

The 4th African Conference on Operations and Supply Chain Management

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Theme: Sustainability in Africa: Emerging and Future Trends

The 4th ACOSCM, held in Nairobi on 27th and 28th July, brought together 107 academics and industry players from across the globe with representation from Nigeria, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, United States, United Kingdom, and Japan. The conference theme on “Sustainability in Africa: Emerging and Future Trends” was well articulated by the key note speakers and research paper presenters who demonstrated the need for mainstreaming sustainability across all sectors in Africa. They also proposed solutions on how sustainability could be achieved something that policy makers in Africa should consider.

In her key note speech, Ms. Betty Maina, the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Enterprise Development the Cabinet Secretary, reiterated on the big debate on sustainability in Africa. She noted that Africa could be the solution to the sustainability crisis through leadership commitment. She demonstrated this by referring to the just concluded Africa Adaptation Acceleration Programme (AAAP) which facilitated leaders dialogue on climate adaptation. Such commitment would propel countries to jointly and collaborative address the negative effects climate change continues to pose contributing to sustainable development. She called on leaders to work closely with scientists for the realization of sustainable economic development that upholds the integrity of the environment and the socio-cultural systems.