

Biographies

Bajjet Sylvester Naresho is a PhD student at the School of Business and Law, Central Queensland University, Australia. His current research focuses on supply chain collaboration, partners commitments, transaction cost management, and agri-food supply chains. Bajjet started his academic journey as a tutorial assistant with an Advanced Diploma in procurement and supply from the Tanzania Institute of Accountancy in 2006 before joining the Procurement and Supplies Professionals and Technicians Board (PSPTB) examinations at achieved a Certified Procurement and Supplies Professional (CPSP) qualification in 2007. In 2010, completed a Master of Science course in procurement and supply chain management from Mzumbe University before being promoted to an assistant lecturer at the Tanzania Institute of Accountancy. Taught various courses in logistics, procurement and supply chain management modules for 9.5 years before starting a research journey as a PhD candidate at the Central Queensland University Australia. The research project is on supply chain collaboration in the agricultural supply chain.

Dr Imran Ali is currently a Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Operations and Innovation Management at the School of Business and Law in Central Queensland University, Australia. Imran holds a PhD in Business Management (Logistics and Supply Chain Management) from the Business School, University of South Australia. His current research focuses on regional economies and supply chains, including supply chain risk and resilience, Industry 4.0, climate change, and sustainable supply chain performance. Imran's research has been featured in several high-quality journals and conference proceedings such as *Journal of Business Research*, *IEEE Transaction on Engineering Management*, *Supply Chain Management: An International Journal*, *Production Planning and Control*, *International Journal of Physical Distribution and Logistics Management*, and *Academy of Management Best Paper Proceedings*, among others. In collaboration with UNDP and FAO of the UN, Imran has availed the opportunity to work on several promising projects around operations and supply chain management.

Associate Professor Delwar Akbar is a regional economist and a research leader in the supply and value chain area at Central Queensland University, Australia. He has been working with rural and regional industries and businesses to improve their productivity and sustainability. His research, during the last decade, has focused predominantly on rural and regional economics, value chain analysis, property and health economics, economic impact assessment and regional development. Along with other researchers, Delwar has received significant levels of funding support (about 6.5 million dollars) through the Category 1-4 grants. He has integrated economic models with supply chain, services and planning models. Recently, he has been developing and testing collaborative business models that could booster rural economic dynamics and international trade. Over his academic career, he has been involved with more than 60 research and consultancy projects and published over 130 refereed papers and project reports.