

Project Management Update from Mexico City ¹

A celebration for a lifetime: 25 years of local chapter!



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PMI Mexico Chapter Celebration

Twenty-five years for living in an individual could be a third part or a quarter of its life if that person gets lucky. Twenty-five years could sound too much or too little depending on the experience and who has lived and grown during this time. However, talking about an organization and even more when a non-profit organization lives and continues its mission by volunteers only is a motive of pride, honor, and celebration!

This is what happened last June 4th and 5th, 2021, in Mexico City. The local chapter celebrated the first 25 years of existence, and other chapters in the country joined to promote and share the event. Bajío, Jalisco, Nuevo León, and Puebla were together to kick off the PM tour this year. Although the event was virtual, it was pretty successful.

A little of history

On June 4th of 1996, a group of enthusiastic professionals gathered and kicked off the association in Mexico City. Mexico City was one of the first PMI representations outside the USA. Together with Nuevo León in Mexico and Bogota, Buenos Aires were

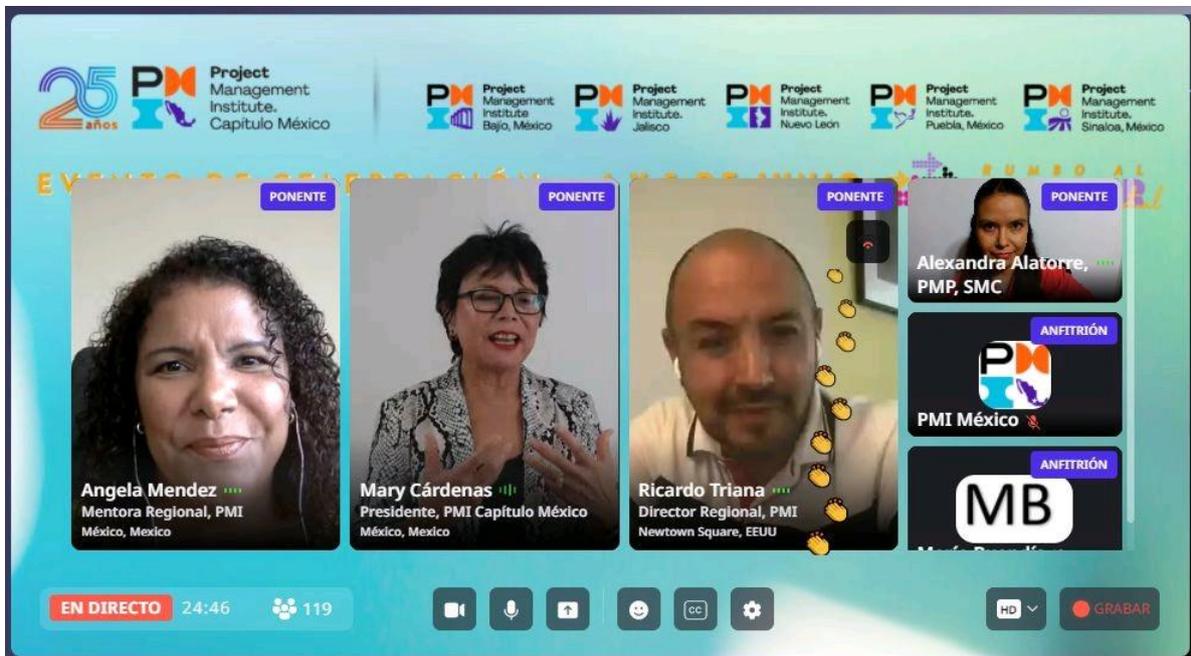
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chapters in Latin America to promote the knowledge and practice of project management.

