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From 07:30	Registration, tea, coffee & Networking. Beat the traffic and arrive early to make the most of the opportunity to grab some early networking opportunities with fellow early arrivals. Take the opportunity to learn more about SAPICS and SAAFF and update yourself on activities of these organisations.	
08:30 – 08:40	Spring Conference Opening by SAAFF and SAPICS – the conference will start promptly at 08:30	
08:40 – 09:20	<p>A story of supply chain adaptability and agility and a throw away remark becoming reality Paul Raphaely, Director, NOMU, South Africa <i>This is a tale about evolution, supply chain adaptability and agility. In the beginning, the mayonnaise giants roamed the earth. They were big, they were tangy, most were creamy, and some were imported. Then one day, following biblical floods, some rioting, a crumbling of international shipping and a general 'reluctance' in the local population of retail buyers, one of these giants decided to migrate, permanently. Into the gap created by this stepped a less-experienced upstart, annoyed with the probability that it would now have to make its own mayo. This upstart was so annoyed, in fact, that it made a throwaway joke about the idea, near a bubbling lava pit called the South African mayonnaise-eating population. Once the volcano that followed immediately eventually calmed down, four weeks later South Africa's 1st Crowd Sauced Mayo was born. ... we are not sure how the tale will end!</i></p>	
09:30 – 10:30	<p>Together in Partnership: Solving the Logistics crisis and disrupted Supply Chain <i>At SAPICS 2023 in Cape Town in June we shared with the audience the news that in the face of an ever-escalating logistics crisis in South Africa, the transport and logistics industry are now joining forces to implement swift and innovative solutions to the current supply chain challenges. It is well known that there is an urgent need to organise the private sector players involved, in different aspects of the logistics industry into a single representative body. Some of the most pressing concerns for SA Inc were addressed in this panel. Join us for an update on the national logistics crisis and the eight workstreams with expert panellists; Juanita Maree, CEO SAAFF, Ian Bird, Executive Consultant – Integrated Supply Chains, Mxolisi Mgojo, CEO Lead for the B4SA Structure, Rudi Dicks, Head of PMO, Office of the President. Facilitator: Juanita Maree, CEO, SAAFF</i></p>	
10:30 – 11:00	Morning Tea and Coffee and Networking	
11:00 – 11:40	<p>Professionalising the Industry (ICFF), what it really means <i>In this session, attendees will gain further insights into Professional Designations conferred by a professional body in recognition of a person's expertise. Facilitated by Devlyn Naidoo, Executive: SARS & OGA at SAAFF, South Africa, joined by Sibonakaliso Shabangu, Director of Global Business Services and Chief Human Resources Officer at BASF Market Area Africa</i></p>	<p>The Road to Sustainable e-Mobility in South Africa: Navigating the Crucial Crossroads Greg Cress, Principal Director: Sustainable Energy & eMobility Accenture, South Africa - <i>In this session, attendees will explore the critical role of sustainable e-mobility in South Africa's transition towards a greener, more sustainable future. The speaker will outline the three dimensions; Affordable eMobility Products & Services, pervasive Charging Infrastructure and de-centralised, Sustainable Energy Generation. Attendees will gain insights on the challenges and opportunities facing the country in its quest for sustainable e-mobility, and the role that each industry sector, including the supply chain and logistics sector, can play in driving the transition forward.</i></p>

11:50 – 12:30	<p>How can private sector shape themselves in the Supply Chain profession <i>In this session we look at the mechanics of Self-regulation Tool with World Bank, CSIR Logistics Observatory, Standard Bank initiatives (instrumental in RTMS), the N4 pilot case study and Control room escalations, with expert panellists Isabel Meyer, Principal Researcher: Smart Mobility at Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Katherine Bell, Transport & Logistics Industry Specialist, Standard Bank, Barbara Mommen, Independent Consultant and Jayce Lane, Managing Director, Crickmay. Facilitated by Devlyn Naidoo, Executive: SARS & OGA SAAFF.