

Project Management Update from Nigeria



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Project Management: 2013 Nigeria in Retrospect!

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2013 was no doubt a very good year for Project Management practice in Nigeria. The year witnessed a great number of developmental activities both within and outside Nigeria. With increased awareness of the role Project Management plays in the development of society, Nigerian practitioners are leaving no stone unturned to ensure that Project Management assumes its rightful position alongside other professional practices.

NIGERIA GETS A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PROJECT MANAGERS

Following the resolution of about 500 project management professionals at the stakeholders' forum of the 2011 edition of the National Project Management Conference ProMaCon 2011 that a 'National' Association for Project Management be formed, thus the subsequent constitution of the Steering Committee comprising of astute project management professionals from both private and public sectors was formed. The Committee is reported to have met all the conditions and documentation for the approval of CAC of the proposed body.

Many thanks to the efforts of the selfless Committee Members who have worked tirelessly over the years committing their resources to the professional goal. A formal unveiling will be done soon. Stay tuned!

CPMIN STAKEHOLDERS' WORKSHOP

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The first CPMIN Project Management Workshop was organised in partnership with NPC held in Abuja, Nigeria's Capital Territory. The event brought together members of CPMIN and other stakeholders within the Project Management community to discuss the proposed bill which seeks to regulate PM practice in Nigeria. At the end of the 3 day workshop, stakeholders resolved to form an Harmonisation Committee with representatives drawn from other PM Associations. Engr. Oluwatoyin Jokosenumi was appointed as the National Coordinator of the Committee which has met severally and will also hold a Town Hall meeting of larger stakeholders at the end of February.



Professor Pat Utomi Guest Speaker

PROMACON CELEBRATES 5 YEARS

The fifth edition of the annual National Project Management Conference, ProMaCon 5.0, was held at the MUSON Centre, Onikan, Lagos, on 17th and 18th September, 2013. The conference was indeed a special one as it was well-attended with

professionals and key government officials alike in attendance, and highly relevant, impactful presentations were once more made by key government officials and leading Project Managers spanning the private sector and academia.

Participants and delegates at the ProMaCon 5.0 Conference were drawn from various Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government, private enterprises, multi-national corporations and the academia. The event was moderated by the dynamic duo of Mr. Kolapo Solesi and Mrs. Oluyemi Shonubi, both members of ProMaCon Steering Board. Mr. Taopheek Babayeju, the Programme Director of ProMaCon, kicked off the opening ceremony with a welcome address in which he showed appreciation to past sponsors and supporters of the ProMaCon project and gave a heart-warming rendition of the journey so far.

The chairman of the ceremony and representative of the Speaker of the Federal House of Representatives, Hon. Ibrahim Shehu Gusau (PhD), also the Chairman of the House Committee on ICT, then gave the opening remarks which dwelt largely on the importance of Project Management to the development of the country, after which Governor Babatunde Raji Fashola's gave the Chief Host's speech and President Goodluck Jonathan's address was read. [Read more](#)



Plenary of ProMaCon 5.0



Cross section of guests and speakers cutting the 5 years ProMaCon anniversary cake

PMI NIGERIA CELEBRATES IPM DAY

IPM Day is always celebrated on the first Thursday in November of each year. PMI Nigeria joined the rest of the world to celebrate the International Project Management (IPM) day. The event encourages organizations who utilize project management methodologies to schedule some type of recognition event within their organizations or to coordinate locally with others to truly demonstrate appreciation for the achievements of project managers and their teams.

The 2013 edition was held on Tuesday, 5th of November 2013 at Terra Kulture, Victoria Island, Lagos with the theme: “Managing Crisis in Project Delivery – Keeping your head above waters”. It was an evening of class and professionalism. See pictures below



IPM President, Mr Deji West and guests



IPM Day Organising Team

NIGERIAN PROJECT MANAGERS MEET IN NEW ORLEANS

Nigerians all over the world are known for registering their presence anywhere they find themselves, this explains the impressive turnout of Nigerians at the 2013 edition of the PMI Global Congress which was held in October in New Orleans, USA in October. Nigeria was named the 4th Largest Delegate Country to the world's largest Project Management gathering.

As expected Nigerians soon stole the show by creating their own unique identity through value addition and the "Naija Corner" at the refreshment hall where various meetings were held to discuss the development of Project Management practice in Nigeria. Picture Speaks....



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