

PROCUREMENTOR

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Growing up in Soweto, we all knew when the festive season was around the corner. There was a lot of activity from painting houses, warm weather, frequent trips to town, buying new clothes, music blaring from every corner, strangers shouting "happy" in the streets and loads of groceries.

Little did it ever occur, to me as a youngster, the pivotal role that Supply Chain plays in every day life. The COVID-19 pandemic caused chaos across every local, national and global supply chain, from product shortages to facility closures and beyond. Yet somehow, shippers and carriers around the world have persevered, and they continue to ship and deliver goods every day.

South Africa is battling its own Supply Chain challenges, these include:

- Keeping transportation and fuel costs down.
- Keeping the lights on and ensuring that we function as an economy
- Keeping interest rates under control
- Keeping up with the latest technology solutions and demands.
- The 4th wave of the Corona virus
- Issues of safety and security

We can only overcome and thrive if we as a community of practice, find innovative and effective ways to partner with industry experts to lessen the impact on our economy, country and standards of living.

Let's be found being part of the solution, in 2022!

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On the 20th of November we hosted all our speakers, mentors and staff. In the face of uncertainty and challenge, our community has continued to grow and succeed.

- One of my mentees asked what lessons were learned in our first year, in no particular order they are listed below.
- There's never a perfect time to start, just do it!
You do not need to have figured it all out, just get going. Don't waste time dwelling on ideas, learn to execute.
 - Put yourself out there.
Social media is a powerful tool. Show up offline or online consistently.
 - Structure and discipline, are the keys to true freedom
You actually can get everything done when you plan your time ahead of time and protect yourself from distractions.
Do what you know you should do, even when you don't feel like it
 - Study the greats
This is what mentorship is about, learning from those that have gone ahead.
Be clear about your intentions and gaps to close, even when networking
 - Invest in yourself
Keep seeking out knowledge and developing your 'tool box' of skills
 - Develop a good work-life balance
Have boundaries on when you stop working, why you need to stop working and how often you need to recharge and recuperate.
 - Surround yourself with people that inspire you
Whether they are online, your close circle of friends, mentors and a support structure, these are crucial to motivate, encourage and challenge you to better.

Mentorship Matters

If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.

Mentoring is where knowledge is shared and where information, experience, skills and expertise are exchanged. Thank you once again to our mentors who not only shared their time and expertise with us, but sowed into our company's growth and impact.

May the Lord rise upon you and his glory appear over you.. May nations come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Thank you!



Congratulations to our second co-hort!

Thank you in allowing us to stretch and engage you.

May the crooked places be made straight in your journey in 2022!



Responsible Sourcing Webinar

The last webinar for 2021 was thought provoking, stimulating and filled with inspiring speakers.

So many nuggets of truth were shared and next steps on how to be a responsible citizen when sourcing/procuring your goods, or when disposing of them. Catch the recording on our YouTube channel.

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24 FEBRUARY 2022

2nd Women in Procurement Summit.

An impactful, strategic session with some of the top executives making waves in the procurement industry.

We are winding down after a **GREAT** year!

Our first year had MANY moments which were shared with our community! Here's to Many more 🍾

Thank you for the support, encouragement and joining us on this journey.

We wish all of you a safe and restful festive season.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Here's to a blessed, healthy and prosperous 2022

COMING UP

Join us for our second Women in Procurement summit taking place in February 2022.

Details will be shared in January on speakers and all logistics.

This summit will be a hybrid event.