

Project Management Update from Nigeria



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Project Management: 2014 Nigeria in Retrospect!

Continuing from the momentum built in 2013 are the landmark occurrences of the just concluded year 2014. This presentation seeks to offer you a retrospection of these events which strike a shadowing effect in the project management community.

- **NAPMP Appoints National Officers**
- **PMI Nigeria Gets Inaugural Board**
- **PM Stakeholders Fosters Unity**
- **ProMaCon 6.0 postponed**
- **Phoenix Host PMI Congress**

NAPMP APPOINTS NATIONAL OFFICERS

The National Association of Project Management Professionals (NAPMP) at an inaugural meeting held in Lagos at Four Points by Sheraton Lekki, Lagos on Saturday, 13th September 2014 appointed its national officers.

In attendance are Mrs. Doyin Odunfa – CEO, Digital Jewels also had in attendance Trustees of the National Association and key stakeholders in Project Management in Nigeria such as Mr. Deji Ishmael – PMI Regional Mentor for Africa; Mr. Taopheek Babayeju – CEO, iCentra & Programme Director, ProMaCon; Mr. Ike Nwankwo – President, PMI Nigeria; Mr. Lambert Ofoegbu – Publisher, PM Foresight Magazine. Also present are Mr. Kolapo Solesi – CEO, Abridge; and Mrs. Oluyemi Shonubi – CEO, Savant Integrated Concepts.

The meeting was aimed at selecting a set of executives vested with responsibilities of driving the association to quality administration. Officers appointed to execute this duty are: Mrs. Oluyemi Shonubi – President, Mr. Lambert Ofoegbu – Vice President, Mr. Taopheek Babayeju – Secretary/PRO. The interim board will pilot the affairs of the association until elections are held.

PMI NIGERIA GETS INAUGURAL BOARD

Acknowledging a famous saying by *Harvey S. Firestone* “The growth & development of people is the highest calling of leadership”. With this we introduce you to the maiden set of executives of PMI Nigeria under the leadership of Mr Ike Nwankwo, President.

Other board executives include Mr. Deji Jemiyo who was elected as one of the VPs. Deji is the CEO Jeman Consulting, the company which has been a consistent supporter of the Annual National Project Management Conference. Other board members are Adegoke Obembe, Agwu E. Agwu, Bukola Ilufoye, Rosemary Imhanwa, Ayodeji Sanya, Peter Honest Dateme.

The Project Management Institute (Lagos), Nigeria Chapter, is a Chapter chartered by the Project Management Institute Inc (PMI®) and separately incorporated as a non-profit, tax exempt corporation organized under the laws of Nigeria. Founded in 2003, it achieved charter status in 2005 and presently with membership grown to over 500 members from across many industries in Nigeria.

PM STAKEHOLDERS FOSTERS UNITY

All project management associations and interest groups in the country took a landmark decision to come under a common platform that will be strong enough to facilitate the advancement of the regulation, practice, and teaching of project management in Nigeria. This was part of resolutions made at a Project Management Stakeholders Forum held at the Lagos Sheraton Hotel in Ikeja on Tuesday 25th of February 2014 with participants drawn from all identified project management associations, registered education providers, higher institutions offering project management as a course of study, and other interest groups.

This garnered momentum based on the several calls at conferences to have a unified administrative body of Project Managers aimed at the promotion of the profession. Stakeholders at the meeting include tertiary institutions, project management education providers and existing associations.

The Interim Management Committee (IMC) was headed by Engr Oluwatoyin Jokosenumi, and includes Engr Bayo Adeola (foremost project management practitioner in Nigeria), Mr Taopheek Babayeju (Program Director of Project Management Conference, ProMaCon), Prof Gibson Okorafor (Professor of Project Management at FUTO), Mr Deji Ishmael (Africa Regional Mentor for Project Management Institute), Mr Ike Nwankwo (Founder of Association for Project Management), Mr Bosah Ugolo (Communications Director of the Project Management Development Association of Nigeria), and Arc Davies Igberaese (currently the Secretary of CPMIN Steering Committee) who will function as the Secretary of the Interim Management Committee.

Other members of the committee are Mrs Adedoyin Odunfa (A project management leader of thought), Mrs Oluyemi Shonubi (Member, Steering Board - ProMaCon) and Mr Sonny Ekpo (Member, CPMIN Steering Committee).

ProMaCon 6.0 Postponed

Owing to the epidemic outbreak of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in West Africa and other parts of the world, the sixth edition of the Annual National Project Management Conference initially fixed to be held in September 2014 was postponed to the year 2015. This is in response to an appeal by health organizations recommending that imminent conferences and gatherings be suspended pending the total confinement of the Ebola Virus Disease. A necessary action aimed at mitigating the risk of further infection. On this premise, the conference which witnesses large participation across Africa had to be postponed.

PHOENIX HOSTS PMI CONGRESS

As a known tradition, the Project Management Institute, the world body of project managers hosted the PMI Global Congress in Phoenix, Arizona. Already becoming a trend at this event is the attendance of delegates from Nigeria and other African countries who joined their world counterparts in attending the prestigious gathering. Making an exciting appearance was Earvin 'Magic' Johnson who gave the Congress Keynote. **See pictures.**



Earvin "Magic" Johnson



Cross Section of Delegates

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