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WORD FROM PMI **LEBANON CHAPTER**



Dear PMI Community,

During my past two terms in the board of Lebanon Chapter, I have been actively involved in several volunteering initiatives with the volunteers, focusing on making a positive social and environmental impact. My efforts include participating in recycling campaigns aimed at promoting environmental sustainability and raising awareness about the importance of waste reduction. I have also contributed to projects supporting children with cancer, helping to bring comfort and hope to young patients and their families. Additionally, I have taken part in donation drives that collect and distribute second-hand clothes and toys to marginalized people, ensuring they feel cared for and included. These experiences have deepened my commitment to community service and social responsibility.

Around one year ago, I was honored to be appointed by the PMI Lebanon Chapter and PMI MENA as an ambassador for the PMI-CP (Construction Professional in Built Environment Projects) certification. In this role, I actively promote the value and benefits of the PMI-CP certification within the construction and project management community. My responsibilities include raising awareness about the certification's relevance in advancing professional standards, sharing insights on its practical applications, and encouraging peers and colleagues to pursue it as a pathway for career growth. This appointment reflects my dedication to continuous learning and my commitment to supporting the development of excellence in the construction project management field.

In April 2025, I had the opportunity to deliver a presentation on PMI-CP certification at the Order of Engineers and Architects (OEA) alongside my colleague Naji Shelala. Together, we highlighted the importance of PMI's globally recognized certifications in advancing careers and elevating professional standards within the engineering and project management fields. Our presentation focused on the value these certifications bring to individuals and organizations, outlining the pathways, benefits, and practical applications of credentials such as the PMP and PMI-CP. The session was well-received, sparking engaging discussions and encouraging many attendees to consider PMI certifications as a strategic step in their professional development.

Last month (May 2025), I had the privilege of being appointed by PMI MENA as a speaker at the Oman Design & Build Symposium, where I shared my insights and experiences with professionals from across the region. My intervention focused on key challenges and innovative practices in project management, particularly within the construction and infrastructure sectors. It was a valuable opportunity to contribute to meaningful discussions, exchange knowledge with industry experts, and represent both the PMI Lebanon Chapter and the broader MENA project management community. Being part of this prestigious event reinforced my commitment to advancing the profession and fostering collaboration across borders.

With gratitude and pride,

Ziad Ibrahim
VP. Volunteer.

MONTHLY **TALKS**



The Evolution of Money: Why Bitcoin Matters

by **Mr. Said Nassar**

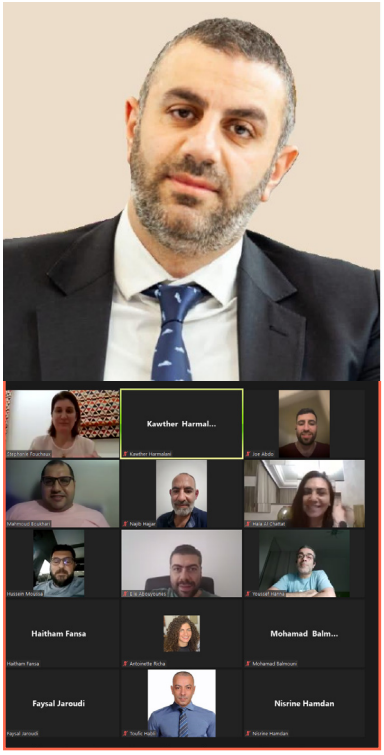
DATE: 15/04/2025 / TIME: 6:00 PM
SESSION: onsite at the Key Hotel

The PMI Lebanon chapter was delighted to host its first onsite monthly talk of the year at the Key hotel in the presence of Mr. Said Nassar a bitcoin aficionado. He is the co-owner of his family's gold refinery business, specializing in gold extraction, jewelry recycling, and diamond separation. With a deep understanding of the financial world, he combines traditional wealth preservation strategies with modern investment tools like Bitcoin.

