

PM WORLD BOOK REVIEW



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Introduction

This book is part of a series of four that are written for anyone who needs to be able to lead and participate in different types of projects.

The series is tailored to help you strengthen four key proficiencies in very creative way: strategy, leadership, implementation and communication.

The book is aligned to the most recent version of IPMA Competence Baseline ICB4.

Overview of Book's Structure

The book has 9 chapters. Each chapter contains examples of different project, programs and portfolios. The book structure is based on the concepts described in IPMA.

- Chapter 1: Introduction – Professional associations and certification, Bodies of knowledge, Structure of the book and bibliography.
- Chapter 2: Projects, Programmes, and Portfolios (PPP): concepts, history and context
- Chapter 3: Planning: definition and the environment
- Chapter 4: Planning: objectives, time and the critical path
- Chapter 5: Planning: resources, management structure, and role/task division
- Chapter 6: Project start-up, co-operation, and information
- Chapter 7: Uncertainty and risk management-related
- Chapter 8: The project manager and the project team
- Chapter 9: Project Close-out

Highlights

The book is academical structured, focusing on the concepts and finishing each section with “Reflection Points” where it has questions related to the topics covered. The book is written in a way that the reader can not only focus on the technical concepts but it also gives examples in each concept which are relevant in today market.

Even though the book is focused in IPMA, it has used comparison in every use of those concept against PMI.

Highlights: What I liked!

I enjoyed the examples provided in each chapter. The deep dive in those concepts with the examples made the book dynamic and enjoyable.

Chapter 4 introduced me to a different concept on the Triple Constraint Triangle (Scope, Time and Budge) concept from PMI where IPMA is using one called Iron Triangle which uses Performance (which includes scope, specification and quality), Cost, and Time.

Who might benefit from the Book?

Whoever is intended to start in Project Management using IPMA concepts, this is the book to start with. I do not recommend this book if you are trying to get your PMP for the first time as this may confuse you on the concepts provided.

Conclusion

The book is great for every kind of project manager, where you want to explore new ways to implement and enhance your knowledge in the areas covered.

This book will help strongly to everyone working in engineering projects as the examples are related to dams, or electric plants.

The planning concepts are really good to explore and if you are much involved in the planning phases or enjoy exploring different ways to improve your planning, then this book will help you with that.

For more about this book, go to: <https://www.routledge.com/Project-Execution/Ingason-Jonasson/p/book/9781138338678>

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