

2024

**We Achieve the Dream:
Leadership, Empowerment,
Sustainability**

POST EVENT REPORT



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WE ACHIEVE THE DREAM: LEADERSHIP, EMPOWERMENT, SUSTAINABILITY



Chairman Opening Address

“The Global Project Management Forum has been a consistent dream for me since 2017, and today I am proud with you and because of you that this dream has completed its third year since its inception, becoming a beacon guiding every ambitious dreamer seeking success and excellence in project management.

We have dreamed five dreams, and today I celebrate their realization with you:

The First Dream:

For the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to be the leading global destination for the future of project management.

The Second Dream:

Empowering Saudi citizens with knowledge and professionalism in project management to compete globally.

The Third Dream:

Enriching Arabic content in project management.

The Fourth Dream:

Adopting a professional and accredited methodology that serves the prosperity of large-scale and construction projects in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

And the Fifth Dream, but not the last:

Empowering young leaders and creating impact.”

Eng. Badr Burshaid

Chairman, Global Project Management Forum
President, Project Management Institute KSA Chapter

THE BIGGEST GATHRING FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT INDUSTRY



The third edition of the Global Project Management Forum kicked off in Riyadh, under the theme “ We Achieve the Dream: Leadership, Empowerment, Sustainability.” under the patronage of His Excellency the Minister of Transport, Eng. Saleh Al-Jasser.



With the active participation of government officials, regional and global experts, project managers, professionals, decision-makers, and esteemed thought leaders, GPMF stands as a dynamic platform. It fosters collaboration and knowledge exchange, fortifying the project management ecosystem. Together, they aim to bolster the successful realization of the nation’s ambitious mega-projects.

THE FORUM IN NUMBERS



3 DAYS

Packed with Impactful Sessions



OVER 10,000

Attendees (Physical and Virtual)



100

Participating Countries

GLOBAL PROJECT
MANAGEMENT FORUM
الملتقى العالمي لإدارة المشاريع

Panel: Opportunities and Success Factors in Giga projects



55

Panel And Technical Sessions



110

Senior Industry Speaker



14

Masterclasses and Workshops



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Partners

Saadi Adra
ADVISORS

Laura Barnard
PMD Strategies



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Exhibitors

Albabbtain
Ministry of Human Resources & Social
Development

Benjamin Bre
Project Management Institute



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MOUs

Wilson Guilherme
Petrobras

H.E. Dr. Ghanem Almoha
MOWRAN

PROGRAM



This year's forum edition combined an insightful program, an impressive line-up of speakers and numerous networking opportunities, bringing the regional and global project management industry all in one place.

PRE FORUM MASTERCLASSES AGENDA

Green Project Management

Evolve Your PMO into an Engine Driving Strategy Results

How to Transform to a Learning Organization?

How to Assess Competency Gap of your Project Teams?

Emotionally Intelligent Project Leader

The Transformation Champions

Developing a Growth Mindset

Claims Management and Dispute Resolution in PPP Projects

How can Sponsors and Program Managers do Better Decisions Using Big Data and AI Support

Establishing a Governance Framework and Board for Mega Projects

PRE FORUM CHALLENGING WORKSHOPS

Establishing The Value-Chain for Sustainable Benefits

How Can Mega Projects Not Fail!

What if We Teach Them and They Walk Away?

I Have a Project in Trouble, HELP AI!



DAY ONE

2024 Book Releases: Fireside Chats with Authors

Women in Project Management

The Role of PMO in Driving Successful Digital Transformation Initiatives
Female Empowerment in Today's PMO
Key Factors in the Efforts to Develop Saudi Arabia as a Dynamic Trade Hub

Multiple Topics

Green Horizons: Integrating Sustainability into Project Management Practices
Incorporating Sustainability into Project Management Practices
Giga Portfolios, the Nexus of Digitalization and Governance

Opportunities and Success Factors in Giga projects

GPMF Opening Ceremony & Keynotes

Saudi Vision 2030 Outlook

What Got You Here Will Not Get you There - an Analogy of AI for PM

Multiple Topics

AI Innovations in Project Success
Cracking the Code for Productivity and Achieving Professional Longevity
Boosting Saudi Mega Projects: Korean Startups & Global Investment

Collaboration in Multi-generational and Multicultural Teams

Bridging Generational and Cultural Gaps in Project Management
The Challenge - How to Lead Virtual Projects to Success and Not Only Survive Them
Multicultural Teams in Remote Project

Sustainability and Green Project Management

Exploring Sustainability in Project Management through a Value for Money Lens
Launching PMI-KSA Chapter account on the National Platform for Volunteering Work
Impacting Tomorrow: Insights into Sustainable Project Management



DAY TWO

Reports on Project Performance

- Transformation and Project Management Survey Findings
- How Impactful is your Organization Transformation
- How to Win an International Award | The Amazing Case of SPL!

