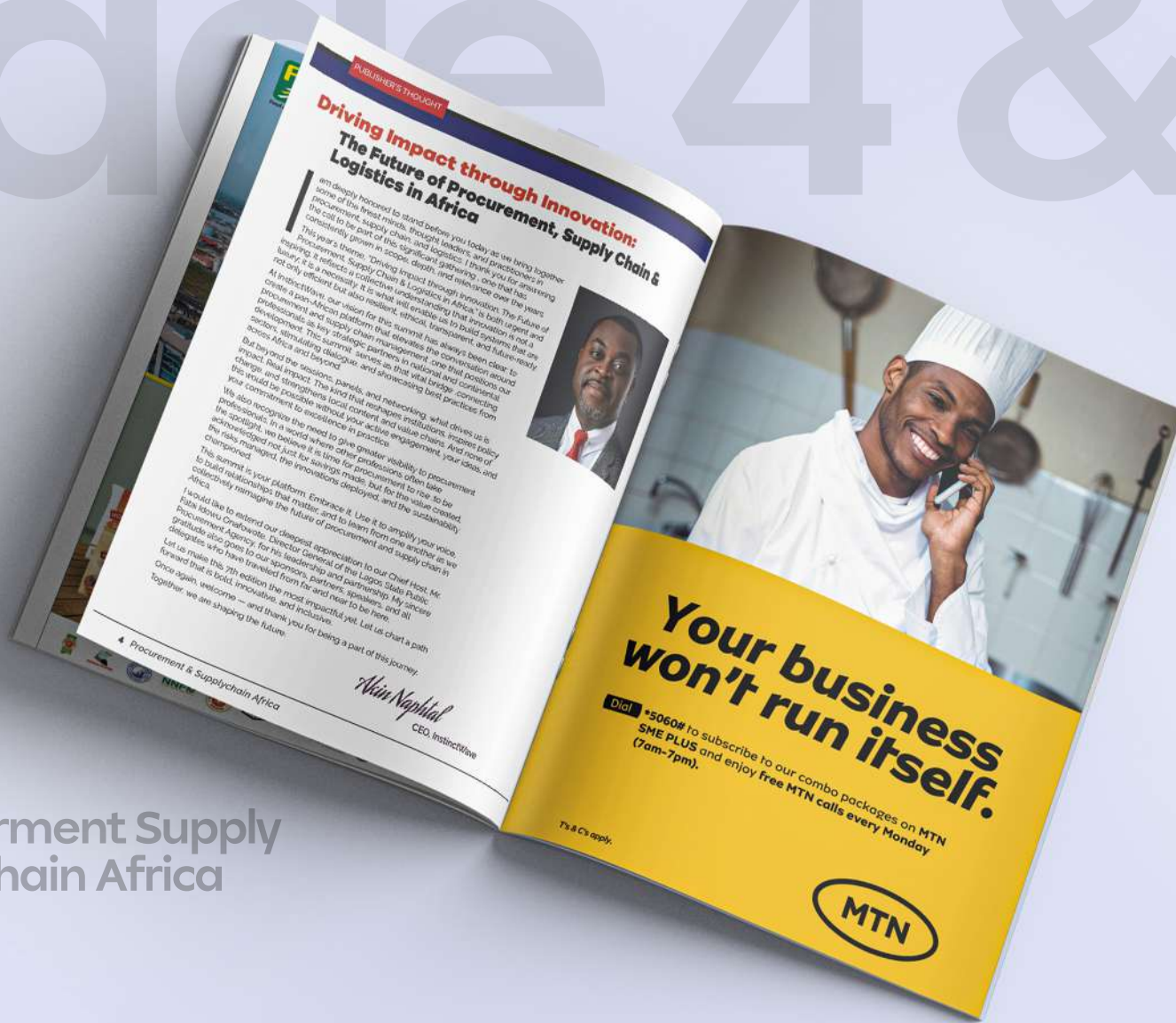


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PUBLISHER'S THOUGHT

## Driving Impact through Innovation: The Future of Procurement, Supply Chain & Logistics in Africa

I am deeply honored to stand before you today as we bring together some of the finest minds, thought leaders, and practitioners in the procurement, supply chain, and logistics. I thank you for investing the cost to be part of this significant gathering - one that has consistently proven in scope, depth, and relevance over the years.

This year's theme, "Driving Impact through Innovation: The Future of Procurement, Supply Chain & Logistics in Africa," is both elegant and inspiring. It reflects a collective understanding that innovation is not a luxury, it is a necessity. It is what will enable us to build systems that are not only efficient but also resilient, ethical, transparent, and future-ready.

At InstinctWave, our vision for this summit has always been clear: to create a pan-African platform that elevates the conversation around procurement and supply chain management, one that positions our development as key strategic partners in national and continental growth. This summit serves as that vital bridge, connecting sectors, stimulating dialogue, and showcasing best practices from across Africa and beyond.

But beyond the sessions, panels, and networking, what drives us is impact. Real impact. This kind that reshapes institutions, inspires policy changes, and strengthens local content and value chains. And none of this would be possible without your active engagement, your ideas, and your commitment to excellence in practice.

