

## Project Management Update from Mexico City <sup>1</sup>



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### PMI Mexico Chapter Women Leadership Community

Starting on this past November 9<sup>th</sup>, the Women in Leadership community kicked off with the participation of around 20 women related to Project Management. The kickoff took place in the wonderful installations of the Panamerican University located in Mexico City. Having as scenario an old kitchen belonging to an ancient building dating from the XVIII century that now is the location of this prestigious university.

The meeting began with a presentation by Angelica Larios, MBA, PMP, Past President of the local PMI chapter and involved with the Project Management Institute (PMI) at the Global level as a volunteer in different committees and roles. The presentation was oriented to show the capabilities, strength and abilities that all women have in leadership, especially for those involved in PMI and making significance of the characteristics Mexican women have.

The idea is being developed under the assumption that the role of Mexican women is key for the growth and development of the PM community in Mexico. “We, Mexican women, imagine great things and search on how to achieve them ...” was one of the quotes from the presenter, that resonated inside the group.

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In following sessions, this group has gathered together with different purposes. In the meeting held during December, the following course of actions was identified:

1. Education – Develop abilities for the following century XXI (PMIEF),
2. PMI Certification (PMP® searching for 2020 and new certifications that come out from PMI®),
3. Leadership in service,
4. Knowledge Management,
5. Specific topics (PMO),
6. Health, Beauty and Wellbeing.





As the Coronavirus Pandemic arrived, and the world turned upside-down, the PMI Mexico Chapter as well as the Women in Project Management community have converted into on-line sessions. In this way, this past May 8<sup>th</sup>, there took place the first virtual session with a Leadership Workshop where we took around two hours to develop a personal leadership plan. The purpose is to help all participants to grow in their leadership and be more proactive inside the PM community and the PMI chapter.

The following image is a snapshot of the PMI Mexico City chapter women leaders who participated in the May 8<sup>th</sup> virtual forum.



The women of project management in Mexico are on the move!

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