



## Getting support from your employer

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Employees are the most important asset of any organization. Trained and knowledgeable staff can be the difference between the success or failure of any endeavour, especially in today's economy. If you are interested in attending SAPICS 2018 but you haven't asked your manager about it yet, today is the day.

Make the case for attending the leading event in Africa for supply chain professionals using the tips below. This event is one of the most relevant, applicable supply chain events in the world. By attending this event you will return with skills and knowledge that will push you, your whole team and your entire department to a whole new level of performance.

## Top 5 reasons you need to attend the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual SAPICS Conference 2018

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1. **Relevant.** The 2018 educational programme is packed full of presentations that make up multiple learning paths that will provide you with knowledge exchange opportunities and education on today's most pressing issues. **View the speaker line up.**
2. **Applicable.** Attendees gain access to best practices and the means to implement these strategies through hands-on workshops, case studies, and panel discussions.
3. **Innovative.** From new product launches to emerging issues and special-interest topics, the educational program will help you implement innovative solutions at work. The exhibition running alongside the presentations adds significant benefit with over 30 companies exhibiting products and services.
4. **Valuable.** So much information, so little time: Gain access to exceptional education that you can put to work, all in three short days without the cost and time investment usually associated with world class events of this nature. There is no need to travel overseas to hear world class subject matter experts and practitioners from around the world. SAPICS will bring them to you.

5. **Connected.** Stay connected to the global supply chain community. Membership of SAPICS allows you to continue networking and gaining valuable knowledge long after the conference. Keep connected with the local and international attendees from the conference.

***Network with peers and professionals in industry. Over 800 supply chain professionals in one place at one time. Superb opportunities to enhance your career.***

## Gain Support for Your SAPICS 2018 Attendance

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How to put together supporting factors to your manager why he or she needs to invest in your attendance at the SAPICS Annual Conference this year.

1. What opportunities and challenges exist for your company, and how can the plentiful and varied presentations in the SAPICS Conference programme help you achieve success in these areas?
2. Which presentations and workshops do you plan to attend, and how will they benefit your employer? Plan your attendance well before you arrive.
3. What specific offerings at SAPICS 2018 will you take advantage of? Think about the exhibitors, products, or services you need to evaluate? Are you pursuing an APICS certification or working to earn professional development points toward your current APICS certification?
4. How much will your entire trip to the conference cost the company? Preparing a budget in advance can help your supervisor make the decision. Accommodation and travel options need not be expensive if you book up early.

To learn more about the 40th Annual Conference and exhibition proudly hosted by SAPICS—including **registration pricing and group rates**, **presentation** and **workshop information**, and **accommodation** details—visit [www.conference.sapics.org](http://www.conference.sapics.org)

Contact the SAPICS event managers, Upavon Conferences, directly with additional questions regarding the event and any information you may need to put your motivation together at [info@upavon.co.za](mailto:info@upavon.co.za) / +27 11 023 6701/2/3.

We look forward to seeing you at SAPICS 2018! Help us celebrate 40 years of supply chain education excellence.