



## SAPICS 2025

THE 47<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE – THE LEADING EVENT IN AFRICA FOR SUPPLY CHAIN PROFESSIONALS  
8 – 11 June 2025 | Century City Conference Centre | Western Cape, South Africa

### CALL FOR SPEAKERS

For the 47<sup>th</sup> year, SAPICS is excited to bring to the supply chain profession another world class conference that is packed full of exciting content to ensure maximum learning, networking and practical “take home” value.

The supply chain landscape is evolving at an unprecedented pace, driven by technological advancements, shifting global dynamics, and the relentless pursuit of efficiency and sustainability. As we navigate this ever-changing terrain, one thing is clear: **innovation** is no longer a choice—it's a necessity.

#### Why was “Innovation in Motion” selected for the 2025 conference theme?

In a world where supply chains are constantly being tested by disruptions, adaptability and innovation are key to success. Whether it's leveraging Artificial Intelligence and automation, embracing sustainability, or rethinking traditional supply chain models, the need to innovate is more critical than ever.

***Innovation in Motion*** isn't just a theme—it's a call to action. It's about keeping pace with change, continuously improving, and ensuring that your supply chain, in all industries and sectors, is not only resilient and innovative, but also a driver of competitive advantage.

#### Don't miss your chance to be part of SAPICS 2025 ***Innovation in Motion***.

The SAPICS 47th Annual Conference is not just an event—it's a catalyst for change. Whether you're an experienced supply chain manager, a supplier to industry, or someone who is simply eager to learn and grow, this is your opportunity to be at the forefront of business.

***Call to action:*** Submit your idea today of what you think YOU should speak about at SAPICS 2025! ***Make it fresh, exciting and relevant!***

#### 🕒 Topics for you to consider but not be limited by:

- 🕒 **Supply Chain Finance:** Unlocking liquidity and creating innovative financial solutions
- 🕒 **Digital Revolution:** Embracing Technology for Innovation
- 🕒 **Efficient Supply Chains:** A Must Have
- 🕒 **Sustainability:** Reshaping the Future of Supply Chains including circular economies
- 🕒 **Global Resilience:** Adapting to Uncertainty through Transformation
- 🕒 **E-commerce Revolution:** Meeting Changing Consumer Demands
- 🕒 **Freight Forwarding Evolution:** Optimising Global Trade
- 🕒 **Supply Chain Talent:** Nurturing the Next Generation and embracing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

- 🕒 **Next Generation Public Health and Humanitarian Supply Chains: Strengthening Resilience, Responsiveness and Sustainability**
- 🕒 **Operational Risk and Liability: Managing impact and risk including Supply Chain Cybersecurity**
- 🕒 **Connecting the dots: S&OP, IBP or what?**
- 🕒 **Supply Chain Leadership: Have you got what it takes?**

All speakers are selected on merit and relevance. **The committee is actively seeking fresh perspectives to ensure innovative and diverse content for the attendees.**

Speakers are carefully selected by a **Speaker Selection Committee** which is made up of supply chain professionals from across a variety of roles and responsibilities in the supply chain.

***Presentations which directly promote specific products, services or monetary self-interest will not be selected. There is the opportunity to exhibit products and services at the conference for this purpose.***

The following presentation formats will be considered:

<b>40 Minute Presentation:</b>	Solo or multiple speakers for consideration as a general session presentation (40-minute presentation time - allocated including questions)
<b>Workshops:</b>	3 hours are provided for these interactive educational sessions for small groups. Selected workshops will be included in the programme on Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2025.

A limited number of robust panel discussions will be included in the programme. If you would like to propose a topic for a panel, please include this in your submission.

### What do we need from you?

Please read the speaker guidelines outlined below before submitting a proposal. We regret that submissions which do not contain all the required items will not be reviewed.

- 🕒 Head and shoulders colour photo in high resolution
- 🕒 A narrative biography no more than 100 words
- 🕒 A precis of the content of your presentation – make it clear and dynamic – 100 words will do
- 🕒 3 to 4 bullet points summarising delegate take-aways
- 🕒 Previous speaking experience if relevant (don't worry if you haven't spoken at a conference before – there's always a first time for everything!)
- 🕒 Details of any published works
- 🕒 A link to a video either of you speaking before or introducing yourself via video to the committee together a brief explanation of your proposed presentation

### Deadlines



17 January 2025	Speaker submission deadline (early submission is encouraged)
10 February 2025	Notification of acceptance or otherwise
30 May 2025	Submission of white paper and presentation visuals.

The above deadlines will enable SAPICS to promote the conference and selected speakers as actively as possible. Missing any of the deadlines may jeopardise the opportunity SAPICS has to properly promote your session and may reduce attendance at your session. Don't wait until the deadline.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Submission Process

To apply, please either complete the process online via the SAPICS Conference website – [SAPICS 2025 | Call for Speakers](#) or request a Word version of the form to complete via email to [cindyl@upavon.co.za](mailto:cindyl@upavon.co.za).

### What to expect if selected

Speaker fees are not paid. Speaker benefits will be outlined in the formal acceptance letter. As a not-for-profit organisation, only limited funds may be available to speakers travelling from outside South Africa for travel and accommodation and those wishing to apply for this **must submit a written motivation together with their submission**.

**Promotion** - SAPICS will initiate active campaigns to promote the conference in general while highlighting some of the programme topics. Speakers are encouraged to promote their attendance and their topic to potential delegates in the lead up to the conference. Active, insightful participation (not spam) on the various social media platforms, as well as the distribution of conference information to your networks are some of the easiest ways to get delegates interested in your session.

