

Project Management Update from PMO Global Alliance India Hub ¹



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❖ PMO Insights – September 2023

Topic: Improving Strategy Delivery & PMO Performance with Blockchain & Generative AI

In an era marked by rapid technological advancements, the Project Management Office (PMO) community is witnessing a groundbreaking shift in the way projects are strategized, executed, and monitored. To explore this transformational journey, the PMOGA India community hub organized a Panel Discussion on "Improving Strategy Delivery & PMO Performance with Blockchain & Generative AI." This event brought together eminent panelists and experts from diverse domains, shedding light on the immense potential of Generative AI and Blockchain in revolutionizing project management.

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PMO INSIGHTS PANEL DISCUSSION

IMPROVING STRATEGY DELIVERY & PMO PERFORMANCE WITH BLOCKCHAIN & GENERATIVE AI

PANELIST	PANELIST	PANELIST	PANELIST	MODERATOR
HEBA AL SHEHHI	COL (DR.) INDERJEET SINGH	DR. AL ZEITOUN	NAMITA JAIN	DR. MAZIN GADIR
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The Distinguished Panelists

1. [Heba Al Shehhi](#) - Head of PMO at Dubai Municipality and President of PMOGA UAE Hub.
2. [Col \(Dr.\) Inderjeet Singh](#) - Chief Cyber Officer at Vara Technology and Co-Founder of India Blockchain Forum.
3. [Dr. Al Zeitoun](#) - Senior Director Strategy at Siemens Digital Industries Software and PMI Fellow.
4. [Namita Jain](#) - Insights Practice Lead, NASSCOM.

The panel discussion was expertly moderated by [Dr. Mazin Gadir](#), a Digital Health Expert at the World Health Organization (WHO) and former PMI Board Member.

Setting the Stage: Gen AI Trends and Project Management

Dr. Mazin Gadir initiated the discussion by providing an insightful overview of the current trends in Generative AI (Gen AI) and their impact on project management across industries. He emphasized the pivotal role of AI in managing projects efficiently and effectively.

Heba Al Shehhi's Vision: Use Cases for Generative AI

Heba Al Shehhi unveiled a captivating vision of how Generative AI and Blockchain can transform project management. She presented several use cases, including the introduction of a project co-pilot in the form of a Chatbot. This co-pilot can analyze delayed projects impacting key performance indicators (KPIs) and visualize. Additionally, she discussed using AI for budget estimation by custom machine learning based on project data and market insights. Heba also highlighted the potential of AI in identifying and preventing future roadblocks in projects.

Dr. Al Zeitoun's Perspective: Embracing Technology for Impact

Dr. Al Zeitoun underscored the need to formalize the integration of technology within PMOs. He emphasized the transformative potential of technology in shaping the roles of Project Managers (PMs) and PMOs. Citing research data from PMI, he noted that technology can enhance project value delivery significantly. He emphasized the importance of data integrity in building confidence and efficiency in PMO operations.

Dr. Inderjeet on Benefits and Challenges of Blockchain and AI

Dr. Inderjeet explored the benefits and challenges of employing Blockchain and AI in PMO operations. He highlighted the synergy between Blockchain's data security and smart contracts and AI's task automation and data analytics. However, he also acknowledged the complexities of implementation, the need for design thinking, scalability issues, regulatory uncertainties, stakeholder adoption challenges, and potential data security risks. He stressed that the integration of AI and Blockchain could provide a competitive edge.

Namita Jain on NASSCOM's Perspective on Blockchain and AI

Namita Jain shared NASSCOM's perspective on Blockchain and AI as major disruptive technologies. She emphasized that these technologies, especially Gen AI, democratize access to powerful outcomes that were once limited to data scientists and ML engineers. Namita noted that Blockchain's traceability and AI's generative capabilities together hold immense potential. She highlighted the importance of ethical considerations in technology usage and advocated for creating sandboxes and guardrails to navigate the ethical implications effectively.

During the panel discussion, the audience raised pertinent questions, such as the role of data quality in achieving optimal AI outcomes. The panelists emphasized the critical importance of high-quality data in training AI systems and recommended collating diverse and accurate data to maximize AI's potential.

Planview Copilot: A Sneak Peek into the Future

As a grand finale, Alan Manuel provided a sneak peek into Planview Copilot, an AI Powered Chatbot set to revolutionize project management with its innovative features to drive project execution.

