



4th African Conference on Operations and Supply Chain Management 2022

Call for Papers

Introduction

The University of Nairobi in conjunction with the University of Dar es Salaam, will host the 4th African Conference on Operations and Supply Chain Management (ACOSCM) in Nairobi, on July 27th and 28th, 2022. The theme of the conference will be ‘**Sustainability in Africa: Emerging and Future Trends**’. In Africa, and indeed elsewhere, we must develop without depleting natural resources for the future, i.e. a development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The 2022 ACOSCM conference relates strongly to the DAAD-sponsored Centre of Excellence “SCO: Sustainable Operations for Resource Management and Food Supply” at the Universities of Nairobi and Dar Es Salaam, and thereby sets the overall and important theme of sustainability for the conference.

The 4th ACOSCM complements previous conferences as it addresses relevant issues related to sustainability in its broadest sense. The African sustainability agenda seeks, among other things, a prosperous continent with the means and resources to drive its own resilient and sustainable development that mainstreams economic, social, environmental and political dimensions. The 4th ACOSCM reflects these initiatives by providing a platform for discussion and dissemination of research findings and policy briefs as well as the regulatory environment in which sustainability and management of resources and food supply are developed, implemented and evaluated.

Conference Participants

The conference participants will be predominantly researchers, but also policy makers and practitioners who will discuss and debate a wide range of issues on sustainability relevant to Africa. The African and international academic community will discuss sustainability in health and supply chains, policy, regulation, governance, and implementation as well as agricultural supply chains. In addition, the platform will provide an opportunity to deliberate on transport, logistics and supply chain management, besides other cross-cutting issues.

Date & Venue

Date: Wednesday, July 27th + Thursday July 28th, 2022 (2 full day conference)

Venue: Nairobi, Kenya

Note: the actual conference venue, i.e. hotel is still to be determined. Please check frequently the ACOSCM homepage for updated information: www.acoscm.com



Conference Sub-Themes

The conference will have five sub-themes and academics, researchers, policy makers, and practitioners are welcome to submit their abstracts, clearly mentioning the sub-theme from the following:

1. Health Operations and Supply Chains

- (i) COVID -19 recovery, resilience, and supply chain performance
- (ii) Health supply chain sustainability and operations management
- (iii) Private sector engagement and public health supply chain sustainability
- (iv) Policies/regulations for resilient health supply chain

2. Policies, Laws, Regulations, Governance, and Implementation in Operations and Supply Chains

- (i) Politics and policies for sustainability
- (ii) Circular economy
- (iii) Plastics and waste management
- (iv) SDG scorecards: 7 years to go
- (v) Operations and supply chains after COP-26
- (vi) Renewable energy

3. Agro-Based Supply Chains

- (i) Agribusiness and sustainable food systems
- (ii) Post-harvest food losses
- (iii) Indigenous sustainable practices
- (iv) Sustainable food and nutrition security
- (v) Processing and value addition

4. Transport, Logistics and Supply Chains

- (i) Sustainable logistics and supply chain management practices
- (ii) Supply chain resilience
- (iii) Supply chain management post COVID-19 pandemic

5. Cross Cutting Issues

- (i) Gender and sustainability
- (ii) Entrepreneurship and sustainability
- (iii) Case studies in sustainability; country, regions, or specific sectors
- (iv) Data and innovations;
- (v) ICT and digital solutions and resource management
- (vi) Integrating sustainability in the Logistics Supply Chain Management curriculum

Note: TED talks, presentations, fishbowls, simulations, and other non-traditional methods of presentation are welcome. In addition, an open session/workshop related to Research Methodology in Supply Chain Sustainability will be offered.



Submission of Abstracts and Papers

All submitted abstracts should be a maximum of 2 pages and the full paper no longer than 20 pages with Times New Roman, 12 font size and 1.5 spacing, 3 cm margin all around and in PDF format. Abstracts and full papers must demonstrate academic rigour and should cover the following:

1. Introduction
2. Significance of the Study
3. Literature Review (only indicative in abstract and fully developed in paper)
4. Methodology
5. Findings and Analysis
6. Conclusion and Recommendations
7. References and Citations (should follow APA 7 style)

Please submit your paper abstract to acoscm4@gmail.com, by April 18th, 2022, and indicate which of the sub-themes mentioned above your paper will address. Papers will undergo blind peer review and all accepted papers will be published in the official conference proceedings. Selected top-quality papers will be published in a peer-reviewed journal or an edited book. For further information, the conference website will be available from April 1st, 2022.

Conference Key Dates

1. Submission of abstract - April 29th, 2022
2. Decision of accepted abstracts - May 6th, 2022
3. Submission of papers - June 30th, 2022
4. Participant registration - start May 1st to June 30th, 2022
5. Conference dates - 27th and 28th, July 2022
6. Submission of revised papers for publication - August 27th, 2022

Sponsorship

The conference sponsors do not impose any fees, that is, participation of presenters and audience members is free of charge. The provided conference package comprises of full catering for both conference days, and a joined dinner with a high profile guest speaker in the evening on day one of the conference. Presenters and audience members will arrange their travel at own expenses, however, few presenters may be sponsored for the conference. Discounted accommodation can be booked through the conference website.

Cautionary Measures Due to COVID-19

The organisers of the 4th ACOSM conference will take all measures to ensure the comfort and care of every participant during the conference. However, all participants travelling to Kenya will have to follow the most current COVID-19 protocols and should be fully vaccinated. Please see the following links for additional information:

- <https://www.health.go.ke> and/or
- <https://kcaa.or.ke>

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