Emotionally Intelligent Leaders

- Building Antifragile Project Management: Thriving Through Uncertainty
- Positive Intelligence and its Impact in Project Management
- Performance Alchemy: Crafting Healthy Environments for Project Mastery

AI in Support of Project Success

- Enterprise Case Studies of AI in Project Management
- The Role of AI in Project Management: Strategies for Achieving Success
- Innovation Integration: Implementing AI in Project Management Offices

Keynotes

- Project Success in Diversity: Collaboration in Multicultural Project Teams
- Change Management Vs. Managing Change: the Arab News Case Study

Panel 4: The Portfolio of Social Sustainability

Projects and Organizational Strategy Coming Together

- Understanding Organizational Project Delivery and the Journey to Successful PMOs
- PMOs Reimagined: Emerging Trends and Future Directions
- Integrating Project Management Principles into Government Strategy Execution: Enhancing Efficiency

Multiple Topics

- Corporate Governance and Building Trust
- The Power of Storytelling in Multigenerational and Multicultural Projects Management Teams
- Mastering Collaboration in Remote Project Management
- Navigating Giga Projects with Strategic PMOs: Enhancing Data-Driven Decision Making for Project Success

Data-Driven Decision Making

- How Can Sponsors and Program Managers Do Better Decisions Using Big Data and AI Support
- AI-Ready Project Team
- P3.Express: The Power of Minimalism for Project Managers

Multiple Topics

- The Role of PMI-CP for the Construction Practitioner
- Capturing Value From Complexity: Improving Project Stakeholder Management Framework
- Governance Challenges That Mega Projects Face
- The Role of the Project Management Office in Managing Project Portfolios



Giga Project Management

- Implementing Project 13 Principles: Collaborative Transformation in Project Delivery
- Is Organizational Project Management (OPM) a Myth or Reality?
- Stakeholders Engagement Model for the Urgent "Risk Mitigation " Mega Projects

Panel 5: What Can Training & Development Offer to Enhance Project Success?

Recognition: Distinguished Awards

Value, Benefits and Impact

- Modularization Benefits Beyond Craft Cost Savings
- The Role of PMOs in Achieving Strategy Objectives & Realizing the Benefits
- Why Do Executives Undervalue PMOs?

Resource and Competency Management

- Ensuring Project Success Through Risk Management in Construction
- Competence Development for Project Engineers to Serve as Program and Project Leaders on Complex Engineering Programs
- Personal Branding for Project Managers on LinkedIn

Projects and Organizational Strategy Coming Together

- Creating a Culture That Values Project Management: The Top 10 Countdown Checklist You Can Use Now
- Incorporating Sustainable Technologies and Innovation in Project Management at Healthcare Industry
- Strategy Execution via Mature Organizational Project Management





**WE EXTEND OUR PROFOUND APPRECIATION TO
OUR ESTEEMED LINEUP OF SPEAKERS**

SPEAKERS



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Eng. Badr Abdullah Al-Dulami

Vice Minister at the Ministry of Transport

“ It is a source of pride to see the Kingdom leading this field globally and locally with its superior capabilities and potentials, and the growth of its mega projects in all cities of the Kingdom. These record numbers of individuals obtaining professional certifications are clear evidence of the efficiency of project leaders and the quality of outputs that align with our vision and goals to create a thriving economy and a sustainable vibrant society.

Areej Naqshbandi

Public Investment Fund

“ This forum continues to be a flagship event in the industry, bringing together the brightest minds in the project management field from across the globe.



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Eng. Thamir Al-Sadoun

National Transformation Program

“ Since the launch of Saudi Vision 2030, we have been witnessing the impact of the transformation taking place in various sectors of the Kingdom, such as environmental conservation, facilitating the initiation and practice of business activities, attracting quality investments to the Kingdom, empowering women and developing youth skills, and promoting and organizing volunteer work.

Eng. Suliman K. Al-Mazroua

National Industrial Development and Logistics Program

“ We have learned from Saudi Vision 2030 that the projects with the deepest impact are those projects directed to serve humanity, its sustainability, and its development, and not projects based on achieving financial profit only.



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Osama Alsaleh

Saudi Aramco

“ We are meeting now at a pivotal moment in the history of the Kingdom, in which we are witnessing very rapid changes on the economic, social and cultural levels, as the Kingdom is witnessing a rapid shift towards the economy to achieve the goals of Vision 2030.

Eng. Ibrahim bin Mohammed Al Khenizan

Saudi Electricity Project Development Company

“ We strive, as one of the leading companies in engineering, design, and project management, to embody our vital and influential role in achieving sustainable development in the Kingdom. We aim to deliver the best services according to the highest global standards, so that we become a model to be emulated in competitiveness and leadership in the field of project management worldwide.





Rami Al Turki

Nesma & Partners Contracting Company

“ By enhancing safety, supporting the well-being of our employees and stakeholders, and investing in our youth, we contribute to achieving the ambitious goals of the Kingdom’s Vision 2030. As His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman said: ‘Our ambition is to build a state that accommodates everyone, benefits everyone, and in which everyone participates in its construction.’

Sharekh Alsharekh

Saudi Water Authority

“ Since its inception, the Authority has gone through many transformations in its strategy, business and operational foundations, and the prevailing slogan under its leadership has remained ensuring the security of the water supply.



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Lenka Pincot

Project Management Institute

“ The data demonstrate the transformative power of generative AI when applied to more complex scenarios. It comes from exploring how project professionals can do their jobs more efficiently and differently.

Amin Saidoun

International Project Management Association (IPMA)

“ Embracing cultural diversity in project teams enhances success by addressing challenges through inclusion and adaptive leadership. The IPMA model aids education and professional development, promoting a better world through effective project management.





PANEL SESSIONS

PANEL SESSION 1: OPPORTUNITIES AND SUCCESS FACTORS IN GIGA PROJECTS



The panel delved deep into the world of giga projects – massive undertakings with the potential to transform industries and societies. The panelists explored the unique opportunities they present, uncovered the critical success factors that differentiate triumph from disaster, and equipped our audience with the knowledge to navigate these complex endeavors.