He holds a Civil Engineering degree from Lebanese University - Roumieh and a double diploma from Ecole Centrale de Nantes as a Generalist Engineer and International Business Engineer. His analytical and quantitative skills, combined with his passion for money and markets, give him unique insights into global financial systems.

- Beyond his business expertise, he is a dedicated educator, teaching Bitcoin and Blockchain at USJ
- ESIB to all engineering students and Master's students in cybersecurity. As the founder of DSW
- Dynamic Smart Wealth, he helps individuals and institutions navigate the evolving financial
- landscape, emphasizing Bitcoin's role in wealth preservation and financial freedom.

The attendees were able to improve their knowledge in the following areas.
- Understand what money is and how the U.S. dollar is created.
- Learn the history of money and why Bitcoin was invented.
- Explore how blockchain technology works.
- Discover the best practices for buying and holding Bitcoin.



Lebanon's Waste Challenge: A project Management Perspective

by **Dr. Joseph Al Asmar**

DATE: 28/05/2025 / TIME:6:30 PM
SESSION: Online

For the month of April 2025, our new VP of Professional Development Mr. Paul Awkar, reached out to Dr. Joseph Al Asmar and invited him as the speaker for April's month and offered a lecture titled "Lebanon's Waste Challenge: A Project Management Perspective. management principles played a crucial role in the city's reconstruction and how leadership, adaptability, and resilience can drive real impact in crisis situations. Dr. Al Asmar is an expert in Automatic and Control Engineering with extensive experience in renewable energy systems, including cogeneration and waste-to-energy. He is an Assistant Professor at Antonine University and Chargé for Quality Assurance and Accreditation at the Faculty of Engineering and Technology. Dr. Al Asmar has served as an advisor to Lebanon's Ministry of Environment, contributing to the development of policies on green technologies and energy management. He has held academic positions at Saint-Joseph University and the University of Balamand and has worked as a consultant and researcher on various industrial and energy projects.

He is a senior member of IEEE and holds multiple advanced certifications.

At the end of the session, participants were able to grasp more information in regards to:

- The current challenges in waste management in Lebanon,
- The need for sustainable and circular approaches,
- The waste management as a structured project: applying project management tools,
- The opportunities for local implementation and community engagement.

Professional Development Day: Public Speaking Like a Pro

by **Dr. Fady G.Bader**

DATE: 14/06/2025 / TIME:8:30AM
SESSION: Hazmieh, Lancaster Tamar Hotel.

During this year's Professional Development Day, organized by VP Mr. Paul Awkar, attendees were thrilled to hear an insightful talk on the delicate topic of public speaking, delivered in person by the eloquent and articulate Dr. Fady G. Bader."

Dr. Fady G. Bader is an Elite Public Speaking & Leadership Mentor - Maxwell Leadership, a TEDx Speaker & Organizer, a University Instructor, a DISC Method Certified Consultant & Trainer - John Maxwell, a Career & University Admissions Specialist

Through four uninterrupted hours, he covered key topics via interactive sessions and group discussions on how to:

- Build confidence and overcome public speaking fears using practical tools,
- Structure impactful speeches, deliver with strong presence, and align your message with authentic leadership values,
- Use body language, vocal variety, and storytelling to connect with diverse audiences,
- Handle interactions and surprises with composure, and turn nerves into influence,
- Embrace feedback to grow continuously as a speaker.

Quoting him from his LinkedIn post: Delivering "Public Speaking Like a Pro" to a room full of passionate, driven professionals was an unforgettable experience. The energy in the room, the commitment to growth, and the interactive spirit made it more than just a session it was a shared journey of transformation.







Supporting the AI community

DATE: 08/04/2025 / TIME: 24 hours / SESSION: Hybrid

PMI Lebanon Chapter went going global, again – and participated in history making by being part of history: Attempt a GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ Title!
PMI Dallas partnered with Black at Microsoft (BAM) Dallas, ASIANS at Microsoft, Global AI Community, Global Jump Start, and National Society of Black Engineers DFW Chapter to enable AI skill to our community.
An exciting evening of networking, learning, and making history together was witnessed! Participants who signed up and joined the AI Skills Fest, benefited from a unique opportunity to become an AI champion and participate in an official attempt to set a GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title for the most users to take an online multi-level artificial intelligence lesson in 24 hours!