The event

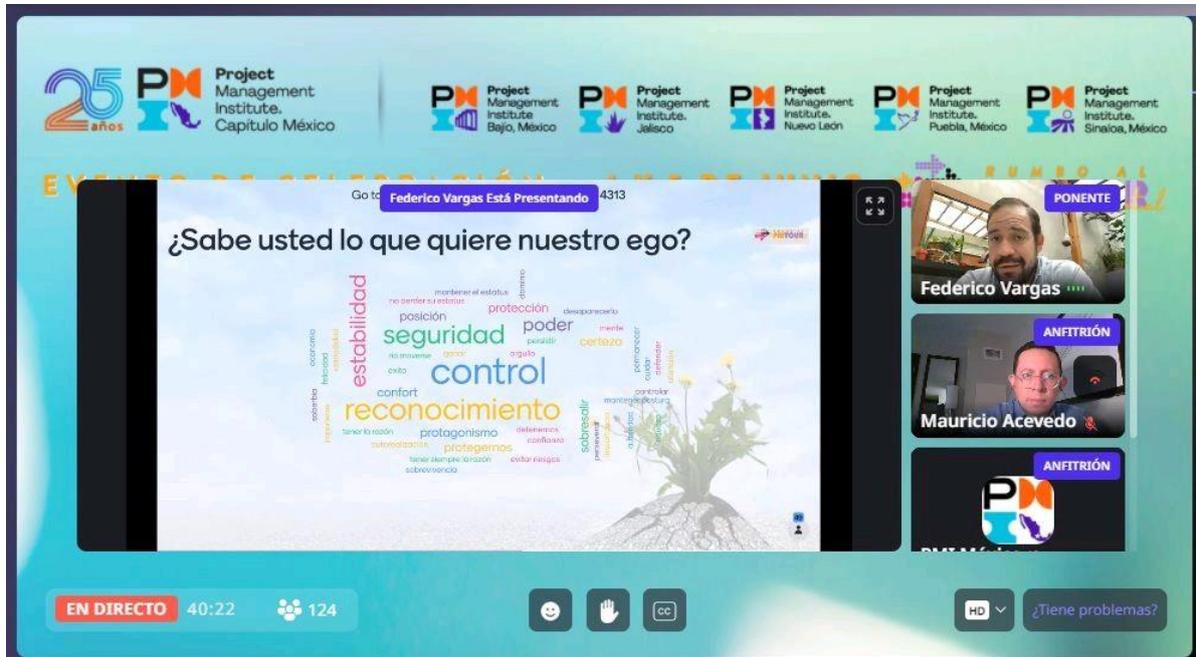
The celebration event took place on June 4th and 5th, 2021. There was a mix of great speakers, workshops, recognition, and celebration.

HORA (-5 GMT)	Viernes 4 JUNIO	HORA (-5 GMT)	Sábado 5 JUNIO
15:30	Ingreso de participantes	8:30 - 9:00	Actividades de Networking
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16:00	BIENVENIDA MARY CÁRDENAS DE GIL Presidenta PMI Capítulo México	9:00 - 10:30	CONFERENCIA MAGISTRAL Economía de Proyectos ANTONIO NIETO
16:30	BREAK	10:30	BREAK
16:30	BREAK	10:45 - 11:00	CIERRE Próximos Eventos del PMTOUR México 2021
16:45 - 18:00	CONFERENCIA MAGISTRAL El Arte de Ser Ágil (Nimble), una base para la Resiliencia FEDERICO VARGAS		
18:00 - 19:00	CHARLA Y PRÁCTICA DE BIENESTAR: Recupera tu Vitalidad atrapada por el Estrés y la Sobre Carga Informativa YANDHIRA ROSILLO LAGUNA	11:00 - 13:00	Taller Gestión de equipos con el método Kanban Taller Agile Inception Taller Brightline Transformation Compass
19:00	BREAK		ULISES GÓNZALEZ INNOVATIUM: JOSE ANTONIO PINEDA MORA KINECTARA: JAVIER GÓNZALEZ ALPHA CONSULTORÍA: RICARDO TOLEDO
19:15 - 20:15	CONFERENCIA MAGISTRAL Logrando el éxito en un mundo proyectizado, economía, cultura, liderazgo y agilidad THIAGO AYRES		
20:15 - 21:15	INVITADO ROBERTO TOLEDO Celebración 25 años PMI Capítulo México y reconocimientos de miembros destacados con Ricardo Toledo		