We also recognize the need to give greater visibility to procurement professionals, in a world where other professions often take the spotlight. We believe it is time for procurement to rise to be acknowledged not just for survival made, but for the value created, the risks managed, the innovations deployed, and the sustainability championed.

This summit is your platform. Embrace it. Use it to amplify your voice to build relationships that matter, and to learn from one another as we collectively reimagine the future of procurement and supply chain in Africa.

I would like to extend our deepest appreciation to our Chief Host, Mr. Fatai Kibaku Orafowole, Director General of the Lagos State Public Procurement Agency, for his leadership and partnership. My sincere gratitude also goes to our sponsors, partners, speakers, and all delegates who have traveled from far and near to be here.

Let us make this 7th edition the most impactful yet. Let us chart a path forward that is bold, innovative, and inclusive.

Once again, welcome - and thank you for being a part of this journey. Together, we are shaping the future.



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# WOMEN LEADERS CHAMPION GENDER EQUITY AT 7TH AFRICA PROCUREMENT SUMMIT IN LAGOS



The 7th Africa Procurement and Supply Chain Summit, held on July 3, 2025, at Lagos Oriental Hotel, featured a dynamic women-only panel anchored by Carol Opatá-Hogan, Executive Director of InstinctWave.

The summit convened industry leaders, government officials, and experts from across the continent to shape the future of procurement under the theme "Driving Impact through Innovation: The Future of Procurement & Supply Chain in Africa."

The panel, including Umwana Utuk (Supply Chain Expert), Nkechi Ezechie (Business Procurement Manager, Pladis Foods Nigeria), Gloria Nyanteh (Head of Procurement, National Petroleum Authority, Ghana), and Lucy James Abagi (CEO, Public and Private Development Centre), ignited discussions on gender equity, urging mentorship and policy reforms to empower women in supply chains.

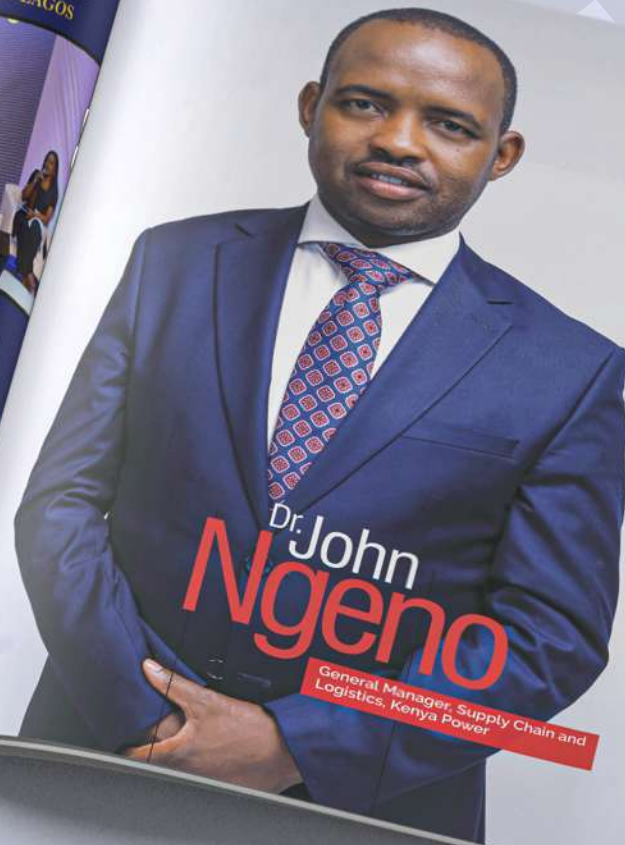
When asked about her journey, Lucy James Abagi shared, "At PPDC, we enhance women's participation in public procurement through gender-responsive strategies. Our work with UN Women revealed barriers like lack of compliance, prompting tailored training to boost women's capacity." Gloria Nyanteh, reflecting on her path, said, "Procurement wasn't my plan, but 15 years at NPA showed me its dynamic, regulated nature. It's not monotonous."

every procurement teaches something new"

Umwana Utuk emphasized, "My organization prioritized ESG policies, reviewing standards to include women without lowering the bar. My podcast, Legally-Minded Women, teaches women to bid effectively and comply with regulations." Nkechi Ezechie added, "We pushed for gender parity by mentoring women and fostering inclusive hiring. I've seen young women rise, inspired by our efforts to give them a voice."

Addressing women in leadership, Nyanteh noted, "At NPA, nine of 23 management roles are held by women. Our HR policies sponsor certifications equally, empowering women to lead." Abagi highlighted, "We train women business owners on compliance, bridging gaps in tax documentation to enable their participation in procurement."

Navigating gender challenges, Nyanteh stated, "In 20 years in oil and gas, confidence has shielded me from bias. Do your part well, and no one can diminish you." Ezechie shared, "and persistence helped me prove my worth." The panel's insights underscored the need for systemic change to drive gender equity in Africa's supply chain sector.



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