Construction Professional PMI-CP Seminar

DATE: 09/04/2025 / TIME: 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM / SESSION: Hybrid

The Order of Engineers and Architects (OEA) in Beirut, Branch 1 witnessed a session facilitated and held by PMI Lebanon Chapter Construction Ambassadors Ziad Ibrahim and Naji Shelala advocating for the PMI Construction Professional (PMI-CP) certification. Was also present Ms. Dania Chaar representing the PMI MENA.
This fantastic session highlighted the natural synergy between engineering and project management — a vital partnership for driving sustainable, innovative and tech-enabled advancement across the sector.
In regions like ours, where engineering remains a key driver of national growth, this session plays a critical role in positioning PMI as a trusted partner to the industry — and in expanding our vibrant community of professionals.



INJAZ Al-Arab Virtual Internship

DATE: 09/04/2025 / TIME: 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM / SESSION: Hybrid

In its continuous efforts to help empower our youth community, PMI Educational Foundation partnered with INJAZ Al-Arab, a non-profit organization to help educate and train the youth in financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and workforce readiness, across the Arab World.

5,000 students aged 18 to 25 from across 12 countries in the MENA region had the chance to join a program designed to equip young people with essential Project Management skills and tools.

Keynote Speaker Managing Director of PMI MENA, Mr. Hanny Alshazly M.Ed. intervened with Chief Education Executive of INJAZ El Arab, Mrs. Nadia Abdallah where they explored together the role of project management in shaping future-ready careers, how students can stand out in today's job market, and what employers are really looking for.

From academic success to industry impact, this session was all about turning potential into progress. Subject matter experts were also present from several fields including our VP of Administration Mrs. Stephanie Fouchaux, who delivered an online session related to the phases of credit risk in commercial lending.

By the end of the session, students had a better understanding of:

- Project management skills and tools,
- The industry and project management as a career option,
- Career development opportunities through PMI including CAPM certification.



Student Club Mena

DATE: 09/04/2025 / TIME: 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM / SESSION: Hybrid

MENA Chapter Leaders who attended the call that evening were greeted by Ms. Dania Chaar who discussed the importance of PMI student clubs in Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, and Jordan, emphasizing their role in developing transferable skills, fostering professional networks, and enhancing employability through certification like CAPM.
Mr. Hanny Alshazly highlighted the significance of volunteering, leadership, and lifelong learning.
He talked about the importance of customizing global solutions to fit local cultures, emphasized the value of PMI certifications, such as CAPM, in making students more employable and recognized globally, encouraged students to focus on their careers and take advantage of the opportunities provided by student clubs & introduced the concept of "volunteer, lead, learn, and repeat" as a guiding principle for student club members.

The session concluded with a call for continued engagement and collaboration.



The Rotaract Blueprint

DATE: 30/04/2025 / TIME: 7:30 PM / SESSION: Onsite Beirut Digital District

The Beirut Digital District was busy that evening with the representatives of 6 Rotaract youth clubs from Byblos represented by Melanie Kadi, Sahel Metn represented by Charbel Abi Doumit, Beirut Metropolitan by Omar Ghali, Zgharta Zawie by Sasha Dib, Aley West by Pascal Zebian, Chouf by Nouhad Bou Matar including their respective District Rotaract Representative Elie Gharios and 2 of our VPs. Paul Awkar and Stephanie Fouchaux. This collaboration was achieved following the recognition that Project management is at the heart of every success in any organization.
A pre-session questionnaire was launched to assess the current practices and approaches used by our Rotaractors which was followed by:
A 90 minutes session was delivered by 2 PMI LC ambassadors explaining the project lifecycle and knowledge areas, which was concluded by a Wall of Experience activity has then taken place where all Rotaractors were able to share and compare their ideas, knowledge and processes.