 Moderator Dr. Saadi Adra ADVISORS		 Panelist Laura Barnard PMO Strategies		 Panelist Hesham Albabtain Ministry of Human Resources & Social Development
 Panelist Benjamin Breen Project Management Institute		 Panelist Dr. Wilson Guilherme Petrobras		 Panelist H.E. Dr. Ghanem Almohammadi MOMRAH



PANEL SESSION 2: SAUDI VISION 2030 OUTLOOK



In this panel, we delved into the visionary roadmap of Saudi Arabia, exploring the transformative goals and ambitions outlined in Saudi Vision 2030. We analyzed the key pillars of the vision, assessed its impact on various sectors, and discussed the opportunities and challenges that have arisen as a result.

 Moderator Mohammed Hamad PMI - KSA		 Panelist Dr. Mohammed Muafa Tarshid		 Panelist Eng. Fawaz Alrabeh National Transformation Program Center
 Panelist Osamah Alzaid MHRSD		 Panelist Mubarak Al-Otaib Saudi Electricity Project Development Company		 Panelist Dr. Ayman Alwaleedi Rua Almadinah



PANEL SESSION 3: WHAT GOT YOU HERE WILL NOT GET YOU THERE - AN ANALOGY OF AI FOR PM

In a riveting panel session, experts explored the challenges of giga projects and the transformative potential of AI in project management. They delved into the two schools of AI, shared real cases of AI-driven project success, and discussed AI applications for sentiment analysis, virtual collaboration, language translation, social media monitoring, and personalized communication. The session provided valuable insights into harnessing AI to overcome project management hurdles and foster inclusive participation.

 Thamer Shaker MYSAN	 Dr. Eyad Buhulaiga PMI KSA	 Panelist Eng. Sherif Elabd Oracle
 Panelist Ike Nwankwo Project Management Institute	 Panelist Dr. Mejdal AlQahtani King Saud University	 Panelist H.E. Dr. Margarete Schramböck Aramco Digital



PANEL SESSION 4: THE PORTFOLIO OF SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

The panel explored social sustainability portfolios, covering strategies, case studies, and best practices.



 Moderator Maya Ayoub Women in Tech	 Panelist Mohammad Alkhalidi PwC	 Panelist Rashed Al Jalajil NUPCO
 Panelist Eng. Sultan Ati Alqurashi The General Authority for the Affairs of the Two Holy Mosques	 Panelist Rakan Tarabzouni Future Investment Initiative Institute	 Panelist Muna Abusulayman Transform

PANEL SESSION 5: WHAT CAN TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT OFFER TO ENHANCE PROJECT SUCCESS?



In a dynamic panel session, experts discussed training strategies for modern project management challenges. They explored common skill gaps, adapting to remote work, fostering continuous learning cultures, and the impact of leadership development on project outcomes. Technological advancements in training delivery and evaluating training effectiveness were also hot topics, along with leveraging technology for enhanced project management practices. Insights on future trends and overcoming barriers to technology adoption rounded out the discussion.



Moderator
Fola F. Alabi
 Strategic Project Leader Inc.



Panelist
Hani Mohammed Baeshin
 Nesma & Partners



Panelist
LuAnn Piccard
 Project Management Institute



Panelist
Dr. Tahani Aldosemani
 Education and Training Evaluation Commission



Panelist
Dr. Laila Faridoon
 Looking Forward Consultancy



Panelist
Heba El Shehhi
 PMOGA UAE President





MASTERCLASSES



01

Green Project Management

Joel Carboni and Ewa Bednarczyk led a masterclass on Green Project Management, discussing sustainable project practices. They highlighted strategies for integrating environmental considerations into project planning and execution, shared tools for measuring sustainability impacts, and provided real-world examples of successful green projects. Participants learned how to align project outcomes with sustainability goals and drive eco-friendly initiatives.



02

Evolve Your PMO into an Engine Driving Strategy Results

Laura Barnard's masterclass focused on assets that drive business impact rather than merely overseeing projects. In today's dynamic business environment, organizations require PMOs to be proactive and align closely with strategic objectives. However, many PMOs find themselves in reactive modes, failing to meet the demands of business leaders who seek tangible results. Attendees learned actionable strategies to bridge this gap and position their PMOs as crucial drivers of business success. They gained insights into becoming Strategy Navigators, guiding executives towards achieving their goals effectively. The masterclass equipped participants with a playbook to navigate this transformation journey and secure their place at the decision-making table.



03

How to Transform to a Learning Organization?

Dr. Mustafa Hafizoglu led a session on transforming organizations into learning entities. He covered the principles of a learning organization, the importance of continuous improvement, and techniques for fostering a culture of learning. Participants were introduced to practical frameworks and tools for assessing organizational learning capabilities and implementing change to encourage knowledge sharing and innovation.



04

How to Assess Competency Gap of your Project Teams?

Dr. Lamia Sakr's masterclass focused on assessing the competency gaps in project teams. She discussed various assessment methods, including competency frameworks, performance evaluations, and skills assessments. Participants learned how to identify skill deficiencies, develop targeted training programs, and implement continuous improvement plans. Real-world examples showcased effective strategies for bridging competency gaps and enhancing team performance.



05

Emotionally Intelligent Project Leader

Hatem Shehab led a masterclass on the importance of emotional intelligence in project leadership. He discussed key emotional intelligence competencies such as self-awareness, empathy, and relationship management. Participants learned techniques for improving their emotional intelligence, enhancing team dynamics, and managing stress effectively. Real-world scenarios illustrated how emotionally intelligent leaders can drive better project outcomes and foster a positive work environment.



06

The Transformation Champions

Ahmed Abdesallem's session focused on the role of transformation champions in driving organizational change. He covered strategies for identifying and empowering these champions, overcoming resistance to change, and sustaining transformation initiatives. Participants were provided with tools and frameworks to support transformation champions in their organizations, and success stories highlighted the impact of effective change leadership.



