

Global Supply Network: A Progression from Supply Chain

This paper traces the progression of supply chain management from its inception that used to be called production management, to today's global network of providers of raw material, parts and component, and associated services, to produce the final product. It suggests that there have been sufficient environmental changes and concomitant business practices that the activities resembles a network of global suppliers more than a chain of them. To support such suggestion, these environmental changes and managerial practices that are characteristics of supply network are discussed.