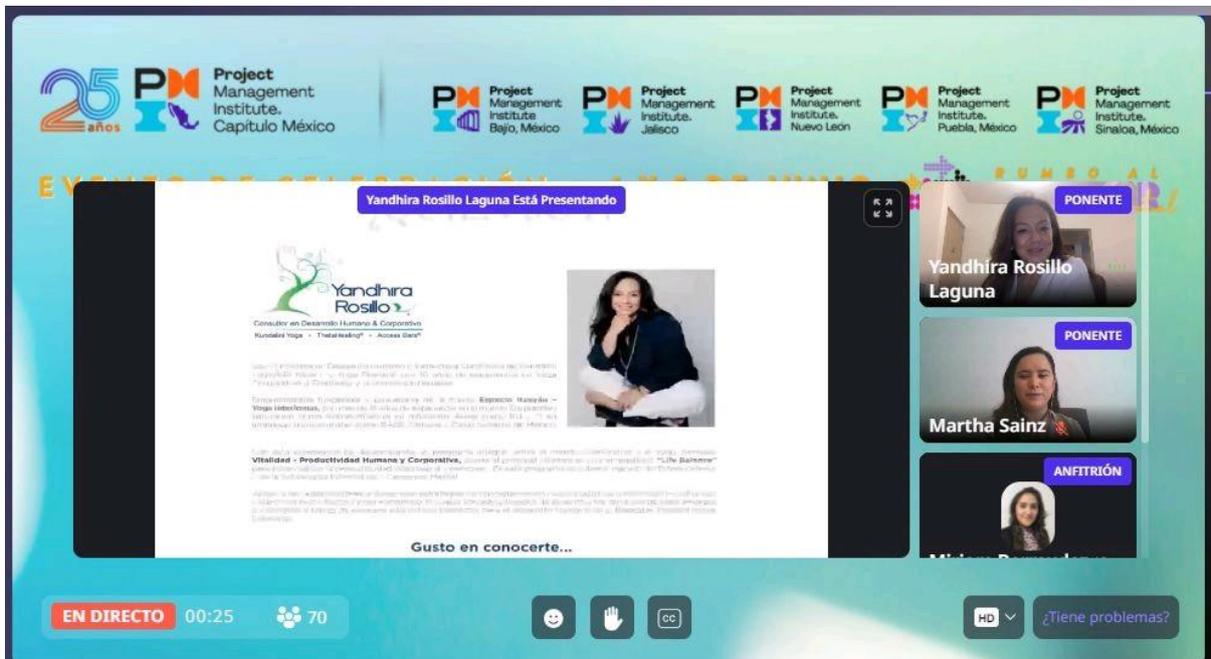


Mary Cardenas, the current president, and the third women president in the chapter’s history, initiated the event telling how honorable and proud she felt and thanking everyone around for continuing its purpose and mission. Ricardo Triana and Angela Mendez also spoke on behalf of PMI Latin America and the regional mentor.

The event continued with the presentation of Federico Vargas and a shocking agile presentation that made the audience rethink what it has been learned before.



Later Yadhira Rosillo gave a session on well-being. Project Managers tend to have a lot of stress due to their job and responsibilities. We have learned that it is essential to be healthy and in balance. Yadhira as a yoga instructor, made us all stretch and breath and have a wonderful time relaxing and enjoying.

