

6th
**African Conference on Operations and Supply Chain
Management
(ACOSCM)**

Call for Papers

Venue: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Date: 17th & 18th September 2024

Introduction

The Kühne Foundation, LEARN Logistics (formerly LEED) in conjunction with the Global Technology Solutions: Logistics Institute of Central Asia (LICA), will host the 6th African Conference on Operations and Supply Chain Management (ACOSCM) with the key theme:

"Rethinking the future Supply Chain: The Need to rapidly Re-design Supply Chains in an Era of man-made and natural Extremes"

The 6th ACOSCM follows previous conferences and addresses the design of future supply chains in the broadest sense. In particular, the changes necessary owing to the diverse challenges of the current time will be highlighted. Today's multiple crises and challenges are confronting supply chains with the task of adapting to changing circumstances and requiring new approaches and processes. These challenges include new technologies, geopolitical crises, and the challenges of climate change and the resulting need to transform to sustainable supply chains and a circular economy.

The 6th ACOSCM is in line with the Agenda 2063, which calls for African countries to work towards achieving economic growth and sustainable development. The conference theme reflects the urgency required in confronting the man-made and natural extremes that affect supply chains.

Conference Participants

The conference participants will be predominantly academics, researchers, postgraduate students, policy makers and practitioners who will critically discuss and debate a wide range of issues on "Rethinking the future Supply Chains: The Need to rapidly Re-design Supply Chains in an Era of man-made and natural Extremes".

Conference Sub-Themes

The conference will have three sub-themes, and potential conference participants will be welcome to submit their abstracts, clearly mentioning the sub-theme from the following:

1. *Examining supply chain resilience and sustainability in agriculture, healthcare and energy supply chains*
 - Risk management and resilience
 - Innovative industry-specific solutions
2. *Exploring the potential of Circular Economy in Logistics and Supply Chain Management for business sustainability*
 - Pathways to sustainable logistics and supply Chain Management solutions
 - Transforming towards a circular economy
3. *Exploring the role of digitalization in Logistics and Supply Chain Management*
 - Implementation of new technologies
 - Exploring sensible use cases for innovative technologies

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 sizes and 1.5, spacing, 3 cm margin all around, and in PDF format. Abstracts and full papers must demonstrate academic rigor and cover the following areas:

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

Please submit your manuscript abstract through the link below:

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=6thacoscm> **latest by 1st May 2024** and indicate which of the sub-themes mentioned above will be addressed.

The ACOSCM Website

More information on the conference is available on the ACOSCM website:

<https://www.acoscm.com/>

Blind Review

Abstracts and papers submitted to the conference will undergo blind peer review and selected top-quality papers will be published in a peer-reviewed journal.

Key Dates

- Submission of Abstracts: 1st May 2024
- Decision on Abstracts: 20th May 2024
- Submission of Full Papers: 31st July 2024
- Participant Registration: 1st September 2024
- Conference Days: 17th – 18th September 2024
- Submission of Revised Papers for Publication: 31st October 2024

Sponsorship

The Kühne Foundation does not impose any fees, as such, participation is free. The provided conference package comprises full catering for both conference days and a joint dinner with a high-profile guest speaker in the evening on day one of the conference.

Conference inquiries

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