

# 2ND ANNUAL AFRICA SUPPLY CHAIN OPTIMISATION

29th & 30th May 2025

The Capital on Park, Sandton, South Africa



## Transforming Africa's Supply Chains: Innovation, Resilience, and Sustainable Growth

### WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

The 2nd Annual Supply Chain Optimisation event is a must-attend gathering for professionals and decision-makers from both the private and public sectors who are eager to tackle Africa's most pressing supply chain challenges. With infrastructure gaps, limited technology adoption, regulatory inconsistencies, and governance barriers continuing to hinder supply chain efficiency, this event offers a vital platform to explore actionable solutions. For governments, the struggle to address budget constraints, bureaucratic inefficiencies, and corruption creates an urgent need for innovative strategies and collaboration.

This event will deliver unparalleled insights into overcoming these challenges through sessions led by industry leaders and policy experts. Attendees will gain practical knowledge on leveraging technology, transforming procurement practices, fostering public-private partnerships, and building resilient supply chains that can drive economic growth and service delivery.

For private entities, the event offers an opportunity to understand evolving regulations, explore sustainability initiatives, and enhance collaboration with public sector stakeholders. For governments, it provides a forum to address governance issues, streamline procurement processes, and attract investment for infrastructure development.

With an agenda that addresses critical topics, from regulatory updates and professionalisation to ESG integration and cutting-edge technologies, this event is your gateway to becoming part of Africa's supply chain transformation. Don't miss the chance to connect, learn, and lead the change towards more efficient and sustainable supply chains.

### KEY BENEFITS

- Strengthening South Africa's supply chains: A key driver for economic growth and global competitiveness
- Enhancing supply chain planning and demand management to minimise stock-outs and improve business performance
- Bridging public and private SCM: Strategies for synergy
- Transforming Supply Chain Management through technology and innovation
- Overcoming barriers and implementing solutions for effective warehouse management

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## Speakers ASCO 2025

**Werner du Plessis,**  
Managing Director, **HybridFuzion.**

**Adv. Mtho Xulu,**  
President **South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

**Phale Naake,**  
Director of Strategic Procurement, Office of the Chief  
Procurement Officer, **National Treasury**

**Lenushka Parannath,**  
Head of Procurement, **Bidvest International Logistics**

**Liesl De Wet,**  
Head of Accelerated Organisational Sustainability, **Unitrans**

**Shandini Naidoo,**  
Chairperson of Supply and Demand Estimates Liaison  
Committee for **National Agricultural Marketing Council**  
and Director, **Avoport**

**Thabang Rabalago,**  
Senior Manager Technical Audit Support, **Auditor General South Africa**

**Gcobisa Mashegoana,**  
Head of Supply Chain, **Eskom**

**Obakeng Senne,**  
Cluster Head Procurement, **ABSA**

**Dipuo Mangwane,** Associate Director &  
Supply Chain Lead, **Organon**

**Lwazi Qangule,**  
Head of Procurement & Supply Chain, **IHS Towers**

**Nyeko Mathebula,**  
Chief Executive Officer, **Procure Africa**

**Risuna Manganyi,**  
Group Materials Manager, **Minopex**

**Samuel Kgarimetsa,**  
General Manager: Corporate Affairs &  
Sustainable Impact, **Anglo American**

**Gerrit Davids,**  
Lead Advisor, **TaranisCo Advisory**

**Marla Naidoo,**  
Regional Director, Southern Africa, **Rainforest Alliance**

## What past delegates had to say?

The speakers' insights were incredibly valuable, offering new perspectives on tackling supply chain challenges. I left feeling inspired and equipped with practical strategies to enhance efficiency in our operations. **"Head of Supply Chain, Nestle"**

Hearing from industry leaders and participating in discussions highlighted innovative approaches to improving supply chain performance. It was refreshing to see such dedication to driving positive change across African supply chains. **"Design & Optimisation Specialist, Sasol"**