PMILC **NEWS**

Hiking day

DATE: 01/06/2025 / TIME: 7:00 AM / SESSION: BAYSSOUR HIKING GROUP

Under the organization of VP. Volunteers Ziad Ibrahim & VP. Memberships Hicham Malaeb, members went on a refreshing daytime hiking trip through a scenic mountain trail in Bayssour. The weather was perfect—sunny with a light breeze—and the path was lined with wildflowers and tall pine trees. Members were rewarded with breathtaking views of the valley below.







Second hand donations

DATE: 03/06/2025 / TIME: 1:00 PM

As an act of sustainability, a group of volunteers donated second-hand clothes and toys, all in good condition, to a marginalized community as part of our commitment to social and environmental responsibility. This initiative aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically SDG #1 (No Poverty), by supporting communities who lack access to basic necessities; SDG #10 (Reduced Inequalities), by helping bridge the gap between underserved populations and essential resources; and SDG #12 (Responsible Consumption and Production) and by promoting the reuse of quality goods instead of discarding them. Through this act, the PMI Lebanon Chapter aims to contribute meaningfully to a more inclusive and sustainable future.



PMO GLOBAL ALLIANCE MENA

DATE: 29/04/2025 / TIME: 7:30 PM / SESSION: Online

On that day, the PMI GLOBAL hosted a webinar to introduce the PMO Global Alliance (PMOGA) as part of the Project Management Institute's PMO community and recognized as the world's largest community dedicated to Project Management Offices (PMOs) and PMO professionals. Established in 2017, PMOGA has grown into a vibrant and diverse network, being acquired by PMI in 2023. As a community under the umbrella of PMI, PMOGA unites professionals from various sectors who share a passion for all things related to PMOs. Its expansive community comprises PMO leaders, PMO team members, PMO executives, PMO consultants, Educators, and Project Managers. The mission of PMOGA is to foster the professional growth of our PMI members involved or interested in PMOs.

The similarities between PMOGA and PMI:

- Mission Alignment: Aligned with the overall mission of PMI to advance the project management profession globally
- Member Engagement: Aims to engage and support members by providing value through content, resources, and opportunities for involvement
- Knowledge Sharing: Facilitates the exchange of knowledge, ideas, and best practices
- Volunteer Involvement: Depends on volunteers to lead and support
- Community Building: Creates space for project management professionals to network, share experiences and support one another

The differences between PMOGA and PMI:

- Geographical Coverage Virtual, initiated and operated at the Global and Regional level versus country-level
- Entity Form Online community, part of the PMI legal domain versus legally incorporated/registered entities operating virtually
- Target Audience PMO Community (a specific customer segment of the project management community) versus broader project management community
- Level of Autonomy Directly aligned with PMI Global and PMOGA leadership versus governed by chapter bylaws and local law, with considerable autonomy
- Financial Administration Managed by the PMI Online Community Team (Platform), no independent financial structure versus independent financial administration
- Volunteer Leadership Selection Hubs do not have elections; all volunteers must be recruited through the VEP versus elected by chapter members
- Community Expansion No new PMOGA hubs can be created; existing regional PMOGA hubs cover all world regions and countries versus new chapters can be established via charter approval process and must be annually approved.

PMO Global day

In 2025, PMO Global Day was celebrated on May 13th, marking a significant occasion to honor the contributions of Project Management Offices (PMOs) worldwide. This annual event, observed on the second Tuesday of May, was established in 2023 to recognize the pivotal role PMOs play in driving organizational success and strategic alignment.
Theme: “PMO Success”

- Global Participation

PMO professionals from various regions, including Sub-Saharan Africa, actively participated in the celebrations. The PMO Global Alliance (PMOGA) Sub-Sahara Africa Hub hosted a special virtual event featuring discussions on the evolving role of PMOs in driving innovation and measurable impact across organizations.

