

SPEECH BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, KENYA INSTITUTE OF SUPPLIES MANAGEMENT (KISM), DURING THE 6TH KISEB CERTIFICATE AWARD CEREMONY

12th June 2026

The Chief Guest;

Principal Secretary, State Department for Public Investments and Asset Management;

Chairperson and Members of the KISEB Board;

Chairperson of KISM;

Chief Executive Officer of KISEB;

Representatives of Training Institutions;

Distinguished Guests;

Parents and Guardians;

Graduands;

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Good Morning.

It is a great pleasure to join you today as we celebrate a remarkable achievement in the lives of our graduands and in the advancement of the procurement and supply chain management profession in Kenya.

Allow me to begin by congratulating each one of you on reaching this important milestone. The certificates you receive today are not merely academic credentials; they are evidence of discipline, commitment, sacrifice, and determination. You have earned them.

Today marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another.

As you step into the professional world, you do so at a time when procurement and supply chain management has become one of the most strategic functions in both public and private institutions. Organizations are increasingly relying on supply chain professionals to drive efficiency, deliver value, manage risks, embrace innovation, and support sustainable growth.

The opportunities before you are immense.

However, with opportunity comes responsibility.

The profession you are joining demands more than technical competence. It requires accountability, professionalism, courage, and sound judgment. The decisions you will make in your careers will influence the use of resources, the delivery of services, organizational performance, and ultimately the lives of citizens.

I therefore encourage you to become professionals who are known not only for what you know, but also for what you stand for.

Be professionals who:

- ✚ **Uphold integrity even when no one is watching;**
- ✚ **Embrace innovation and emerging technologies;**
- ✚ **Pursue continuous learning and professional development;**
- ✚ **Demonstrate leadership at every level; and**
- ✚ **Create value wherever you serve.**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The future of our profession will be shaped by individuals who are prepared to think differently, challenge conventional approaches, and provide solutions to increasingly complex global and local supply chain challenges.

Kenya needs professionals who can strengthen public institutions, support economic growth, enhance service delivery, and contribute to national development. I have no doubt that many of the leaders who will shape that future are seated before us today.

To our graduands, never underestimate the power of your qualification, your ambition, and your character. Continue investing in yourself. Seek mentorship. Build networks. Stay curious. Remain committed to excellence.

Most importantly, remember that learning does not end today. Graduation is not the finish line; it is the starting point of a lifelong journey of growth and professional achievement.

On behalf of KISM, I reaffirm our commitment to supporting your professional development and to working closely with KISEB and other stakeholders in building a globally competitive procurement and supply chain management profession.

Once again, congratulations to all the graduands.

We are proud of you, we believe in your potential, and we look forward to witnessing the impact you will make in your organizations, communities, and our nation.

May your future be defined by excellence, integrity, and service.

Thank you, and God bless you all.

KISM CEO/Secretary

Dated this Friday, 12th June 2026