

Call for Papers (Special Issue)

Supply Chain Management in Africa

MANAGEMENT RESEARCH REVIEW

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In recent years supply chain management research has focused more on specialty topics such as smart devices, information technology, relationships and collaboration, advanced analytics, automation, sustainability, risk, resiliency, and systems integration. Studies in these areas have adopted both analytical and empirical approaches to understand the impact of decision making and new technologies on a firm's supply chain. The role and nature of supply chain management research is evolving because companies are increasingly embedded in complex, dynamic, globally dispersed supply chains with new challenges. However, few papers that discuss supply chain management pertinent to Africa or African businesses have been published. Considering the size and diversity of the African continent and its population, abundance of resources, and recent economic developments, more research on supply chain management in Africa is urgently needed to support better business decisions and economic policies.

We invite papers for the special issue of supply chain management in Africa that challenge and advance our understanding of sourcing, manufacturing, distribution, marketing and servicing in Africa. The guest editors encourage and are interested in all types of well-designed and rigorously performed academic research. Conceptual papers, empirical research, quantitative methodologies, and research based on qualitative methodologies with significant attention paid to pragmatic issues and case studies are welcome. Papers may be conceptual, empirical, or analytical.

Some suitable topics include, but are not limited to:

- Logistics network analysis for African supply chains
- Transportation and infrastructural challenges and opportunities in Africa
- Study on supply chain development across African countries
- Risk analysis in managing supply chains in Africa
- Supply chain management challenges for Africa
- Supply chain supplier development
- Procurement strategies in Africa
- Labor rights in African and its impact on supply chain management
- Healthcare supply chain management in Africa
- Humanitarian aid supply chain management in Africa
- Contract design and coordination for African supply chains

- Supply chain sustainability research concerning African businesses or markets
- Conflict minerals and supply chain influence
- New business models for supply chains in Africa
- Investment strategies within supply chain systems
- Optimization of supply chain systems in Africa
- Performance evaluation of supply chain management in Africa
- Case studies on supply chain management applications in Africa
- Human resources and behavioral research in supply chains

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