- Virtual Events and Webinars

A series of webinars and virtual events were organized, providing platforms for PMO professionals to connect, share insights, and celebrate their contributions to project management excellence.

- Recognition and Awards

The day also included mini awards ceremonies to recognize unsung heroes within the PMO community, highlighting their dedication and impact on organizational success.

PMI EVENTS

Global Management Project Forum 2025

Date: 15 to 17 /05/2025 / Duration: all day / VENUE: Fairmont Riyadh

For those who are not familiar with the GMPF: The Global Project Management Forum - GPMF is a premier event that unites industry leaders, innovators, and aspiring professionals to shape the future of project management.
Held annually in Riyadh, this two-day event offered world-class learning, certifications, and networking opportunities. GPMF empowered attendees with expert insights, cutting-edge strategies, and connections to drive innovation and lead impactful projects. Eng. Badr M. Burshaid played an essential role in the Global Project Management Forum (GPMF) 2025, serving as both the Founder and Chairman of the event. In his capacity as Chairman, he shaped the forum's strategic direction, curated its agenda, and lead key discussions on the future of project management, the forum convened over 21,000 professionals from more than 100 countries, featuring upwards of 120 speakers and partners. Our chapter's president Ms. Riam Chazbeck & our VP. Of Members Mr.Hisham Malaeb attended this one of kind event.





PMO Government Symposium 2025

Date: 15/05/2025 / Duration: all day / VENUE: InterContinental Dubai Festival City Hotel, Dubai

The Dubai Municipality, Dubai Government Human Resources Department in collaboration with Project Management Institute (PMI) MENA, PMO Global Alliance (PMOGA) hosted and organized a symposium along with Key Speakers & Guests we name Mr. Lee R. Lambert – PMP founder and PMI Fellow, Mr. Américo Pinto – Managing Director, PMOGA – PMO Global Alliance at PMI which was hosted by Mrs. Heba Al Shehhi, PMO Lead at Dubai Municipality and PMOGA MENA Hub Lead.

The objective was to share best practices and knowledge in government PMOs, with a focus on modern methodologies and strategic alignment elevate the role of PMOs in public-sector transformation.



COMMUNITY **THOUGHTS**

MARIA BASSIL

Project Manager, “Hopital du Sacré Coeur”



ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS:
BS in Computer Sciences, PMP

PMILC MEMBER SINCE:
November 2023

DOMAIN / INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE:
Software Development, Information Technology & Digital Transformation

TESTIMONIAL:
My Path to the PMP®—and the Doors It Opened
In early 2023, while reviewing senior-level project-management vacancies, I noticed a consistent requirement: PMP certification. The market was signaling clearly, and it took me back to my university days, when our PMI-ACP certified instructor gave us a concise overview of PMI methods. I contacted him, obtained the recommended study materials, and committed to the PMP track.
Over the next eight months I followed a disciplined routine of guided reading, practice exams, and peer-discussion sessions. In November 2023 I sat for—and passed—the PMP examination.
Why choose the PMP?

- Market relevance – Top employers regard it as the gold standard for ensuring project delivery aligns with strategic objectives.
- Structured methodology – The syllabus integrates predictive, agile, and hybrid practices, anchored in stakeholder-centric leadership.
- Professional recognition – The credential provides instant credibility with executives, clients, and global peers.

Opportunities realized

- Stronger influence at work – Recommendations now carry greater weight, accelerating decision cycles.
- Continuous development – PMI webinars and local chapter events keep my skills current.
- Community support – The PMI Lebanon Chapter welcomed me at its 2024 year-end event; I contribute to initiatives such as Reforestation of Lebanon and, most recently, a stakeholder-engagement hike in Baissour that advanced several UN SDG targets.

The PMP confirmed that project challenges are rarely faced alone—there is a community ready to exchange knowledge and support. If you are seeking both rigor and professional fellowship, the PMP pathway delivers on both counts.