## Who should attend?

- Chief Supply Chain Officer (CSCO) / Vice President of Supply Chain / Head of Supply Chain Operations / Director of Supply Chain Management / Director of Procurement
- Supply Chain Manager / Logistics Manager / Procurement Manager / Warehouse Operations Manager / Inventory Control Manager / Production / Planning Manager / Demand Planning Manager / Transportation Manager / Distribution Center Manager / Sourcing Manager / Supplier Relationship Manager
- Supply Chain Data Scientist / Supply Chain IT Specialist / ERP Systems Specialist / Warehouse Automation Specialist / Supply Chain Solutions Architect / E-commerce Logistics Specialist / Forecasting and Planning Analyst

From Public and Private sector



# DAY 1 – 29 MAY 2025

## Transforming Africa's Supply Chains: Innovation, Resilience, and Sustainable Growth



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**07:30 – 08:30 Registration**

**08:30 – 08:40 Welcome**

**09:00 – 10:00 Session one: Keynote**

**Strengthening South Africa's supply chains: A key driver for economic growth and global competitiveness**

- Unlocking South Africa's economic potential through Supply Chain innovation - Exploring how efficient supply chains can drive industrial growth, job creation, and economic recovery.
- The role of the private sector in strengthening South Africa's Supply Chain resilience - Discussing public-private collaboration, policy frameworks, and investment to improve supply chain efficiency.
- South Africa's competitive edge: Building a Supply Chain ecosystem for global trade - Strategies to enhance South Africa's position as a trade and logistics hub.

**Adv. Mtho Xulu, President**

**South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

**10:00 – 10:30 Coffee and networking**

**10:30 – 11:30 Session two**

**Driving Procurement Excellence: Digital Transformation, cost optimisation, and strategic sourcing for a resilient supply chain**

- The power of SCM digitisation in bridging the gap between buyers and underserved suppliers.
- Enabling inclusive cost optimisation: How digital tools can support transformation targets while reducing inefficiencies.
- Strategic sourcing that unlocks value from small and black-owned businesses.
- Comparing public and private procurement models and how both can drive equitable access.
- Reimagining resilient supply chains with local participation, and data-driven decisions.

**Nyeko Mathebula, Chief Executive Officer, Procure Africa**

**11:00 – 12:30 Session three**

**Professionalisation of the Public Sector: A focus on supply chain and procurement**

This session will explore the National Framework towards the Professionalisation of the Public Sector, with a specific focus on its implications for supply chain and procurement processes. The aim is to discuss strategies for enhancing professionalism, ethical standards, and efficiency in these critical areas.

- Outlining the National Framework its goals, and implementation strategies.
- How the framework applies to supply chain and procurement?
- Challenges and opportunities in professionalising these areas.
- Understanding the importance of continuous professional development for procurement officers.

**Gcobisa Mashegoana, Head of Supply Chain Eskom**

**12:30 – 13:30 Networking lunch**

**13:30 – 14:30 Session four: Digital transformation**

**Supply Chain excellence – The art of transformation**

- Unmasking supply chain excellence - Searching beyond the textbooks to find what fits your business DNA.
- Crafting supply chain excellence - Understanding the art of transformation.
- The high cost of failure - Why do supply chain transformations often miss the mark.
- A value driven supply chain transformation - How to move your supply chain to a value-driven vision.
- Driving value and innovation – The hallmarks of an Excellent Supply Chain Centre of Excellence.
- Unboxing your supply chain's transformation reality.

**Werner du Plessis, Managing Director**

**HybridFuzion.**

**14:30 – 15:30 Session five**

**Enhancing supply chain planning and demand management to minimise stock-outs and improve business performance**

- Understanding the root causes of stock-outs by examining how management practices contribute to inefficiencies in supply chains.
- Optimising inventory management by analysing the impact of variability, lead times, and customer service levels on stock availability.
- Improving data accuracy and information sharing by tackling challenges related to inconsistencies and limited supplier collaboration.
- Leveraging AI, predictive analytics, and real-time inventory tracking to prevent stock-outs and enhance supply chain efficiency.

