledge-sharing, foster collaboration, and devise strategies to enhance the competitiveness and resilience of national supply chains.
8. As an Institute we have achieved a lot. This has been possible because of your support. Let me highlight a few areas:

9. Our membership continues to grow. Today we stand at **24,914 members**. This growth in membership is attributed to vigorous membership recruitment drives and compliance initiatives that our management led by the CEO has operationalized. Including compliance checks and audits.
10. Ofcourse we remain grateful for the Circular from the Head of Public Service issued in the past directing that all Procurement and Supply Chain officers must be registered and licensed members of the Institute as a precondition for practice.
11. As you are aware as a professional body, discipline is critical. I wish to note that the Institute developed the Disciplinary Manual and the Disciplinary committee members have been trained by the Judiciary Training Institute in 2024. This is expected to make the committee more robust. **Already a total of 45 cases have been handled by the Committee.**
12. In our last dialogue, as a Council we comitted to ensure our members have their college at KISM Towers. Today I confirm the **Kenya College of Supply Chain Management is operational.**

13. The College of Supply Chain Management which is housed on 2nd Floor of KISM Towers and has already enrolled **40 students** taking professional courses. The CEO and his Management is working to expand it including initiative the process of developing a **virtual library** with the support of the Estonian Government.
14. In line with the Institute's mandate to train and build the capacities of SCM practitioners, we have continuously reviewed training content that is relevant within the Kenyan context, and in line with global standards.
15. So far **30,000 SCM practitioners** have been trained through seminars, workshops, webinars, etc. In addition, we have reviewed the costs of training to lower the barrier to knowledge acquisition for SCM practitioners.
16. The Institute also has developed CPD Guidelines which were approved by Parliament in August, 2024 providing the framework for delivery of CPD programmes.
17. As a result of a comprehensive needs assessment and stakeholder engagement to identify areas to better serve members, the institute established **nine (9) regional chapters**

18. The Institute has increased its strategic Partnerships with The National Treasury, Ministry of Education, Universities and Colleges, Commission for Higher Education, EACC, DCI, ODPP, PPRA, OAG, AG, CoG, IHRM, ICS, IIA, and ICPAK among others.
19. Just to mention, just 2 weeks ago, our CEO signed a Memorandum of Understanding with EACC to enhance trainings on matters of ethics and integrity, and most importantly to separate matters of professional misconduct from criminal actions as we make the Institute the first point of recourse on issues of their professional conduct.
20. The Institute has also entered into regional and international cooperation agreements positioning Kenya and the Pan-African Center for Supply Chain Professionalization including working with Development Partners such as GIZ and World Bank, among others...and we are happy some of these development partners have joined us in this forum.
21. The digital platform and revamped end-to-end ERP to improve member engagement, service delivery, and information sharing has been completed with the support of the World Bank Group.

22. Today membership applications are done online and reviewed online. Finished the issuance of certificates online reducing the 45 days cycle time to a maximum of 14 days upon submission of all relevant documents.
23. We have developed a robust resource mobilization strategy, including partnerships with public and private sector organizations which will be a game changer when we launch the new Strategic Plan this December. We thank all of you who have submitted and continue to submit views and proposals on it.
24. For the first time since the Institute was established and SPMA 2007 was passed, in 2024 a policy on appointing Fellows was approved.
25. Kenya Institute of Supplies Management and KISEB became the first professional body with the support of KNQA to have an approved RPL policy. On 30th May 2024 the CEO KISM and CEO 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. I am happy to report that 20 practitioners have registered under this programme. We expect first graduates of this program early 2025.

26. 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.
27. I want to express my sincere gratitude to each of you for your dedication and resilience.
28. I wish to sincerely appreciate our Parent Ministry, The National Treasury and Economic Planning for the unwavering support. I further thank the “Pentagon” the Key Institutions in Supply Chain namely PPD, PPRA, PPARB and KISEB. Our team work is bearing fruits. Thank you Chairmen and CEO’s for the great partnership.
29. Let us continue to work together, support one another, and drive forward with confidence and determination. The strength of our collective efforts will pave the way for a more stable and prosperous future for Kenya’s procurement and supply chain sectors.
30. I am confident that by working together, we can build a more resilient, efficient, and sustainable supply chain for Kenya.

God bless You

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