07

Developing a Growth Mindset

Lan Phan led a masterclass on cultivating a growth mindset within teams and organizations. She explained the benefits of a growth mindset, such as enhanced innovation and resilience. Participants engaged in activities to identify fixed versus growth mindset traits and learned practical strategies for fostering a culture of continuous learning and development. Case studies demonstrated the positive impact of adopting a growth mindset.



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08

Claims Management and Dispute Resolution in PPP Projects

Dr. Ahmed Awad's session addressed claims management and dispute resolution in Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects. He discussed common causes of disputes, effective claims management processes, and dispute resolution mechanisms. Participants gained insights into best practices for minimizing conflicts, managing claims proactively, and resolving disputes efficiently to ensure project continuity and success. Real-world examples highlighted successful resolution strategies.



09

How Can Sponsors and Program Managers Make Better Decisions Using Big Data and AI Support

Jan-Willem Middleburg led a masterclass on leveraging big data and AI to enhance decision-making for sponsors and program managers. He discussed the integration of data analytics and AI tools in project management processes, illustrating how these technologies can provide actionable insights, predict project risks, and optimize resource allocation. Participants learned about real-world applications and best practices for utilizing big data and AI to drive more informed and strategic decisions.



10

Establishing a Governance Framework and Board for Mega Projects

Ross Garland's session focused on the creation of governance frameworks and boards specifically for mega projects. He covered essential components of effective governance, including roles and responsibilities, decision-making processes, and accountability mechanisms. Participants were guided through the development of customized governance structures to enhance oversight and strategic alignment. Case studies highlighted successful implementations, demonstrating improved project control and stakeholder confidence through robust governance practices.



WORKSHOPS



01

Establishing The Value-Chain for Sustainable Benefits

How to balance project objectives and sustainability requirements.



02

How Mega Projects Can Avoid Failure

Best Practices According to World Class Organizations.



03

What if We Teach Them and They Walk Away?

Deep dive analyses of the crazy turnaround rates.



04

I Have a Project in Trouble, HELP AI!

Building the business case for both preventive and remedial measures fostered by AI tools.



TECHNICAL SESSIONS



01

The Role of PMO in Driving Successful Digital Transformation Initiatives

The presentation covered the PMO's role in digital transformation programs, highlighting strategies for aligning program outcomes with business goals, managing resources, and supporting program delivery. Real-world examples were shared to demonstrate how PMOs can facilitate agile methodologies and cultivate a culture prepared for digital advancements. Tips were offered to PMOs to avoid common pitfalls, including maintaining clear communication, effectively engaging middle management, building strong tech competencies, and focusing on measurable outcomes.



02

Female Empowerment in Today's PMO

The session discussed the significance of female empowerment within Project Management Offices (PMOs), emphasizing strategies to promote gender diversity and inclusion. It highlighted successful case studies where female leadership drove project success, and shared actionable tips for creating supportive environments for women. The importance of mentorship, networking, and organizational policies that champion female advancement was underscored, aiming to inspire a more balanced and equitable PMO landscape.



03

Key Factors in the Efforts to Develop Saudi Arabia as a Dynamic Trade Hub

The session explored the critical factors behind Saudi Arabia’s ambition to become a dynamic trade hub. Key discussions included infrastructure development, regulatory reforms, and investment in technology. The role of Vision 2030 in diversifying the economy and enhancing trade logistics was highlighted. Case studies showcased successful initiatives, while experts provided insights on overcoming challenges and fostering international partnerships to drive sustainable growth and global trade integration.



04

Green Horizons: Integrating Sustainability into Project Management Practices

The session focused on incorporating sustainability into project management, emphasizing eco-friendly strategies and practices. Key topics included reducing carbon footprints, promoting resource efficiency, and integrating sustainable goals into project planning and execution. Real-world examples demonstrated successful green project initiatives, while experts offered practical tips on balancing economic, environmental, and social objectives. The importance of stakeholder engagement and continuous improvement in fostering a culture of sustainability within project management was underscored.



05

Incorporating Sustainability into Project Management Practices

The session emphasized the integration of sustainability into project management, focusing on environmentally friendly strategies and sustainable resource use. Discussions covered incorporating green goals in project planning, reducing carbon footprints, and promoting energy efficiency. Practical examples highlighted successful sustainable projects, and experts provided guidance on aligning sustainability with project objectives. The session underscored the role of stakeholder engagement and continuous improvement in achieving sustainable project outcomes.



06

Giga Portfolios at the Nexus of Digitalization and Governance

The session examined the intersection of digitalization and governance in managing large-scale, complex portfolios. Key discussions focused on leveraging digital tools for enhanced portfolio oversight, data-driven decision-making, and improved resource allocation. Real-world examples illustrated how digital governance frameworks can streamline processes and boost transparency. Experts provided insights on overcoming challenges in integrating digital solutions, emphasizing the importance of robust governance structures and continuous innovation in managing giga portfolios effectively.



07

AI Innovations in Project Success

The session explored the transformative potential of artificial intelligence (AI) within project management and strategic decision-making. By integrating AI technologies into our products, we enable clients to elevate their project management capabilities and make more informed strategic choices. Through sophisticated analysis of vast data sets, our AI-driven systems identify trends, predict potential issues, and ultimately enhance project outcomes by reducing risks.



08

Cracking the Code for Productivity and Achieving Professional Longevity

The session delved into strategies for boosting productivity and ensuring professional longevity. Key topics included time management techniques, leveraging technology for efficiency, and maintaining work-life balance. Experts shared insights on developing resilient career paths through continuous learning and adaptability. Practical tips on setting realistic goals, avoiding burnout, and fostering a growth mindset were provided to help professionals sustain long-term success and fulfilment in their careers.



