



5<sup>th</sup>  
**African Conference on Operations and Supply Chain Management  
(ACOSCM)**

**Call for Papers**

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**Introduction**

The Makerere University Business School (MUBS) will host the 5<sup>th</sup> African Conference on Operations and Supply Chain Management (ACOSCM) with the key theme of

**“Leveraging Supply Chain Management for Inclusive Service Delivery in Developing Economies”**

**Venue:** Kampala, Uganda

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

The 5<sup>th</sup> ACOSCM complements previous conferences and addresses issues related to enhancing inclusiveness through supply chains in its broadest sense. Inclusive supply chains are more competitive, able to unlock innovation, provide access to new markets, deliver socio-economic impact in local operating markets and are key drivers for sustainability practices. Further, through inclusive service supply chains, governments can provide citizens with access to social, economic and infrastructure services, irrespective of their location, income, occupation, sex, tribe or age.

The 5<sup>th</sup> ACOSCM is in line with the Agenda 2063, which advocates for inclusiveness if African countries are to achieve economic growth and sustainable development. The conference theme reflects that initiative by providing a platform for discussion and dissemination of research findings and policy briefs as well as the regulatory environment in which inclusiveness can be enhanced, implemented, and evaluated.

**Conference Participants**

The conference participants will be predominantly academics, researchers, postgraduate students, policy makers and practitioners who will discuss and debate a wide range of issues bordering on “Supply Chain Management and Inclusive Service Delivery in Developing Economies”.



## Conference Sub-Themes

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

1. **Sustainability and Logistics & Supply Chain Management (LSCM)**
  - Climate Change
  - Green LSCM
  - Agro-LSCM
  - Renewable energy
  - Digitization in LSCM
  - Humanitarian logistics
  
2. **Economy and Logistics & Supply Chain Management (LSCM)**
  - Circular economy
  - Commercial supply chains
  - Business management, Global Trade and LSCM
  - Regional trade policies, Local Government policies, and LSCM
  
3. **Health and Supply Chain Management (HSCM)**
  - Healthcare, risk and resilience in HSCM
  - Gender and HSCM
  - Public and private healthcare governance and HSCM

## 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 rigor and should cover the following:

1. Introduction
2. Significance of the Study
3. Literature Review (only indicative in abstract and fully developed 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 through the link below:

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=5thacoscm>



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**latest by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023**, and indicate which of the sub-themes mentioned above your paper will address. Papers will undergo blind peer review and selected top-quality papers will be published in a peer-reviewed journal

### **Key Dates**

- **Submission of Abstracts:** 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023
- **Decision on Abstracts:** 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- **Submission of Full Papers:** 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023
- **Participant Registration:** 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023
- **Conference Days:** 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- **Submission of Revised Papers for Publication:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### **Sponsorship**

The conference sponsors (e.g. Kühne Foundation) 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 joint 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. Discounted accommodation can be booked through the conference website.

### **Cautionary Measures Due to COVID-19**

The organisers of the 5<sup>th</sup> ACOSCM conference will take all measures to ensure the comfort and care of every participant during the conference. However, all participants travelling to Uganda will have to follow the most current COVID-19 protocols and should be fully vaccinated or have a negative PCR certificate.

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