</i></p>	<p>Gearing our Supply Chain for now, and the future – a Case Study Phil Marais, Head of Supply Chain Africa and Brazil, Cotton On, South Africa - Join Phil Marais as he takes the audience on the Distribution Centre journey at Cotton On South Africa and the management of growth and dealing with change. Phil will share a peek into the operation execution post planning and the vision of building a new facility.</p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 14:10	<p>Understanding the case for Sustainability in a disruptive environment Karen Pretorius, Founder, KPI Cubed Supply Chain Consulting and Training, South Africa - Karen will share with the audience the importance of sustainability in a disruptive environment from a business perspective and will be looking at scenarios for balancing (or potentially compromising) the aspect of triple bottom line – Ethics / Environment / Economic.</p>	<p>Getting the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain ready David Crewe-Brown, General Manager Vitalliance and SAPICS Director, South Africa <i>There are tectonic shifts happening in the pharmaceutical healthcare supply chain that will impact our environment, people and ways of working. Pandemic responsiveness, global data visibility, localisation of production on the African continent, pooled procurement, serialisation etc. All require significant changes and we will look into what is happening and what still needs to be done to get our supply chains ready!</i></p>
14:20 – 15:00	<p>Optimising resources across the supply chain to drive efficiencies and agility whilst minimising disruptions Willie du Preez, Managing Director, Programmed Process Outsourcing (PPO) South Africa and Tennille Bell, National General Manager, Sales and Marketing, PPOSA - Join Willie and Tennille as they discuss the benefits of how outsourcing can help businesses thrive across industries with particular focus on supply chain management. Topics discussed will cover Supply Chain Resilience; Supply Chain Flexibility and Agility; Ethical sourcing and procurement; and Human Resources in Supply Chain</p>	<p>Fostering a Forward-Looking Mindset for Supply Chain Excellence Dr Faith Mashele, Gordon Institute of Business Management, South Africa - In today's rapidly evolving business landscape, fostering a Forward-Thinking mindset is no longer a luxury but a necessity, especially when it comes to supply chains. A Forward-Thinking supply chain is one that anticipates, adapts, and innovates in response to changing market dynamics, technological advancements, and consumer expectations. This session is intended to underscore why cultivating a Forward-Thinking mindset is crucial for Forward-Thinking Supply Chains. In essence, a forward-thinking Supply Chain does not just react. It prepares, evolves, and thrives in an ever-shifting business environment!</p>
15:00 – 15:30	Afternoon Tea and Coffee	
15:30 – 16:30	<p>National Rail Update <i>In this panel discussion, attendees will receive an update on the rail policy implementation, under workstream one of the NLCC. Join our expert panellists as they delve further into the rail policy implementation with Evert de Ruiter, Principal Consultant, Auctoro Advisory, Professor Jan Havenga, Jaap van der Merwe, Independent Rail and Logistics Expert, facilitated by Evert de Ruiter</i></p>	<p>Future Proofing your Warehouse Join Martin Bailey, Industrial Logistic Systems, South Africa as he facilitates an interactive and information filled session. Topics covered will include: Finding warehouse excellence and achieving world class warehousing Best practice, Best facilities, Best operations What are the unique challenges facing us in South Africa and how to do we address them? Is Automation really viable in South Africa and how do we build for the future?</p>
16:30 – 17:30	<p>Happiness isn't what you think! Mark Sham, Suits and Sneakers, South Africa <i>Have you wondered how to master your own happiness? HAPPINESS is a loaded word. It means different things to different people. In this instance, it's not about "feeling" happy all the time but instead, how to develop the tools and infrastructure to deal with the complexity of life in a healthy and sustainable manner both personally and professionally. Mark speaks with a ferocious energy and passion and is very good at taking broad-based thinking and synthesising it all into a format that audiences can understand.</i></p>	
17:30 – 18:30	Networking drinks and snacks	

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