09

Boosting Saudi Mega Projects: Korean Startups & Global Investment

The session, led by Rachel Shoo from Global Projections, focused on enhancing Saudi mega projects through the involvement of Korean startups and global investment. Key discussions included strategies for attracting international investment, fostering innovation through Korean startup collaboration, and aligning these efforts with Saudi Vision 2030. Experts shared insights on successful partnership models, investment opportunities, and the impact of global collaboration on accelerating the development and success of Saudi mega projects.



10

Bridging Generational and Cultural Gaps in Project Management

This session explored practical strategies to enhance collaboration among diverse team members by bridging generational and cultural gaps in project management. It also discovered actionable insights to address common challenges, unlock the potential of a diverse workforce, and drive innovation for project success.



11

The Challenge - How to Lead Virtual Projects to Success and Not Only Survive Them

The session explored strategies for leading virtual projects to success, beyond mere survival. Key topics included building strong virtual teams, maintaining engagement, and ensuring clear communication. Experts shared insights on leveraging digital collaboration tools, setting clear expectations, and fostering trust in a remote environment. Case studies of successful virtual projects were discussed, providing practical advice on overcoming common challenges and achieving project goals in a virtual setting.



12

Multicultural Team Remote Project

The session focused on managing remote projects with multicultural teams, emphasizing the importance of cultural awareness and effective communication. Key discussions included strategies for bridging cultural differences, fostering collaboration, and leveraging diverse viewpoints. Experts shared tips on managing time zone differences, ensuring inclusivity, and building strong team relationships. Real-world examples highlighted successful multicultural remote projects, demonstrating how cultural competency and flexibility contribute to project success.





13

Exploring Sustainability in Project Management through a Value for Money Lens

The session delved into sustainability within project management, examining it through a value-for-money perspective. Key discussions included balancing economic considerations with environmental and social impacts, and maximizing project value while minimizing costs. Experts shared insights on integrating sustainability into project planning, procurement, and decision-making processes. Real-world case studies demonstrated how a value-for-money approach can drive sustainable outcomes and long-term project success.



14

Launching PMI-KSA Chapter account on the National Platform for Volunteering Work

The session, presented by Hajer Aissi from PMI-KSA, focused on the launch of the PMI-KSA Chapter account on the National Platform for Volunteering Work. Key discussions included the benefits of this initiative for enhancing community engagement, promoting volunteer opportunities, and supporting project management professionals in Saudi Arabia. Practical insights were shared on how to leverage the platform to drive volunteerism, develop skills, and contribute to national development goals.



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Impacting Tomorrow: Insights into Sustainable Project Management

This session provided insights into sustainable project management, emphasizing its significance for future generations. Key discussions covered the importance of considering environmental and social impacts in project decision-making, and fostering a culture of sustainability within project teams. Experts shared best practices for aligning projects with sustainable development goals and creating lasting positive impacts on communities and ecosystems. Real-world examples illustrated how sustainable project management can drive innovation, resilience, and long-term prosperity.



16

Transformation and Project Management Survey Findings

The session presented findings from a survey on transformation and project management practices. Key insights included trends in project management methodologies, organizational change initiatives, and the role of technology in driving transformation. Experts analyzed survey data to identify common challenges, best practices, and emerging trends in project management. Recommendations were provided for organizations seeking to improve their transformation and project management capabilities based on survey findings and industry benchmarks.



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How Impactful is your Organization Transformation

The session evaluated the impact of organizational transformation efforts. Key discussions centered on measuring transformation success, identifying key performance indicators, and assessing organizational resilience. Experts shared methodologies for evaluating transformational outcomes, including stakeholder engagement, culture change, and business performance metrics. Real-world case studies demonstrated successful transformation journeys, highlighting best practices for driving meaningful and sustainable change within organizations.



18

How to Win an International Award | The Amazing Case of SPL!

The session showcased the incredible journey of SPL in winning an international award. Key topics included strategies for crafting award-winning projects, engaging stakeholders, and demonstrating excellence in project management. Experts shared insights into the SPL case study, highlighting innovative approaches, effective leadership, and overcoming challenges. Practical tips were offered for organizations aspiring to achieve international recognition and excellence in project management practices.



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Building Antifragile Project Management: Thriving Through Uncertainty and Change

The session, led by Ahmed Abdessalem from DRINA, focused on developing antifragile project management practices to thrive amid uncertainty and change. Key discussions included strategies for enhancing resilience, adaptability, and responsiveness in project teams. Experts shared insights on leveraging uncertainty as an opportunity for growth, implementing robust risk management practices, and fostering a culture of continuous improvement. Real-world examples illustrated how antifragile project management can lead to more innovative and successful project outcomes.



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Positive Intelligence and its Impact in Project Management

The session, presented by Hazem Alkhaat from SABIC, explored the concept of positive intelligence and its influence on project management. Key discussions included the principles of positive intelligence, techniques to cultivate a positive mindset, and the benefits of fostering mental resilience among project teams. Experts shared insights on how positive intelligence can enhance team performance, improve problem-solving abilities, and increase overall project success. Real-world examples demonstrated the application of positive intelligence in managing complex projects, highlighting its impact on productivity and team cohesion.



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Performance Alchemy: Crafting Healthy Environments for Project Mastery

The session explored the concept of “performance alchemy” in project management, emphasizing the creation of healthy environments conducive to project mastery. Key discussions included fostering team motivation, enhancing collaboration, and promoting a culture of continuous improvement. Experts shared strategies for optimizing project performance through effective leadership, clear communication, and psychological safety. Real-world examples demonstrated how organizations can cultivate environments that inspire innovation, creativity, and high performance among project teams.



