



2019 EDGE Tracks and Objectives

The following track objectives from 2018 may help you develop the best session ideas. Objectives are subject to change at the discretion of track chairs at any time.

C-Level Discussion Forums

Gain insight into the thoughts and concerns of senior executives who manage complex supply chains and their counterparts who lead logistics solutions companies. Share ideas, ask questions, compare experiences, and learn from these panel and interactive discussion sessions.

Global Supply Chain

Supply chains have globalized dramatically over the last decade. This track focuses on creating an understanding of the opportunities and challenges of global supply chains from both a go-to market as well as a supply perspective, incorporating global end-to-end visibility, dealing with cultural diversity, trade compliance, regulatory and taxations aspects.

Government Regulations

This track will explore the touch points between government and industry – from a supplier to customer perspective as well as from the regulatory oversight point of view. The sessions will discuss where the federal government is taking us and highlight the implications form the global supply chain. Sessions will also touch on the issue of supply chain risk management and its linkage to government and regulation.

Integrated Supply Chain Management and Finance

The supply chain is comprised of many parts all striving to come together in synchronized harmony to deliver exceptional results to the customer. In today's lightning speed environment, communication at all levels of the supply chain is the key. Come to the Integrated Supply Chain Management track to learn how companies are utilizing technology and implementing processes to optimize their supply chain and create value.

Leadership

New Track for 2019. The Track Chair selected for this track will be responsible for writing the objective.

Manufacturing and Service Operations

This track discusses the advantages and disadvantages of centralizing supply chain in a multi-national company. In addition, it will cover the creation of a cross-functional team to transform logistics into a center led organization – with rationalization and reduction of the supply base. It will also examine the pros and cons of supply chain getting a seat at the "C" suite table and the impact it would have on the financials, business strategy, and performance.

Order Fulfillment and Customer Service

Explore the rapidly evolving landscape of methodologies utilized by consumer product companies, wholesalers, retailers, and eCommerce to enhance distribution channels, and to efficiently reach in continually expanding markets and provide services tailored to address consumer preferences. This track will address the increasing role of technology systems and data analytics in order fulfillment and customer service as well as innovative strategies for maximizing efficiencies in distribution relationships including creative solutions for last mile deliveries and related performance metrics.

Risk Management

New Track for 2019. The Track Chair selected for this track will be responsible for writing the objective.

Supply Chain Planning and Optimization

Increase your knowledge and gain insights on how to successfully align supply chain planning.

Supply Management and Procurement

The supply management and procurement landscape are experiencing a transformation. This track will explore and offer emerging, enabling, and disruptive strategies and concepts in the space to enhance the current business industry environment.

Talent Management and Development

A great plan is nothing without great people to execute it. Major project coming up? Building a new team? Restructuring your division? You won't want to miss this track. In our sessions you'll learn best practices regarding recruiting, developing, and retaining talent as well as how companies have leveraged their talent to implement and execute best-in-class supply chains solutions.

Technology Solutions

Supply chains need to be built for speed and efficiency in today's hyper-connected world. Technological advancements within the industry are meeting external spill-over effects and driving innovations within today's supply chains. This track will explore the application of disruptive technology solutions that are creating the supply chains of the future.

Transportation and Logistics

Present by NASSTRAC, this track is focused on the efficient and effective movement of goods in domestic and international markets and educating supply chain professionals on the impact transportation has on their supply chains.

Warehousing

This warehousing track will introduce ideas to improve warehouse operations and how you how to position warehousing within the larger field of supply chain management.