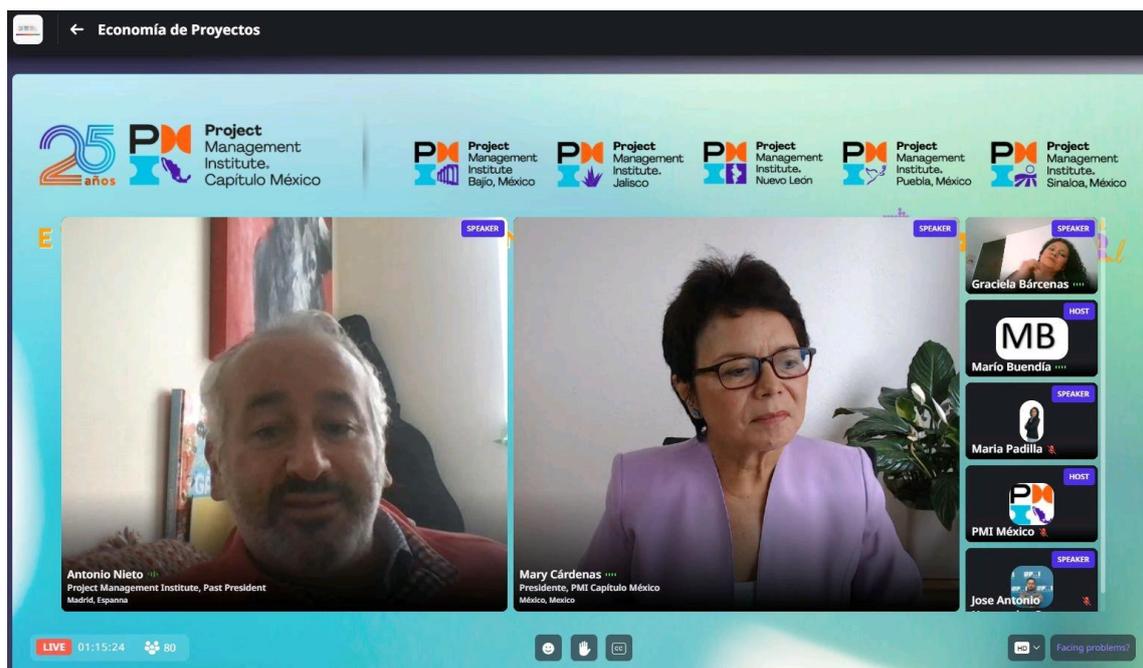


Then Thiago Ayres from Brazil spoke about the project economy and time for being agile and leadership.