22

Enterprise Case Studies of AI in Project Management

This session showcased enterprise case studies highlighting the use of AI in project management. Key topics included leveraging AI for predictive analytics, risk management, and resource optimization. Experts shared insights into successful AI implementations, emphasizing the benefits of automation, data-driven decision-making, and enhanced project outcomes. Real-world examples illustrated how organizations across different industries are harnessing AI technologies to streamline project processes, improve efficiency, and drive innovation.



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The Role of AI in Project Management: Strategies for Achieving Success

The session focused on the role of AI in project management and strategies for achieving success. Key discussions included integrating AI tools for project planning, scheduling, and performance monitoring. Experts shared best practices for selecting and implementing AI solutions, addressing challenges, and maximizing the value of AI in project management contexts. Case studies highlighted successful AI-driven projects, demonstrating how organizations can leverage AI technologies to enhance productivity, mitigate risks, and deliver successful outcomes.



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Innovation Integration: Implementing AI in Project Management Offices

This session explored the applications of AI in Project Management Offices (PMOs). Key topics included using AI for project portfolio optimization, resource allocation, and performance analysis. Experts discussed how AI can augment PMO functions, streamline processes, and improve decision-making capabilities. Real-world examples illustrated how AI-powered PMOs can drive efficiency, agility, and innovation in project management practices. Practical guidance was provided for integrating AI technologies into PMO workflows, ensuring successful adoption, and maximizing the benefits of AI in project management.



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Understanding Organizational Project Delivery and the Journey to Successful PMOs

The session explored organizational project delivery and the evolution towards successful Project Management Offices (PMOs). Key discussions included aligning project delivery with strategic objectives, establishing PMO frameworks, and fostering a culture of project management excellence. Real-world case studies illustrated the journey to successful PMOs, highlighting challenges, milestones, and best practices for optimizing project delivery within organizations.



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PMOs Reimagined: Emerging Trends and Future Directions

This session delved into emerging trends and future directions in Project Management Offices (PMOs). Key topics included agile PMO models, digital transformation, and the integration of emerging technologies. Experts discussed innovative approaches to reimagining PMOs, adapting to changing business landscapes, and driving value creation through strategic project management. Real-world examples showcased progressive PMO practices, offering insights into the evolving role of PMOs in driving organizational success.



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Integrating Project Management Principles into Government Strategy Execution: Enhancing Efficiency and Strategic Outcome

The session focused on integrating project management principles into government strategy execution to enhance efficiency and strategic outcomes. Key discussions included aligning projects with government priorities, improving governance structures, and optimizing resource allocation. Experts shared strategies for overcoming challenges unique to government projects, including regulatory compliance, stakeholder engagement, and budget constraints. Case studies demonstrated successful implementation of project management principles in government contexts, highlighting best practices for achieving strategic objectives and delivering public value.



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Corporate Governance and Building Trust

The session, presented by Bushra Abu Salem from Nesma & Partners Contracting Company, focused on the role of corporate governance in building trust within organizations. Key discussions included establishing transparent governance frameworks, enhancing accountability, and fostering ethical practices. Experts shared strategies for maintaining stakeholder confidence, improving decision-making processes, and promoting a culture of integrity. Real-world examples highlighted the impact of robust corporate governance on organizational reputation, stakeholder relationships, and long-term success.





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The Power of Storytelling in Multigenerational and Multicultural Projects Management Teams

The session, presented by Hanaa Namankani from FCIT, explored the power of storytelling in managing multigenerational and multicultural project teams. Key discussions included using storytelling to bridge generational gaps, enhance cultural understanding, and foster team cohesion. Practical techniques were shared for leveraging stories to communicate project goals, motivate team members, and resolve conflicts. Real-world examples demonstrated how storytelling can create a shared vision and improve collaboration in diverse project environments.



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Mastering Collaboration in Remote Project Management

The session, led by Nasser Alghamdi from IBM Consulting, focused on strategies for enhancing collaboration in remote project management. Key discussions included utilizing digital collaboration tools, maintaining effective communication, and fostering team cohesion in virtual environments. Experts shared practical tips on overcoming common remote work challenges, such as time zone differences and maintaining engagement. Real-world examples illustrated successful remote project management practices, emphasizing adaptability, proactive engagement, and building strong virtual team dynamics.



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Navigating Giga Projects with Strategic PMOs: Enhancing Data-Driven Decision Making for Project Success

The session, presented by Danilo Arba from MACE Group, focused on the critical role of Strategic Project Management Offices (PMOs) in navigating giga projects. Key discussions included leveraging data-driven decision-making to optimize project outcomes, improve resource allocation, and mitigate risks. Experts shared insights on integrating advanced analytics into PMO practices, enhancing transparency, and fostering stakeholder confidence. Real-world examples showcased how strategic PMOs drive project success through informed and timely decision-making.



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How Can Sponsors and Program Managers Do Better Decisions Using Big Data and AI Support

This session explored how sponsors and program managers can leverage big data and AI to make better decisions. Key topics included data-driven decision-making, predictive analytics, and risk management. Experts discussed the potential of AI and big data to enhance project performance, optimize resource allocation, and mitigate risks. Practical strategies were shared for integrating data analytics tools into decision-making processes, enabling sponsors and program managers to achieve greater insights, efficiency, and success in project delivery.



