

2021 AOTS Webinar [KRAF01] Logistics Management for African Companies - Basic Viewpoints for Logistics Management and Improvement -

Organized by the Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS)
In cooperation with the African Federation of AOTS Alumni Societies (AFAAS)

BACKGROUND

The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS) is an organization for human resources development mainly in overseas countries to promote technical cooperation through training, experts dispatch and other programs. Through those programs, we aim at contributing to the mutual economic growth of developing countries and Japan as well as enhancing friendly relations among those countries. The AOTS webinar "Logistics Management for African Companies –Basic Viewpoints for Logistics Management and Improvement-" (KRAF01) is an online seminar (webinar) organized and conducted by AOTS in cooperation with the African Federation of AOTS Alumni Societies (AFAAS).

Challenges of logistics in Africa have been identified as we observe various problems caused by the spread of COVID-19. However, more eyes are on logistics in Africa. In the long run, quality and quantity of logistic services in the region are expected to grow.

This webinar targets owners, executives, senior managers and engineers involved in logistics of their own companies and organizations in Africa. Participants will deepen their understanding of the viewpoints of logistics management and improvement, and thereby be able to improve logistics management of their own companies and organizations.

OUTLINE

This webinar is designed to help the participants with a variety of backgrounds to learn more about the basic concepts of supply chains and logistics management. Our goal is to have them acquire capacity to find the problems that need to be addressed, countermeasures and improvement perspectives thereof. The lecturer has a long year experience in consultation of logistics in Japanese companies. He will introduce the practices of Japanese companies, while taking up the problems facing the participants' own companies and organizations. The program structure allows the participants to consider how to reconstruct and optimize each function of logistics and solve their problems.

OBJECTIVES

This webinar aims to help company owners, executives, and middle and senior managers and engineers involved in logistics at their companies / organizations to achieve the following objectives.

- 1) To understand the impact and issues of the COVID-19 pandemic on the supply chain and logistics management of companies
- 2) To understand the concept of logistics (transportation and delivery, cargo handling and storage, logistics cost, quality control, network design, etc.)
- 3) To understand the case example of Japanese companies
- 4) To understand how to identify issues in logistics management and how to optimize them.

DATE AND TIME

Day 1: Wednesday, 16 February 2022, 4:00-7:00PM (Japan Time)

Day 2: Thursday, 24 February 2022, 4:00-7:00PM (Japan Time)

***Participation in all two day webinars is required.**

*Please check the webinar start time in an applicant's country with **[Table 1] TIME DIFFERENCE WITH JAPAN IN THE TARGET ZONE** or ask it to the AOTS Alumni Society in the leaflet.

TARGET COUNTRIES

Developing Countries in **Africa**

*Please refer to **[Table 2] LIST OF TARGET COUNTRIES** for details.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

150 participants

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

Company owners, executives, middle and senior managers, engineers, in principle involved in logistics management at their companies / organizations residing in the target countries

[Basic Requirements for Participants]

In order to participate in the training program, the following conditions must be satisfied, in addition to the work experience and position requirements specified for each program.

- a) Participants should live and work in target countries. Japanese is NOT applicable.
- b) Participants should belong to either corporation or organization.
- c) Participants should be 20 years old and over.
- d) Participants should have enough English language ability so as to be able to understand the program content.
- e) Participants should not be armed forces personnel.

Notes:

- 1) In the case of applications from other than Japanese-affiliated companies or local companies that hold local capital, the priority for selection becomes lower.
- 2) This training is mainly aimed at the people working in the companies/organizations in the private sector, so those who belong to national or local government agencies are not eligible to participate.

THEME OF THE WEBINAR

Day 1

- 1) Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on corporate supply chains and logistics management
- 2) Concept of logistics (transportation and delivery, cargo handling and storage, logistics cost, quality control, network design, etc.)

Day 2

- 3) Case examples of logistics management in Japanese companies
- 4) Key points to focus on and ways to improve companies' logistics management (Comments on Pre-Training Report)

*Participants will be asked to submit a Pre-training Report regarding logistics issues of their companies by filing out a web-based questionnaire.

LECTURER**Mr. Takuya Hirose**

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**Area of expertise**

Support for supply chain diagnosis, innovation and restructuring; Support for distribution and logistics business diagnosis and building; Support for promoting improvement and innovation of distribution and logistics by function (cost reduction, productivity improvement, quality improvement, etc.); Business system design, operation and evaluation support; Human resources development support; organizational management support; Work style reform management support.