**Dipuo Mangwane, Associate Director & Supply Chain Lead, Organon**

**15:30 – 16:00 Coffee and networking**

**16:00 – 17:00 Session six**

**Rooted in Africa, ready for the world: Transforming market value through sustainability and responsible trade**

- The Rainforest Alliance 2030 strategy: A global vision anchored in local action
- Unlocking Intra African trade: Aligning with AfCFTA and 2063 agenda
- Advancing locally led solutions and market transformation
- Transforming markets in the global south: From commodity export to sustainable leadership
- Catalyzing change through partnership, innovation and bring the voice of Africa to the world

**Marla Naidoo, Regional Director, Southern Africa, Rainforest Alliance**

**17:00 – 17:15 Closing and end of day one**

**Connect with a prestigious global audience comprising over 200 industry leaders prepared to engage in meaningful business interactions.**

Engage in exclusive discussions covering a spectrum of topics including Supply Chain, Logistics, Warehousing, Inventory Management, and Procurement, while connecting with fellow industry professionals and like-minded investors.





08:50 – 09:00 Welcome

09:00 – 10:30 Session seven

#### Championing sustainability and ethical sourcing in supply chains

- Incorporating sustainability and ethical considerations into procurement decisions, such as ESG.
- Aligning procurement practices with global standards and best practices for sustainable development.
- Increasing focus on green procurement practices and reducing the carbon footprint of supply chains.
- Integrating sustainability criteria into procurement policies and supplier selection processes.
- The critical role of ESG and due diligence in building a sustainable supply chain – African Context
- From compliance to innovation, elevating sustainability in supply chains

Moderator: **Obakeng Senne**, Cluster Head Procurement for **ABSA**

Speakers:

- Phale Naake**, Director Strategic Procurement Office of the Chief Procurement Officer for **National Treasury**
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10:30 – 11:00 Coffee and networking

11:00 – 12:00 Session eight

#### Handling of AG audits and findings

This session will focus on best practices for managing Auditor-General (AG) audits and addressing audit findings within the public sector, particularly in the areas of supply chain management and procurement. It will provide practical strategies for responding to audits, implementing corrective actions, and improving overall compliance and performance.

- Review all relevant documents, such as procurement policies, contracts, and transaction records, are organised and accessible before the AG's audit.
- Ensure that procurement processes comply with relevant laws, regulations, and internal policies.
- Carefully review the AG's findings to understand the issues raised.
- Communicate audit findings and action plans to relevant stakeholders, including management, suppliers and employees
- Provide regular updates on the progress of implementing corrective actions.

**Thabang Rabalago**, Senior Manager Technical Audit Support, **Auditor General South Africa**

12:00– 13:00 Networking lunch

13:00 – 14:00 Session nine

#### Bridging public and private SCM: Strategies for synergy

- How governments, businesses, and international organisations can collaborate to support supply chain optimisation in Africa?
- Create public-private partnerships (PPPs) to address common challenges and achieve mutual goals.
- Initiate a joint task force to tackle risks, supply chain disruption and infrastructure improvements.
- Implement transparency measures with real-time data sharing to improve decision making and build trust between public and private entities.

**Shandini Naidoo**, Chairperson of Supply and Demand Estimates Liaison Committee, **National Agricultural Marketing Council** and Director, **Avoport**

14:00 – 15:00 Session ten

#### Transforming Supply Chain Management through technology and innovation

- Adopting cloud-based solutions for scalable and flexible procurement and supply chain management.
- Establish inter-agency collaboration with data centres to enable secure data sharing and seamless collaboration between different public sector agencies.
- Enhancing transparency in procurement processes, such as e-procurement systems to curb corruption.
- Implementing advanced analytics, artificial intelligence, and planning to enhance decision-making and traceability.
- Administer robust cybersecurity measures to protect sensitive procurement data from cyber threats.

**Lwazi Qangule**, Head of Procurement & Supply Chain **IHS Towers**

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee and networking

15:30 – 16:30 Session eleven

#### Overcoming barriers and implementing solutions for effective warehouse management

- Review the current situation regarding audits and unaccountable inventory loss.
- Investing in advanced technologies such as IoT, AI, and automation enhances efficiency, real-time visibility, and responsiveness across the supply chain.
- Adopt Warehouse Management Software (WMS) software to streamline warehouse operations, improve order accuracy, and optimise workflow and resource allocation.
- Incorporate sustainable energy efficient warehouse management practices for a reduced environmental impact and operational costs.
- Implement advanced security systems, adapting to digital transformation to safeguard assets and reduce spilliages.

**Risuna Manganyi**, Group Materials Manager **Minopex**

16:30– 16:45 Closing and end

**"The supply chain stuff is really tricky."**

Elon Musk