

## EVENT NEWS

### The 3<sup>rd</sup> Pan-African Project Management Conference

17 March 2020 – Dallas, TX, USA and Yaoundé, Cameroon – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the **Pan-African Project Management Conference** is planned for 28 to 30 October 2020 at the Yaoundé Conference Centre in Cameroon. Website: <https://www.pan-african-pmc.africa/>

The theme of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the **Pan-African PMC** is: "**How to organize projects successfully in Africa**". This theme aims to address the failures and deficiencies in project organization that



are at the root of multiple project failures in public and private organizations in Africa. Indeed, human resources are at the centre of projects as project teams determine the success or failure of projects. However, the critical factor of a high-performance project team is an adequate organization during the entire project life cycle.

The **General Objective** of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the Pan-African PMC is to enable African professionals and senior executives to master the best project organization technologies in order to contribute to the success of public and private investment projects that are essential to accelerate the structural transformation of the continent's economies.

**Participants:** The target is 1000 participants – 800 delegates and 200 other participants as speakers, exhibitors, partners, sponsors and service providers.

The Pan-African Project Management Conference is registered both as a Pan-African (OAPI) and international (OMPI, Madrid Protocol) trademark under the official name of Pan-African Project Management Conference, abbreviated Pan-African PMC.

**Organiser:** The Pan-African PMC is organized by *Prescriptor Ltd.* which is a pan-African consulting firm based in Yaounde, Cameroon, specializing in Investment and Project Management. Prescriptor Ltd's mission is to actively contribute to the quantitative and qualitative increase of technologies in Africa.

**Chairman:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the Conference is chaired by **Mr. Babissakana**, financial engineer, expert in project management (PMP-Project Management Professional & PMO VALUE RING Certified Practitioner), Chairman and CEO of *Prescriptor Ltd* and Chair 2015-2016 of the Technical Development Group (TDG) of

the ISO/TC 258 (International Organization for Standardization) Technical Committee that develops international standards on project, programmes and portfolio management.

**Government Support:** The organization of the Conference has been strengthened since April 2018 by the support of the Cameroon Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Development (MINEPAT) as Strategic Partner of the Pan-African PMC. MINEPAT is the central actor of the Cameroonian government in planning, programming, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation of public investment projects.

The President of the Conference works in liaison and with the support of MINEPAT, Strategic Partner, represented by the **Director General** of Economy and Programming of Public Investments (DGEPIP).

**Services Offered by the Conference:** They include the following eight (8) categories of potential services intended to deliver a distinct and significant value to attendees and participants (speakers, sponsors, exhibitors and partners):

- Plenary sessions
- Interactive or specialized sessions notably certification
- Roundtables discussions
- Opening speeches and special communications (keynotes)
- Trade exhibition
- Communications and advertising
- Cultural, social, entertainment and networking activities
- Closing remarks and conclusions
- Publications.

### **Breakdown of the theme**

The theme is broken down into four (4) sub-themes below, each of which will be addressed in its various technical and practical aspects with a view to facilitating technology transfer and acquisition in this critical area:

#### **A. Types of organizational structures for projects**

● Human resources management and project organization ● Functional or hierarchical project organization structure ● Matrix project organizational structures ● Projectized organizational structures; ● Task force organizational structures ● How to design an organizational structure suitable for a given project ● Adapting the organizational structure during the project life cycle ● Adapting the organizational structure to achieve successful operation and sustainability of the project deliverables after the closing phase of the project.

### **B. Project preparation or implementation units (PIUs)**

- Why do donors generally require the establishment of project implementation units (PIUs) in Africa?
- Organizational structure generally used for PIUs
- Advantages and disadvantages of PIUs
- Role of funders in the use of PIUs
- What is the performance records of PIUs in terms of project success?
- How to avoid the proliferation of PIUs within the same organization?

### **C. Project companies or special purpose vehicles (SPVs)**

- Types and characteristics of legal entities generally created for the purposes of carrying out major projects (public limited companies, real estate companies, etc.)
- Common organizational structures of SPVs
- Roles or functions of SPVs in the governance and financing of major projects (project-finance)
- Requirement for adaptation of SPVs during the life cycle of major projects

### **D. Project management offices (PMOs)**

- Typology of PMOs;
- Most frequent missions or functions of PMOs in organizations;
- Benefits generally derived from PMOs in organizations;
- Common organizational structures of PMOs;
- How to create, organize, operate, evaluate and revise a PMO?
- Innovative PMO VALUE RING methodology.

**PMO Value Ring certification:** A specialized session will take place as a side event of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the Conference: International Certification in Project Management Office (PMO). The international *PMO Certified Practitioner (PMO-CP®)* certification is issued by **PMO Global Alliance®** for professionals who have demonstrated knowledge of the PMO VALUE RING® methodology, which is an innovative project management office (PMO) technology and formalized by a dedicated software (PMO VALUE RING software).

### **Call for Expert Speakers**

A call for experts' speaker has been published in February 25, 2020. The Conference organizing team will accept one (1) or two (2) proposals or abstracts submitted by an expert. Proposals (abstracts on the topic selected) with brief professional profile (biography) and photo shall be sent directly to: [babissakana@prescriptor-consulting.com](mailto:babissakana@prescriptor-consulting.com). The Expert Speaker selections will be announced within the next few months. The call for speakers is available on the website: <https://www.pan-african-pmc.africa/>