

Call for Papers for a Special Issue in *Journal of Agricultural & Food Industrial Organization*:
“**Constraints and Bottlenecks along the Fertilizer Supply Chain in Sub-Saharan Africa**”

Deadline for Submissions: December 30, 2014

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES:

Among the major contributing factors to lagging agricultural productivity in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) is low fertilizer use. The average fertilizer application rate is 8 kg of nutrients per hectare (ha) of arable land, whereas the global average is 100 kg/ha.

To contribute to the understanding of the causes of low fertilizer use in SSA, the special issue of JAFIO will focus on a) identifying the constraints and bottlenecks affecting the performance of fertilizer supply chains in SSA countries, and 2) exploring alternative private strategies and public policies for improving performance.

SELECTION PROCESS:

The Editor-in-Chief will select up to 10 papers to be included in the special issue and the authors (one author per paper) will be invited to present their papers at a conference in Morocco organized by JAFIO and [OCP Policy Center](#).

Submissions must be uploaded at the following link: <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/dgjafio>

The special issue welcomes both academic and practical contributions from within as well as outside SSA. All submissions will undergo one round of reviews for providing constructive comments to authors. Acceptance will be limited to submissions not needing extensive revisions.

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