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“Promoting Professionalism in Supply Chain Management”

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CONCEPT PAPER

Theme: “Transforming Supply Chain Management to Drive Economic Recovery and Social Impact”

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1.0 Background

The Covid-19 Pandemic has exposed deep-seated issues that have consistently limited the potential of supply chains globally. Many organizations have been forced to rethink their strategies, drastically scaling up, transforming, or shutting down their operations. Across the globe, business leaders are exploring ways to remain afloat, be resilient and recover from the pandemic. This is amidst the Climate Change phenomena escalating and complicating new and old conflicts throughout the world.

There is a thin line between supply chain management and the economic development of a country. Large buying and manufacturing entities are the largest creators of trade opportunities in most economies. These entities can be forces of transformation as they are a significant influence on how local medium and small enterprises can scale through the opportunities they create.

There is need for supply chain management to be transformed so as to give and create more value beyond profits. The big question in the minds of most decision-makers is; do we evolve and go beyond just doing business as usual? Being intentional with the supply chain actors from all sectors play a significant role in catalyzing economic development and growth.

2.0 Introduction

For this reason, the Kenya Institute of Supplies Management (KISM) in partnership with the National Treasury (NT), Public Procurement and Regulatory Authority (PPRA) with the support of Xetova Inc. (a Technology Company), and key likeminded stakeholders, intends to hold the inaugural National Dialogue on Supply Chain Transformation. This forum is designed to bring together key supply chain stakeholders, decision-makers, managers, and their partners from various value chains to start a catalyst conversation to transform how supply chains are managed. Themed **“Transforming Supply Chain Management to Drive Economic Recovery and Social Impact”**, the summit will expose participants to ideas, trends, strategies, tools, technologies that could be adopted to transform how organizations are strategically organized and positioned to transform the way they manage their processes and act in the various supply chains to create impact.

Dialogue takes cognizant that transformative supply chains are a concerted effort by key like-minded stakeholders. These supply chains are a sustainable pathway towards the achievement of the aspirations of the Africa Union’s Agenda 2063, Vision 2030, Big Four Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. This dialogue will provide a platform for participants to pitch for excellence in Public and Private Sector sustainable practices that ensure socio-economic impact that positively affect their bottom line and operating environment.

3.0 DIALOGUE OBJECTIVES:

3.1 General objective:

To catalyze actions, conversations, stakeholder engagements and thought leadership towards the transformation of supply chain management for impact.

Other Objectives

- a) To rally public and private sector agencies to transform their supply chains as conscious drivers of post covid economic and social change and participate in the Presidential clarion call of adopting bold mitigation and adaptation measures to avert the looming crisis that would be as a result of Climate Change in Kenya and across the world.
- b) To provide a platform for:
 - o cross-sector engagements and collaboration that enable sustainable supply chains.
 - o benchmarking, evaluating and rethinking policies that influence the realization of the impact of sustainable supply chains.
 - o recognizing different stakeholder efforts towards transformation of supply chains as a force for good.
 - o cross-professional engagements and collaboration towards building an enabling environment for transformation.
- c) To create awareness on the need to transform traditional supply chain management culture, strategies, and methodologies.

4.0 National Dialogue Format and Expected Highlights

The dialogue will be a hybrid event that will involve keynote speeches, presentations and interactive panel discussions by leaders, policy makers, experts, and influencers. Some of the key highlights of the Dialogue will include:

- a) Launch of the ****Transform 100**** Initiative by H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta
- b) Supply Chain Excellence Awards
- c) Special plenary sessions with industry leaders and influencers
- d) Special industry-focused technical sessions
- e) Special commentary session for participants

5.0 Target Audience

The Dialogue will convene various actors in the supply chain transformation space. Among these are decision-makers, professionals, policymakers, influencers, enablers, entrepreneurs and thought leaders.