Records of lecturers and members of committees

Lectures held by Japan Institute of Logistics Systems

Qualifications lectures for logistics technology masters

A lecturer and a member of a steering committee (2001–)

Qualifications lectures for logistics sites improvement masters

A lecturer and a member of a steering committee (2010–)

In addition, many records of lecturers for in-house and general lectures

LANGUAGE

The webinars will be conducted in **English**. (Japanese with English Translation) The lecture material will be prepared and distributed to participants in **English**.

PARTICIPATION FEE

Free. This webinar will be implemented with the subsidy from the Japanese Government and sponsored by **African Federation of AOTS Alumni Societies (AFAAS)**.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the AOTS Alumni Society nearby and send the completed application form by email to the person in charge of the Society by the application deadline. After the deadline, AOTS will screen the applicants and select the participants, who will be notified from the AOTS Alumni Society by email. If no AOTS Alumni Society exists in an applicant's country (region), please apply through the AOTS Alumni Society in the nearest area.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

Wednesday, 26 January, 2022 (Japan Time)

*After the deadline, the applicants will be notified as to whether accepted or not by e-mail from the Alumni Society in his/her area.

ONLINE TOOL

Zoom Webinar

*When selected as a participant, the participant will receive an invitation email from the AOTS Alumni Society that he/she applied for. Please register for the webinar by clicking on the link in the email.

*After registration, a registrant will receive another email including participation button for the webinar. On the webinar day, just click this button.

*Invitation/Confirmation emails will be sent to all the approved participants. If a participant does not receive emails, please contact the AOTS Alumni Society he/she applied for.

NOTES

- ◇ AOTS certificate will not be awarded for this webinar.
- ◇ Participants will be asked to submit a Pre-training Report regarding logistics issues of their companies by filing out a web-based questionnaire.
- ◇ Attending a webinar in a group is admitted. For details, please ask the AOTS Alumni Society that the participant applied for.
- ◇ Personal information provided by the participants may be used to publicize other AOTS Training Programs and conduct questionnaires based on consent of the participants.
- ◇ Participants shall not reproduce, distribute, or alternate the distributed lecture materials or film the webinar without prior permission from AOTS. Participants are asked to make a pledge not to commit any violation.
- ◇ In the event of an unavoidable accident (war, riot, labor dispute, earthquake, storm, fire, flood, epidemic, etc.) or network / equipment trouble, AOTS may cancel the implementation of the webinar.
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- ◇ AOTS will not be held responsible if it becomes difficult for participants to participate in or continue to participate in the webinar due to an unavoidable accident or network/equipment trouble.

INQUIRY

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[Table 1] TIME DIFFERENCE WITH JAPAN IN THE TARGET ZONE
 (Only countries with AOTS Alumni Societies are listed.)

Country	Time difference with JST	Lecture Time (Local Time)
Tanzania	JST - 06:00	10:00 AM—1:00 PM
Ethiopia		
Kenya		
Sudan	JST - 07:00	9:00 AM—12:00 AM
Egypt		
Zambia		
South Africa		
Cameroon	JST - 08:00	8:00 AM—11:00 AM
Nigeria		
Ghana	JST - 09:00	7:00 AM—10:00 AM

[Table 2] LIST OF TARGET COUNTRIES

Applicants should be residing in the following countries.

Africa (54)	
Algeria	Liberia
Angola	Libya
Benin	Madagascar
Botswana	Malawi
Burkina Faso	Mali
Burundi	Mauritania
Cabo Verde	Mauritius
Cameroon	Morocco
Central African Rep.	Mozambique
Chad	Namibia
Comoros	Niger
Congo	Nigeria
Congo, Dem. Rep.	Rwanda
Côte d'Ivoire	Sao Tome and Principe
Djibouti	Senegal
Egypt	Sierra Leone
Equatorial Guinea	Somalia
Eritrea	South Africa
Eswatini	South Sudan
Ethiopia	St. Helena
Gabon	Sudan
Gambia	Tanzania
Ghana	Togo
Guinea	Tunisia
Guinea-Bissau	Uganda
Kenya	Zambia
Lesotho	Zimbabwe

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