WELCOMING
NEW MEMBERS

Welcoming new member who joined the chapter in Q2 2025

1. Abbas Safieddine
2. Abbass Yehya
3. Abdo Abi Kheir
4. ABDO ABOU JAOUDE
5. Ahmad AYOUB
6. Aiman Raad
7. ALAA FARES
8. Alain El Khoury
9. Ali Abdallah
10. Ali Chahine
11. Ali Obeid
12. Ali Samhat
13. ALI ZARIF
14. Alif Khoury
15. Anis Mustapha
16. ANTONIO RAGHEB
17. Bahij El Baassiri
18. Bassam dahabi
19. BILAL EL HAJJ
20. Bilal El Hamrawi
21. Chadi Hajjaoui
22. Charbel Daou
23. Charbel Halwagy
24. Christelle Elias
25. Christopher El Habr
26. Chukri Abou Rjeily
27. Corinne Abdel Nour
28. Dana Hariri
29. Dany Moussa
30. Decile Kechichian
31. Dikran Dikranian
32. Edward Gasparian
33. Elia Yasmine
34. Elie Al Abboud
35. Elie El Chami
36. ELIE YOUNES
37. Elissa El Roumi
38. Fadila AL yassin
39. Fidaa Kassem
40. Firas Nassab
41. GEORGES ABBOUDEH
42. Ghassan Naccour
43. Ghinwa El Kaissi
44. Grace Moussally
45. Hanny Alshazly
46. Hasan Charafeddine
47. Hassan Chamas
48. Hiba Beydoun
49. Hisham Skayky
50. Houssam Mackieh
51. Hussam Abou Antoun
52. Ihab ALDENNAWI
53. Isak El Abed GeaGea
54. Jalal Nasr
55. Jamal Bernawi
56. James Nohra
57. JAMIL EL ACHI
58. Jessy Daccache
59. Jinan Chehab
60. Joe Nakfour
61. Joseph Touma
62. Julien Boutros
63. Karim Al Masri
64. Karim Hert
65. Kassem El HajjOmar
66. katia rouhana
67. Lama Tabbara
68. Lana El Khatib

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69. Lea Azar
70. Lea Bejjani
71. LMI GLOBAL ORGANIZATION
72. Maguy Abou Zeid
73. MAHER ABDAN
74. MARIE ANTOINETTE BSAYBES
75. Masa Al Fakih
76. Michel El Sayegh
77. Mohamad Abbas
78. Mohamad Abou Baker
79. MOHAMAD El HAYEK
80. Mohamad El khatib
81. Mohamad El mais
82. Mohamad Ghazzawi
83. Mohamad Nibal Al Chamaa
84. Mohamad Rhemi
85. Mohammed Itani
86. Mohannad Damaj
87. Mouhamad Chraif
88. Nada Kassem
89. Nadim Bou Hamdan
90. Nadine slika
91. NAJA MALAEB
92. Naji Berri
93. Nancy Berberi
94. Nancy Nakhel
95. Nareg Karaoghlanian
96. Omar Antabli
97. Omar Bsat
98. Petina El Khoury
99. Rabih Saidi
100. Ralph Saleh
101. Rami Abi Zeid
102. Rami Abras
103. Rami El Zein
104. Rami Jabado
105. Rami Nasser eldine
106. Ramy Eid
107. Rita Alkossaife
108. ROBA TARRAF
109. Roula Salloum
110. Salem Abdallah
111. Sam Dahaby
112. Sara Chebaro
113. Sara Salloum
114. Sarkis Maatouk
115. Serge Bou Haidar
116. Serge Bou Souliman
117. Sherine Bukesmati
118. Steven Saliba
119. Tarik Madi
120. Toni Asmar
121. Tony Ross
122. Vanessa NASSAR
123. Wadih Awwad
124. walid ayyach
125. Waseem Marbani
126. Wissam Yaacoub
127. Yanina Raumo
128. Youssef Saab
129. Youssef Younes
130. Zeina El Khoury
131. Ziad Abbas
132. Ziad Nasser

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