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Preface

THE WORLD IS FACING unprecedented challenges in supply chains. From global disruptions to shifting consumer expectations, leaders are realizing that traditional tools are no longer enough. The complexity and volatility of today's markets demand solutions that are faster, smarter, and more resilient.

This book was written to bridge the gap between proven supply chain practices and the transformative power of artificial intelligence. It is not about abstract theories but about practical methods that can be applied today—methods that combine human ingenuity with machine intelligence to unlock extraordinary performance.

Each chapter introduces a critical dimension of modern supply chain management, explains how AI enhances it, and provides real-world examples to ground the concepts. My goal is to give supply chain professionals, managers, and students a roadmap to thrive in an era of continuous disruption.

We are at a turning point in business history. Those who embrace AI as a strategic partner will not only survive but redefine excellence in supply chain management. This book is my contribution to equipping you for that journey.

Author's Note

AS AN ENGINEER, PROFESSOR, and advisor, I have spent over two decades working with industries and organizations across the globe. I have seen first-hand the frustrations of broken supply chains, the inefficiencies hidden in plain sight, and the tremendous opportunities waiting to be unlocked with the right mindset and tools.

Writing this book was both a professional and personal mission. Professionally, because the challenges are urgent and solutions are within reach. Personally, because I believe in the power of knowledge—when shared—to create lasting impact.

I encourage you to approach this book not just as a manual, but as a conversation between you and me. Question the methods, adapt the tools, and most importantly, put them into practice. The real transformation happens not in these pages but in the systems and lives you will improve with them.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your journey toward smarter, more resilient supply chains.

— **Mohammed Hamed Ahmed Soliman**

Chapter 1: Strategic Foundations of Supply Chain



1.1 Introduction

MODERN SUPPLY CHAINS are no longer just a series of steps to move products from suppliers to customers—they are complex, interconnected networks that demand **strategic planning, real-time decision-making, and continuous optimization**. With the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI), companies now have the tools to **transform their supply chains into predictive, efficient, and resilient systems**.

This chapter lays the foundation for understanding **core strategies in supply chain management (SCM)**, identifies the common challenges businesses face, and shows how AI can be integrated to achieve measurable results.