PMI LEBANON CHAPTER **NEWSLETTER**

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WORD FROM PMI **LEBANON CHAPTER**

Dear PMI Community,

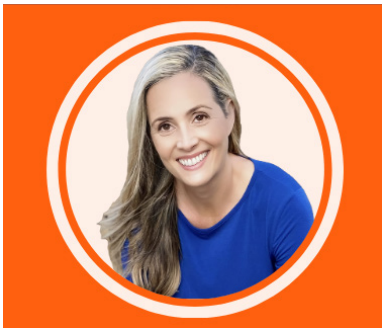


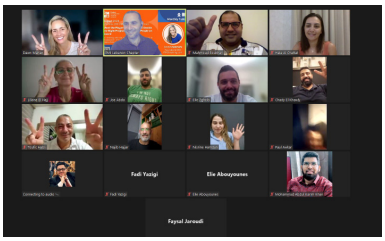
All good things in life start with a project.
DISCOVERY: 8-year-old self, sitting on the floor of our living room, surrounded by encyclopedias learning about our solar system, preparing a school project on a fascinating topic… In a time where Pluto was still a planet.
BLOOMING OF COMMUNITIES: 20-year-old self, meeting with Lebanese students from all the universities of Montreal, working on a project to found "Tollab", the Lebanese student federation, bringing scholarships and help the students who left their home country for a better future.
CHALLENGE: 24-year-old self, organizing with other board members of "Tollab", a project to achieve the longest Dabke human chain in a Lebanese festival in Montreal registered in the Guiness book.
GIVING-BACK: 26-year-old self, mentoring students in a robotics project with "Youth Fusion" contributing to their perseverance in school.
VALUE: 28-year-old self, successfully defending my Ph.D. research project linking quality with performance in healthcare to create value in organizations.
COMMITMENT: 28-year-olf self, planning my wedding, then, walking down the aisle to marry my soulmate, my rock.
FAMILY: 34-year-old self, designing the fastest paper planes with my kids Adriana and Anthony, creating family memories.
RESILIENCE: 35-year-old self, carrying a rebuilding project of our Beirut house after the Beirut Port explosion along with many mindful people in a sign of resilience and faith in our Lebanon.
AGILITY: 38-year-old self, at LAU, a university committed to the education of the whole person, teaching students how agility is reshaping projects today.
BEING PART OF A COMMUNITY: 39-year-old self, joining PMI Lebanon's board as VP Governance to enable this wonderful community to learn more about project management.
IMPACT: Six months later, initiating with my fellow board members the first PMI student club in the MENA region… Then, in another sign of resilience, developing an initiative involving many chapter volunteers to support local NGOs in making their relief efforts for displaced people more efficient through training and mentorship on project management in times of crisis.

My life's key milestones were shaped by projects. Joining PMI in 2013, an institute that is making the world better through empowering project professionals around the globe, connected me with fellow professionals who are passionate about making a difference.

Today, being part of the board of PMI is a privilege. The privilege is about serving along with my colleagues in an institute that showed throughout the years adaptability and forward thinking. I'm certain that life's best next things are yet to come, as long as we stay humble enough to keep on learning personally and collectively.

Mira Thoumy Ghanem
VP Governance, PMI Lebanon Chapter





Meet the Players in Project-land

by **Ms.** Dawn **Mahan**

DATE: August 29th, 2024 / TIME: 7:00 pm
SESSION: Online

Because people will make or break your success on a project, it's worth investing the time to get the people's part right and just like any game, you need to understand the roles and rules to win, these are the words of our VP of professional development Mr. Hicham Malaeb when he introduced Ms. Dawn Mahan to be the speaker for our August monthly talk in which she bigheartedly shared with the attendees passages and experiences from her own book " Meet the players in Projectland: Decide the right project role & get people on board":
-Learn more about project failure rates and how to succeed despite the statistics being stacked against us,
-Learn about the simple, powerful Projectland concept, and how you can use it to help you navigate the world of project,
-Learn about the roles represented by animal avatars and pro tips to help you identify, organize, and set your project people up for success,
-Share your experiences about the mysterious side of projects and learn from each other.

Raw insights on Project Prioritization, Leadership & PMO transformation after adoption of AI

DATE: September 19th, 20th &21st 2024 / TIME: 7:00 pm
SESSION: Hybrid from Los Angeles

We were fortunate to attend an interesting panel of discussion in the presence of **Mr. Stuart Easton, Mr. Lee Lambert & Dr. Mona Zoughaib** who generously shared with us their upfront experience in the following topics on:

Mr. Lee Lambert one of the world project management profession's thought leaders shared powerful secrets about leadership showcasing:

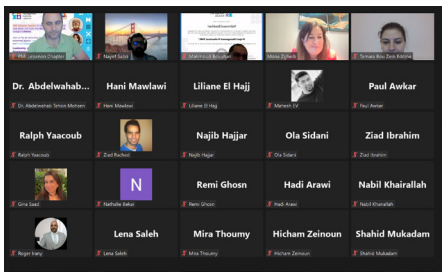
- How can adaptive leadership help project managers navigate challenges such as digital transformation and the rise of AI, while ensuring project success in a rapidly changing environment.
- What strategies can leaders use to empower remote teams, foster collaboration across digital platforms, and drive innovation in diverse, geographically dispersed workforces.
- How can project managers actively mentor and develop the next generation of leaders to ensure they are equipped with the skills needed for future challenges, including managing teams in an AI-driven world.