In conclusion, the Panel Discussion on "Improving Strategy Delivery & PMO Performance with Blockchain & Generative AI" illuminated the transformative power of these technologies in the realm of project management. The insights shared by the distinguished panelists underscored the need for PMOs to embrace these technologies strategically, while also being vigilant about the challenges and ethical considerations they entail. The future of project management promises to be dynamic, efficient, and highly adaptive, driven by the synergy of Generative AI and Blockchain.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the esteemed Knowledge Partners [India Blockchain Forum](#), [PMI Kerala Chapter](#), [Dubai Municipality](#) and [PMOGA UAE Hub](#) whose unwavering commitment to advancing knowledge and innovation in project management has been invaluable.

Furthermore, we express our gratitude to the steadfast supporters of this event, [Planview](#), Alan Manuel, and [PMO Global Alliance](#), [Americo Pinto](#) whose unwavering commitment has played a pivotal role in making this event possible.

Watch the recorded session to learn more and the responses from the panel for the above questions.

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❖ Upcoming Events

PMO India Awards 2023 – is back!

We are excited to extend a warm and cordial invitation to all Project /Program Management Offices (PMOs) across India to participate in the prestigious **PMO India Awards**. This remarkable event is set to recognize and celebrate excellence in PMO, showcasing the incredible talent and accomplishments within the Indian PMO community.

The PMO India Awards promise to be a momentous occasion, shining a spotlight on the innovative and transformative initiatives led by PMOs in both the public and private

sectors. This is your opportunity to showcase your PMO's dedication, commitment, and outstanding contributions to the field of project management.

What Are the PMO India Awards?

The PMO India Awards serve as a platform to acknowledge and honor the hard work and achievements of PMOs in India. These awards will highlight the best practices, projects, and professionals who have made a significant impact on the project management landscape.

Why Should You Participate?

Recognition: Gain well-deserved recognition for your PMO's outstanding projects and initiatives.

Networking: Connect with fellow project management professionals, exchange ideas, and build valuable relationships.

Inspiration: Be inspired by the innovative approaches and success stories of other PMOs.

Benchmarking: Evaluate your PMO's performance against industry standards and best practices.

Celebration: Celebrate the hard work and dedication of your team and boost morale.

How Can You Participate?

Participating in the PMO India Awards is a straightforward process:

1. Visit the PMO India Awards website: [Click here to visit the PMO India Awards website](#).
2. Review the Categories: Explore the various award categories and select the ones that best align with your PMO's achievements.
3. Submit Your Entry: Complete the online submission form with details about your PMO's project(s) and accomplishments. Please reach out to our passionate volunteers [Mahesh EV](#), [Vignesh Jayaraman](#) to smoothen your submission process.
4. Evaluation: Your submission will be thoroughly evaluated by a panel of esteemed judges.
5. Celebrate: If your PMO emerges as a finalist or winner, you will be celebrated during the prestigious PMO India Awards ceremony. And the winners will be nominated to the PMOGA Awards ceremony at a Global level.

Don't Miss Your Chance to Shine!

We encourage all PMOs in India to seize this incredible opportunity to be recognized and celebrated on a national stage. Your hard work and dedication deserve to be showcased, and the PMO India Awards are the perfect platform for this.

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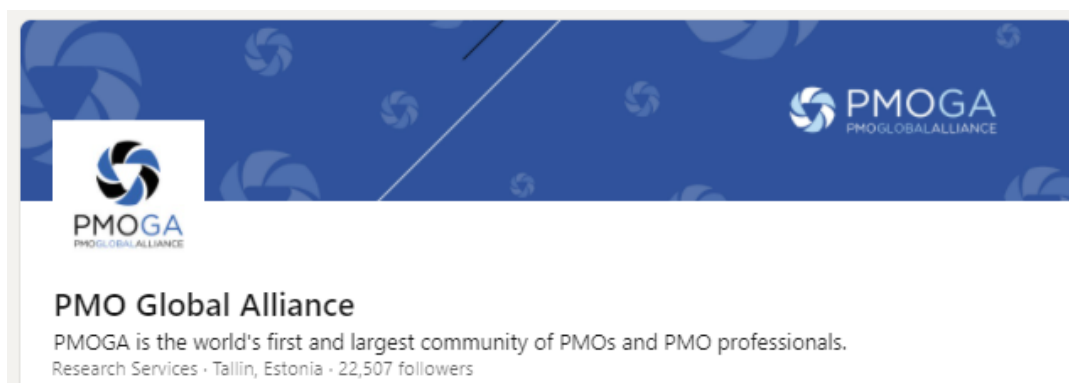
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