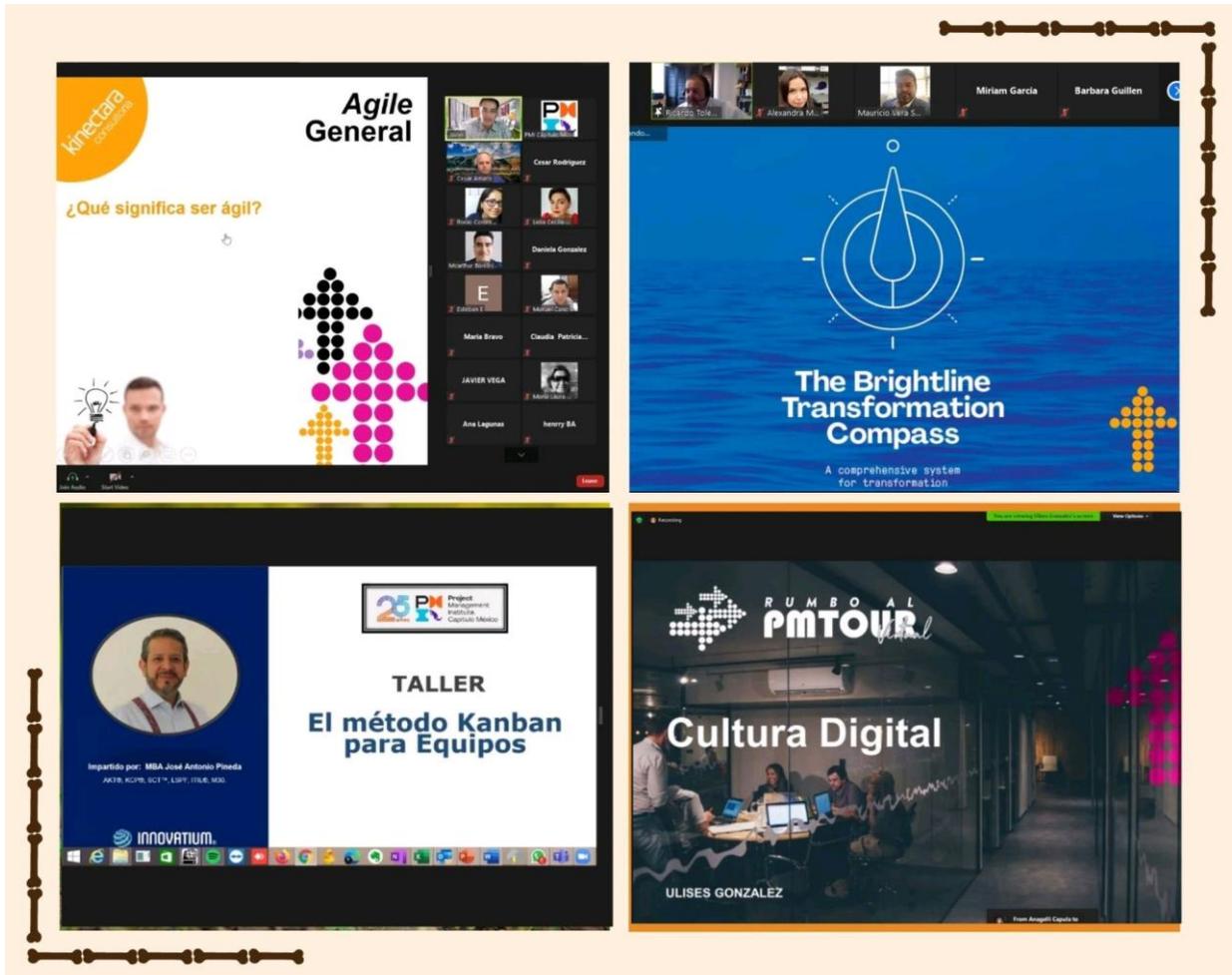


To close the day, Roberto Toledo, member of the PMI BOD, took place to talk about the initial process of the chapter and the beginning of the community. He recognized the members from 15 up to 25 years who have stayed in the local chapter community. As well, recognizing those who have contributed to the success of project management in the city and the country. Universities, past presidents, and other stakeholders were also appreciated. Finally, day one closed with a beautiful presentation of the “estudiantina” of La Salle school, and it was a happy moment.

Day 2 started with Antonio Nieto’s conference direct from Spain with his excellent topic about project economy.

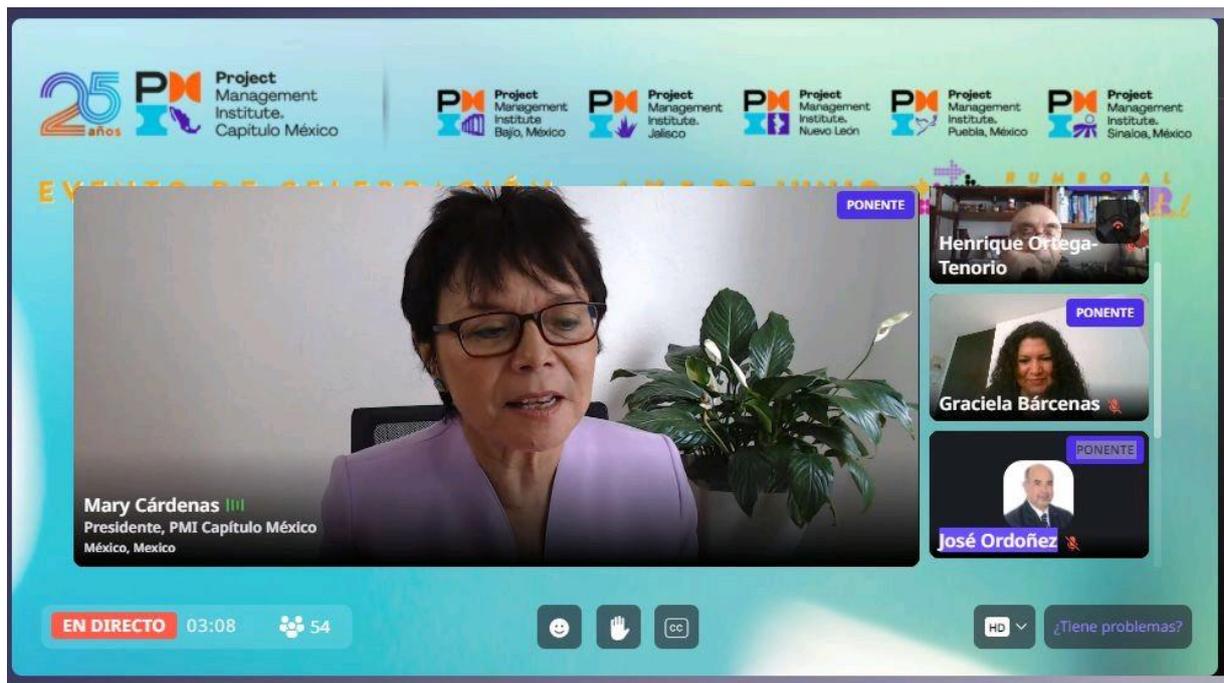


The event concluded with four workshops for all participants and the closing words of Mary Cárdenas.



Being part of the chapter and having been President ten years ago when the chapter celebrated its first fifteen years have made me feel immensely proud. Also, I feel terrific for being the first women president in the chapter and having left the opportunity for Graciela and now Mary to be (coincidentally) the women presidents for the XV, XX, and XXV celebrations, respectively. Being part of this community and participating in this wonderful event made me believe that great things happen when you are involved with PMI!

Congratulations, PMI Mexico Chapter, and see you for the next achievement!



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