



# CALL FOR SPEAKERS

## (Industry presentations)

Project Management South Africa (PMSA) cordially invites researchers, practitioners and enthusiasts to submit high-quality, presentation proposals (Abstract and Bio) in application to present on the topics at the 2022 PMSA National Conference, should the proposal be accepted.

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The past two years have been a rollercoaster ride for most people, some more than others. While some have thrived, many have suffered and been immensely challenged. Undoubtedly, the “new normal” is quite different to what we were accustomed to, and we all need to adapt.

Thankfully we appear to be over the worst, and life is gradually taking on some form of normality, albeit very different. Along with that comes new opportunities for those who are able to adapt to the situation and the challenges that it presents. While projects will always be a part of life, like most activities they need to be modified to remain relevant. Those who “rise from the ashes” most skilfully, will gain the biggest benefit. Participating in the conference will be an opportunity to share newly acquired skills to pave the way forward.

The conference provides a platform for practitioners, scholars and enthusiasts to share experiences, thoughts and ideas on how the world has changed and its effects on project leadership. Knowledge has become the key to survival and as a community, there is a need to share with one another. Only by sharing experiences can we collectively advance.

This year’s conference is therefore dedicated to the evolution of project leadership. Contributions are invited to help chart the future for project professionals.

## INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION

PMSA’s membership is representative of the vast number of industries in which Project Management is practiced. The conference brings together professionals to share their experience and insights into the application of project management across this wide range of industries.

## DATES TO DIARISE

Deadline for submitting summaries:	Friday, 16 September 2022
Communication of notice of acceptance begins:	Wednesday, 21 September 2022
Deadline for submitting full presentation:	Friday, 7 October 2022
Evaluation of full presentation begins:	Monday, 10 October 2022
Feedback on evaluation:	Wednesday, 12 October 2022
Deadline for submitting revised presentation:	Friday, 21 October 2022
Dry run for speakers on the broadcast platform	Wednesday 26 October 2022 OR Thursday 27 October 2022
Conference Dates	Wednesday, 2nd November 2022 Thursday, 3rd November 2022

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### Step 1 – Proposal (Abstract, Summary and Bio) Submission

Presenters must submit a summary of between 200 and 500 words in English. The abstract should contain at least the following information:

- Background – what is the context of the presentation?
- Content type (for example):
  - Fact / experience-based opinion
  - Case Study
  - Good Practice / Methodology
  - Industry trend
  - Theoretical perspective
- Main points covered by presentation
- Value to conference delegates

Presenters are requested to include a short CV (Bio) stating your PM-related background and experience, along with your abstract. The bio should be suitable for introducing the speaker, and provide a brief overview of their experience, including reference to their authority on the topic. 100 words.

### Step 2 – Review Process

Summaries and presentations will be reviewed by the Conference Programme Committee for relevance to the conference theme and value to conference attendees. There is no limit to the number of submissions made per person but no more than two will be accepted per person.

Full presentations will be reviewed and feedback provided prior to final submission of presentation in time for inclusion on the conference programme.

Evaluation will be made according to:

- Relevance of topic and type of presentation, to the theme and programme
- The extent to which the proposal appears to be innovative, current and offer practical value to conference participants
- Presentations to be based on best practice, specific application and experience
- Relevance of knowledge and experience of the presenter
- Presentation skills of the presenter, ability to engage the audience (Based on references)
- Fit to the programme timeslots and format

Upon acceptance, the speaker is expected to register as a delegate. Speakers are encouraged to be involved throughout the conference to continue the dialogue outside of their presentation. Presenters are encouraged to use the official conference presentation slide template, which will be provided.

Proposals (Abstracts/Summaries/Bio's and Photo), any queries and full presentations must be sent to Ripcord Promotions: [pmsa@ripcord.za.com](mailto:pmsa@ripcord.za.com) as per the date schedule above.

## GUIDELINES

The following guidelines have been prepared to help ensure consistency in presentations and high-quality documentation for the conference:

- The official conference language is English
- Presentations must relate to project, programme, portfolio management or supporting fields of interest to these disciplines
- Presentations must be free of commercial sales content
- Presentation slots will be 30 minutes long allowing 5 minutes for questions and answers
- **The presenter will register for the conference with no charges applicable**
- **All accepted presentations must be presented at the virtual conference**

## MORE INFORMATION

The conference attracts approximately 150-200 delegates from a wide range of industries. They are typically mid-career professionals and senior practitioners. The conference is going to be a virtual event this year, which provides a broader opportunity to showcase the process and winners of the prestigious South African leg of the Global Project Management Office Awards.

## PMSA DETAILS

Project Management South Africa is a non-profit company recognised by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) as a professional body. Income from the conference contributes to PMSA's ability to deliver knowledge and development opportunities, other benefits to its member base and is essential to the sustainability of the body.

For more information, please mail: [pmsa@ripcord.za.com](mailto:pmsa@ripcord.za.com) / [operations@projectmanagement.org.za](mailto:operations@projectmanagement.org.za) or call the PMSA National Office on +27 11 5932072/3 or visit the PMSA website at [www.projectmanagement.org.za](http://www.projectmanagement.org.za).

We look forward to your expression of interest and contribution to grow the body of knowledge in project management.