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AI-Ready Project Team

The session explored cultural transformation within project teams to adapt to AI integration. Key discussions included fostering a mindset of adaptability, promoting diversity, and leveraging AI tools for enhanced collaboration and efficiency. Experts shared strategies for overcoming cultural barriers to AI adoption, building trust in AI systems, and nurturing a culture of continuous learning and innovation. Real-world examples demonstrated successful cultural transformations in project teams embracing AI technologies.



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P3.Express: The Power of Minimalism for Project Managers

This session introduced P3.Express, emphasizing the power of minimalism for project managers. Key topics included simplifying project management processes, reducing complexity, and maximizing efficiency. Experts discussed the principles of P3.Express and its application in streamlining project workflows, communication, and decision-making. Real-world case studies illustrated the benefits of minimalist project management approaches, offering practical insights for project managers seeking to optimize project delivery.



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The Role of PMI-CP for the Construction Practitioner

The session, led by Abdullah Akpinar from PCM Project Controls Services Ltd, focused on the importance of the PMI-CP (Project Management Institute - Construction Practitioner) certification for construction professionals. Key discussions included how PMI-CP enhances project management skills, ensures adherence to industry standards, and improves project delivery. Experts shared insights on the benefits of the certification in advancing careers, increasing competency in managing complex construction projects, and fostering best practices in the construction industry.



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Capturing Value from Complexity: Improving Project Stakeholder Management Framework by Using Social Networks Theory in Complex Projects

The session, led by Dr. Mustafa Hafizoglu from ADVISORS Turkey, explored how social networks theory can enhance stakeholder management in complex projects. Key discussions included leveraging network analysis to identify and engage key stakeholders, improving communication flows, and fostering collaboration. Experts shared practical strategies for mapping stakeholder relationships, predicting potential conflicts, and optimizing stakeholder influence. Real-world examples illustrated how applying social networks theory can drive better project outcomes by capturing value from complexity.



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Governance Challenges That Mega Projects Face

The session, led by Ross Garland from P3GQA, delved into governance challenges encountered by mega projects. Key discussions included identifying complexities in project governance, addressing stakeholder interests, and ensuring transparency and accountability. Experts shared insights on navigating regulatory frameworks, managing diverse stakeholder expectations, and mitigating risks associated with large-scale projects. Real-world examples illustrated common governance pitfalls and offered strategies for overcoming challenges to ensure the successful delivery of mega projects.



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The Role of the Project Management Office in Managing Project Portfolios

Eng. Abdulrahman ALSHAYEQ from SEC led this session, focusing on the pivotal role of the Project Management Office (PMO) in overseeing project portfolios. Key discussions included establishing governance frameworks, standardizing processes, and optimizing resource allocation across projects. Experts shared insights on how PMOs enhance visibility into project performance, facilitate decision-making, and ensure alignment with organizational objectives. Real-world examples highlighted successful PMO practices in managing diverse project portfolios, emphasizing the importance of strategic oversight and coordination.



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Implementing Project 13 Principles: Collaborative Transformation in Project Delivery

The session focused on implementing the Project 13 principles for collaborative transformation in project delivery. Key discussions included building collaborative relationships, fostering innovation, and enhancing project performance through integrated project delivery methods. Experts shared strategies for adopting Project 13 principles, overcoming organizational silos, and promoting a culture of collaboration among project stakeholders. Case studies highlighted successful implementation of Project 13 principles, demonstrating their effectiveness in driving transformative change and delivering better project outcomes.



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Is Organizational Project Management (OPM) a Myth or Reality?

This session explored the concept of Organizational Project Management (OPM) and its practical implications. Key topics included aligning projects with organizational strategy, establishing governance structures, and integrating project management practices into organizational culture. Experts discussed the challenges and opportunities associated with implementing OPM, including organizational change management, resource allocation, and performance measurement. Real-world examples illustrated both successful and unsuccessful attempts at implementing OPM, offering insights into its feasibility and impact on organizational success.



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Stakeholders Engagement Model for the Urgent “Risk Mitigation” Mega Projects

The session focused on managing stakeholders for urgent GIGA projects, drawing insights from a real-world 12 BSR project. Key discussions covered strategies for effective stakeholder management, emphasizing its critical role in preventing delays and ensuring successful project execution. Practical tips were provided for enabling GIGA projects, highlighting the importance of comprehensive stakeholder engagement to achieve timely and efficient project outcomes.



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Modularization Benefits Beyond Craft Cost Savings

The session explored the broader benefits of modularization beyond craft cost savings in projects. Key discussions included increased efficiency, flexibility, and scalability in project delivery. Experts discussed how modularization enhances project quality, accelerates time-to-market, and reduces risks associated with traditional project approaches. Real-world examples illustrated the advantages of modularization across various industries, highlighting its transformative impact on project outcomes and long-term sustainability.



4.3

The Role of PMOs In Achieving Strategy Objectives & Realization the Benefits

The session examined the role of Project Management Offices (PMOs) in aligning projects with strategic objectives and maximizing benefits realization. Key discussions included establishing PMO frameworks, fostering strategic alignment, and enhancing project governance. Experts shared best practices for PMOs to effectively support strategy execution, including portfolio management, performance measurement, and change management. Real world examples illustrated how PMOs drive value creation by ensuring project alignment with organizational goals and facilitating the realization of intended benefits.



4.4

Why Do Executives Undervalue PMOs?

This session explored the factors contributing to executives' undervaluation of Project Management Offices (PMOs). Key discussions included misaligned expectations, lack of visibility into PMO contributions, and limited understanding of PMO capabilities. Experts discussed strategies for enhancing the perceived value of PMOs, including better communication, demonstrating tangible outcomes, and aligning PMO functions with organizational priorities. Case studies provided insights into successful approaches for elevating the role and influence of PMOs within organizations, ultimately gaining executive recognition and support.



