

*SAPICS – your supply chain network*  
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### **Make sure your supply chain doesn't fail**

Empty store shelves, increased pollution levels, and infrastructure in various states of breakdown are not just elements in the story line of a movie about the end of the world. These issues, together with basic services and resources that are just not available when and where they're needed, form the reality of a world without efficient supply chain management.

Supply chain management is much more than just procurement or just logistics and transportation of goods. It is the function that takes an integrated look at how to balance the supply of goods and services with the demand of customers.

As simple as this sounds, the expertise required to plan and maintain this balance is highly complex, as is evident from the topics that have been presented over the past 37 years on the programmes of the Annual SAPICS Conference for Supply Chain Management Professionals.

The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual SAPICS Conference and Exhibition, scheduled for 12-14 June 2016, will explore topics that will help delegates to overcome the challenges supply chain management professionals face on a daily basis.

Energy and water shortages, technological developments, labour and skills demands, and environmental concerns are just some of the issues that supply chain professionals need to take into account when planning and executing profitable supply chains.

The speaker line-up for the 2016 conference will include a number of highly sought-after international speakers. SAPICS aims to provide the South African supply chain community access to the latest in supply chain thought leadership, while keeping costs in line with the declining local economy.

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