**Written Papers** are requested from all speakers but are not mandatory. These written (white) papers are encouraged and highly sought after and are published by SAPICS via its website. Please indicate on the submission form if you are planning to provide a white paper if selected to speak.

**Speaker Awards** will be presented at the closing of the conference on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June as follows:

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| <b>Best Speaker Award</b> | Best speaker at the Conference overall (selected from the speaker evaluations completed by the audience)                  |
| <b>Best Written Paper</b> | Best written paper (selected by a panel of supply chain experts)  |
| <b>Most Innovative</b>    | Presented to the speaker with the most Innovative presentation (selected by the audience)                                 |
| <b>Best Workshop</b>      | Sunday workshops will become a feature of the speaker awards with the workshop voted the highest scores winning an award. |

Finally, by submitting the application you agree to the terms and conditions below.

We look forward to receiving your submission and to learning from you!



The submitted paper attached to this form is provided to SAPICS under the following terms and conditions.

1. The Speaker Selection Committee, at its sole discretion, will determine the acceptability of the submitted presentation. In addition, the Conference Committee will determine whether or not to publish a submitted paper either in whole or in part. SAPICS agrees to provide the author of the submitted paper with appropriate credit if the paper is published.
2. Authors of the submitted work/paper freely permit SAPICS to publish the submitted work/paper in any media so selected free of any compensation and/or royalty claims.
3. Authors of the submitted work/paper testify that the submitted paper does not contain confidential and/or proprietary information not owned by the author.
4. Speakers must adhere strictly to the duration selected on the application form. Time should be allocated by the speaker for questions and answers within this duration.
5. Individuals submitting an abstract are doing so with the understanding that they agree to abide by the

conditions, deadline policies and the decisions of the Conference Committee.

6. If for any reason an accepted speaker is subsequently unable to attend the Conference, **substitutions will NOT automatically be accepted**, and the paper and substituted presenter shall be accepted solely at the discretion of the Speaker Selection Committee.
7. The written paper must be submitted as a Microsoft Word document for publication on the SAPICS website. Papers will be edited and formatted before being returned to the author for final approval.
8. Presentations must ideally be in Microsoft PowerPoint format and utilise the standard conference template provided by the Conference Secretariat. The PowerPoint presentations will also be published online post-conference together with the written paper where applicable. **Alternative presentation suggestions will be considered.**
9. A proposal should not be submitted unless the speaker is available to appear on **any** day of the SAPICS Conference.
10. **Under no circumstances should the conference's podium be used for direct promotion of a speaker's product, service or for monetary self-interest.**

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# Speaker Submission Form – SAPICS 2025

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Please review the speaker guidelines before completing the submission form and complete one form for each presenter.

Who you are and where you are from?			
Title (Prof/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr):	First Name:	Last Name:	
Job Designation:		Company:	
Company Postal/Physical Address:			
Company VAT number:		Country:	
Cell phone/Mobile Number:		Office Telephone:	
Email:			
ARE YOU A MEMBER OF: SAPICS Member <input type="checkbox"/>		IS THIS YOUR FIRST SAPICS CONFERENCE? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Twitter Handle (if applicable):		LinkedIn URL (if applicable):	
<i>International Supply Chain Certifications as outlined below (if applicable) – please circle if you have earned any of the certifications listed:</i>			
<u>ASCM</u> CPIM CIRM CPIM-F CSCP CSCP-F CLTD CLTD-F SCOR-P SCOR-S CTL PLS CTSC	<u>Demand Driven Institute (DDI)</u> DDPP DDLP DDFP DDSCP	<u>Institute of Business Forecasting</u> CPF ACPF	<u>International Supply Chain Education Alliance (ISCEA)</u> CDDP CDDL CSCA CSSCP CSSCA

Co Presenter Details (if applicable)			
Title (Prof/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr):	First Name:	Last Name:	
Job Designation:		Company:	
Company Postal/Physical Address:			
Company VAT number:		Country:	
Cell phone/Mobile Number:		Office Telephone:	
Email:			
ARE YOU A MEMBER OF: SAPICS Member <input type="checkbox"/>		IS THIS YOUR FIRST SAPICS CONFERENCE? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Twitter Handle (if applicable):		LinkedIn URL (if applicable):	
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What do you plan to share with the audience?	
<b>Title of Presentation</b>	
<b>Presentation Format</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 40 minute General Presentation
	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 hour Workshop on Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June
	<input type="checkbox"/> Panel Discussion Idea
	Other Idea or Suggestion to be considered – please ensure you provide full details for consideration: .....
<b>Classification</b>	<i>Please indicate the level you would like to see your presentation classified:</i> Introductory <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>White paper</b>	Please indicate if you are planning to provide a white paper if selected to speak: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

## What do we need from you?

*All items marked with an asterisk is compulsory*

Head and shoulders colour photo high resolution 800kb+ *	
Narrative biography no more than 100 words*	
Precis of the content of your presentation – 100 words*	
3 – 4 bullet point summarising delegate takeaways*	
Previous speaking experience if relevant	
Details of published works	
Link to a video of a previous speaking engagement or introducing yourself together with a brief explanation of your proposed presentation*	

## Full Disclosure and Agreement to Terms and Conditions

In the event that my paper or workshop is not original, permission was provided by the following:

**Full Name and Company:**

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**Contact Email Address:**

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**Contact Telephone Number:**

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If selected, I agree to adhere to the timetable and terms and conditions set out in the Call for Speakers

**Name (please print)** ..... **Date**..... **Signature**.....

### Enquiries:

Please direct all enquiries to Cindy-Lee Vosloo of the Conference Secretariat at Upavon Management by email to [cindyl@upavon.co.za](mailto:cindyl@upavon.co.za) or telephone +27 (0)11 023 6701

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