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Ensuring Project Success Through Risk Management in Construction

This session focused on ensuring project success in construction through effective risk management. Key discussions included identifying, assessing, and mitigating risks specific to construction projects. Experts shared best practices for implementing risk management processes, including risk identification workshops, risk registers, and contingency planning. Real-world examples illustrated how proactive risk management can minimize disruptions, improve project outcomes, and enhance stakeholder confidence in construction projects.



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Competence Development for Project Engineers to Serve as Program and Project Leaders on Complex Engineering Programs

The session addressed competence development for project engineers to excel as program and project leaders on complex engineering programs. Key topics included leadership skills, strategic thinking, and stakeholder management. Experts discussed competency frameworks, training programs, and mentoring opportunities for aspiring project leaders. Case studies highlighted successful career paths of project engineers transitioning into leadership roles, offering practical insights and strategies for professional growth in complex engineering environments.



4.7

Personal Branding for Project Managers on LinkedIn

This session focused on personal branding for project managers on LinkedIn. Key discussions included optimizing LinkedIn profiles, building professional networks, and showcasing expertise and achievements. Experts shared tips for creating compelling content, engaging with industry peers, and leveraging LinkedIn features for personal branding. Real-world examples illustrated how project managers can use LinkedIn to enhance visibility, credibility, and career opportunities in the project management field.



4.8

Culture That Values Project Management: The Top 10 Countdown Checklist You Can Use Now

This session provided a top 10 countdown checklist for cultivating a culture that values project management within organizations. Key discussions included leadership support, clear communication, and recognition of project management achievements. Experts shared actionable strategies for promoting project management culture, including training programs, community building, and embedding project management practices into organizational processes. The checklist offered practical guidance for organizations seeking to create a culture that fosters project success and excellence.



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Incorporating Sustainable Technologies and Innovation in Project Management at Healthcare Industry

This session explored the integration of sustainable technologies and innovation into project management practices within the healthcare industry. Key discussions included leveraging renewable energy sources, implementing green building technologies.



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Strategy Execution via Mature Organizational Project Management

The session provided a comprehensive understanding of various aspects of OPM and its crucial role in organizational strategy. The session covered key topics such as the Role of OPM in the Strategic Domain, the Integrated Life Cycle Management Framework, the Structure of Organizational Excellence, Managing Benefits, and Integration with Organizational Enablers.



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The exhibition and networking area were inaugurated by the Vice Minister at the Ministry of Transport, Eng. Badr Abdullah Al-Dulami on the morning of the first day. The forum's exhibition area is a must-attend, attracting tens of exhibiting companies from around the region and globally.

It presents an array of opportunities to display your latest technologies and innovations, meet with project owners and services providers and showcase your brand and capabilities in a vibrant business environment.



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HIGHLIGHTS



Launching the Global Projects Excellence Awards, which were inaugurated by His Excellency the Vice Minister of Transport for Road Affairs and Acting CEO of the General Authority for Roads, Eng. Badr Al-Dalami. These awards honor pioneers and innovators in global project management. These awards will spotlight best practices and innovations positively impacting sustainable development and organizational results.



GPMF honored to celebrate the incredible legacy of Mr. Lee R. Lambert at the Global Project Management Forum this year. As a distinguished icon in the field, Mr. Lambert has inspired countless professionals with his wisdom and dedication. His contributions have significantly shaped the future of project management. Thank you, Mr. Lambert, for your unwavering support to GPMF and the project management communities around the globe.



Hosting the “Volunteer with Your Expertise” initiative in collaboration with the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development as part of the GPMF 2024. This initiative promotes professional volunteering and contributes to enhancing the knowledge value of volunteer efforts.



The forum witnessed the honoring of future project leaders among middle and high school students as part of the Formula 1 in Schools program, supported by the King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture (Ithra). The program aims to raise awareness of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) subjects among students in various regions and countries worldwide.



Organized by PMI KSA Chapter, and GPMF, and in the presence of Eng. Badr Burshaid and leaders from Public Investment Fund, Aramco, FTI, Nesma & Partners, Constask Management Solutions LLP and PwC Middle East the roundtable highlighted the notable successes of mega construction and infrastructure projects in Saudi Arabia, which are significantly contributing to the Kingdom's transformative economic growth and improving quality of life. Recommendations were exchanged to enhance the construction project management system and identify enablers that contribute to its development, and ways industry leaders are implementing strategic measures to overcome them including talent sourcing and certifications needed.



During the Distinguished Awards Ceremony, Eng. Badr Burshaid honored the PMI KSA Chapter team for their exceptional achievements and efforts.



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Leading government officials, regional and global experts, project managers, professionals, decision-makers, and thought leaders from across the globe are in Riyadh to take part in the third session of Global Project Management Forum (GPMF) which kicked off today (June 1).

A mega industry event, GPMF is being organised by the Project Management Institute (PMI) under the theme 'Achieving the Dream: Leadership, Empowerment, Sustainability.'




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Over 100 Global Speakers To Participate In The 3rd Global Project Management Forum In Riyadh Next Week



The Global Project Management Forum (GPMF) will welcome the participation of over 100 speakers from 40 countries around the world for the first time, which is expected to last from June 1 to 3 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The event will focus on discussing the industry's opportunities and the latest developments in project management across various sectors, including AI, and provide a platform for networking, knowledge, and sharing ideas of the industry's professionals in major projects.

Global Project Management Forum Set to Take Place in Riyadh on June 2-3, 2024



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