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## **Ethiopian Pharmaceutical Supply Agency leading the way in Sub-Saharan Africa in international standard qualifications for Supply Chain**

The Ethiopia Pharmaceutical Supply Agency (EPSA) has become the first Public Health Supply Chain institution in Sub-Saharan Africa to pursue international standard qualifications in Supply Chain (Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP); Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply (CIPS); Chartered Institute of Personnel Development (CIPD); and Fleet Management courtesy of the Pamela Steele Associates (PSA) through the Admas Programme: a collaborative project with the aim to transform the Human Resource System and Human Capital across EPSA and empower EPSA staff to deliver quality health products efficiently and effectively.



The Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) programme is recognised globally as the premier programme for operations and end-to-end Supply Chain Management. It takes a broad view of operations, encompassing the entire Supply Chain—from supplier, through the company, to the end consumer. It provides professionals with the knowledge necessary to understand and manage the integration and coordination of end-to-end Supply Chain activities.

Saturday 24 October marked the end of a 6-day face-to-face lecture series for CSCP in Ethiopia, by PSA Academy trainer Mr Velile Mguni from South Africa and had 18 EPSA attendees.

In his speech at the closing ceremony, the EPSA Director General Dr Abdulkadir Galgalo explained, “we have almost finalised our strategic plan, which will require the latest knowledge, innovative and a business mindset to make ours a successful venture.” He also noted to staff who had attended the courses, “PSA has the critical responsibility to support us in our human resource transformation and I thank them for their dedication to bring us international standard certifications. You are lucky to get this golden opportunity to pursue international standard certifications that will enable you to compete on the international platform.”



The ceremony also provided opportunity for Mr Solomon Niguise, the Branch Manager of EPSA Adama Center of Excellence, to receive his Award, having just passed his exam, becoming the first public institution employee in the whole country to become a Certified Supply Chain Professional. He also qualified as a CSCP trainer, joining the only two black African CSCP qualified trainers in the whole of

Africa to do so.

### **About PSA**

Pamela Steele Associates (PSA) is a niche management consultancy with a mission to ensure that no patient in low- or middle-income countries suffers due to lack of essential medicine. Founded in 2013, PSA has headquarters in Oxford, UK and regional offices in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Nigeria. Working with governments, NGOs and the United Nations, we research, train and provide consultancy, deploying technical specialists to transform health and humanitarian supply chains in collaboration with client teams.

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