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The Center for Applied Research and Innovation in Supply Chain - Africa (CARISCA)



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The Center for Applied Research and Innovation in Supply Chain-Africa (CARISCA) is part of the Building Research and Innovation, Generating Evidence, and Training (BRIDGE-Train) program, which harnesses the intellectual, research, community engagement, and capacity-strengthening expertise of higher education institutions to address some of the world’s most complex development challenges.

OVERVIEW

CARISCA is a global center for training, generating, and translating supply chain management research and innovations into positive development outcomes for Ghana and across Africa. Through a partnership between Arizona State University and Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in Ghana, CARISCA leverages local and international networks of governmental, civil society, and industry partners to connect African researchers, practitioners, and businesses to supply chain assets around the world.

CARISCA strengthens Ghana’s and the region’s capacity to improve supply chains by increasing efficiency, effectiveness, and inclusiveness, driving local development. To support these aims, CARISCA has ongoing research and consultancy work, scholarships to support graduate level work in supply chain studies, and virtual and in-person training workshops for faculty and staff.

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AREAS OF WORK

The BRIDGE-Train program is an addendum under the Science, Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships Annual Program Statement (STIP APS), which is part of a suite of programs under the Higher Education Solutions Network within USAID’s Innovation, Technology, and Research Hub.



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CARISCA’S GOALS

- Establish KNUST as Africa’s preeminent source of supply chain management expertise;
- Support researchers in Ghana and across Africa to drive innovation, research, and knowledge translation through the application of research findings and training to improve African supply chains, sustained by revenue-generating activities and a robust partner network;
- Equip supply chain management professionals and create research that significantly improves the efficiency and effectiveness of health and agricultural supply chains; and
- Increase the inclusion of and impact for women in supply chain education, research, and practice.

CARISCA SUPPLY CHAIN RESEARCH SUMMIT

Each year, CARISCA hosts the Supply Chain Research Summit, which aims to showcase, share, disseminate, and exchange supply chain research and knowledge and to grow the CARISCA academic network.

By bringing together key stakeholders in supply chains, the event helps to achieve the vision of transforming supply networks across Africa.

The theme of the 2023 Summit was “Africa’s Supply Chain and the Future of Work”. The hybrid event attracted 688 participants from 41 countries, marking a 53 percent increase in the number of participants compared to 2022.