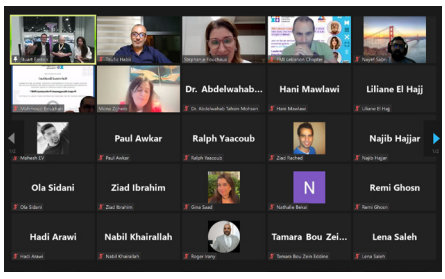
Mr. Stuart Easton being master in **Project Prioritization** talked about the importance of project prioritization in today's dynamic business environment and how the organizations often face a multitude of potential projects, but resources are limited.
The participants were able to gain insights on:

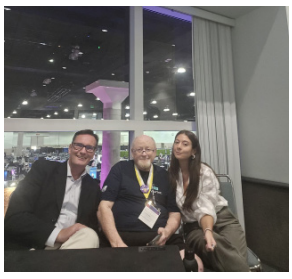
- Alignment with strategic objectives: how to ensure that projects are aligned with long-term strategic objectives and contribute to the overall success of the organization.
- Risk management: The role of project prioritization in managing risks and ensuring that high-risk projects are given adequate attention and resources.
- Resource allocation: Techniques for effective resource allocation to ensure that priority projects receive the necessary support without overextending the organization's capabilities.

Dr. Mona Zoughaib is a distinguished expert in project management and digital transformation gave it her all in matters related to AI, more specifically on how AI is transforming the project management office (PMO) including the tools, techniques and methodologies that are now available due to AI advancements.

- AI in decision support: How AI assist PMOs in making data-driven decisions, forecasting project outcomes, and optimizing resources.
- Automation of routine tasks: The role of AI in automating routine tasks within the PMO, allowing project managers to focus on more strategic initiatives.
- Enhancing collaborations: How AI tools can facilitate better communication and collaboration among distributed teams, leading to increased project efficiency.







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July 27th, 2024

"BENIFITS MANAGEMENT"

PDD2024 was a big success, thanks to the invaluable insights shared by **Nazareth Nicolian Ph.D., Ms. Dania Chaar, Dr. Saadi Adra, and Dr. Claude Khalil** who generously shared with all the attendees their perspectives which brought a wealth of knowledge and expertise that deeply enriched their experience. We thoroughly enjoyed every moment of the discussions and learned immensely from their contributions. In the following topics.

Ms. Dania Chaar, Chapter engagement specialist from **PMI MENA** and through her invaluable presence informed our attendees about:

- The existence of 6 chapters, almost 8,000 chapter members, some 38,000 members and a little less than 100,000 active certifications in the MENA region which has been witnessing rapid development with large projects across various sectors.
- The implementation of new strategy of **PMI NEXT** which is to clearly distinguish project management business use & its social impact from its technical scope.
- The remembrance to all AI aficionados about the potential of artificial intelligence (AI) in project management and discover how it can revolutionize the way chapter members approach their projects.
- The definition of benefits management and its strategic approach to maximizing projects, initiative outcomes and how to realize tangible value.
- **Dr. Saadi Adra**'s talking Points covered the Introduction to the discipline of Managing Benefits, Why, What and How, as well as the 5 Phases and 7 Pillars of Benefits Management and How to Win an International Award: **The Amazing Case of SPL**.

The attendees were able to:

- Understand Managing Benefits Framework: Gain a comprehensive understanding of the core principles and framework of APMG Managing Benefits, including benefits management cycle and pillars.
- Develop strategic initiatives' Value-Chain, based on benefits management
- Explore how mastering the implementation of benefits can win you an international award for your PMO, highlighting the PMO Global Alliance PMO of the Year 2023, Saudi Post & Logistics Company Case.
- Learn How to Measure What Truly Matters.



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Dr. Claude Khalil, also shared her knowledge and expertise with the attendees by introducing her talking points which were about **Bridging the Gap between Strategy Design and Strategy Execution, Achieving Business Value**: The most important aspect of project management and Measuring What matters.
The attendees were able to:

- Understand the Importance of Bridging the Strategy-Execution Gap.
- Comprehend How to Achieve Business Value in Project Management.
- Learn How to Measure What Truly Matters.

A special thank you to **Nazareth Nicolian Ph.D.** from **American University of Science and Technology** for their support and collaboration, which played a crucial role in making this event possible. The conference provided a platform for meaningful exchanges and fostered a spirit of collaboration and innovation and a big thanks and appreciation to everyone for making **PDD2024** an unforgettable experience.









We Created the 1st Student Club in the MENA Region

The announcement of our student board did not come unnoticed and here below some extract of the message from our president **Ms. Riam Chazbeck** on the news: " It all started with a belief from **Project Management Institute, Project Management Institute MENA** and a shared vision within the **PMI Lebanon Chapter**. We knew students could—and would—reshape project management as we know it. So, we set out to build something groundbreaking, and now, it's official!

The very first Project Management Student Club in the MENA region has **launched**, marking it as the **21st** of **300**+ chapters worldwide. Why? Because we believe the **future** of project management lies in the hands of these bright students, and we want to empower them with the tools and foundation they need to thrive. So, here's to expecting the impossible! Let's welcome and congratulate this phenomenal
student board.

Mohamad Bahij Jamil as President
Hadi Mchawrab as VP Events and Coordination
Houssein Hassan as VP of Treasury
Alaa El Ghali as Communication, Outreach & AMP
Haitham Dayeh as Secretariat

We would like to extend our thanks to **Mr.Paul Awkar VP of membership** who took on the responsibility to establish a Student Club from the seed of an idea to a completion of corporality. His efforts were paired with those of **Dr. Mira Thoumy Ghanem VP of Governance**, who spearheaded the recruitment process and assisted the student board in drafting the student club bylaws and other crucial documents necessary to properly put in place their responsibilities and their roles. This milestone was decorated with an **award** received at the **Leadership Institute meeting (LIM) conference in Qtar in October 2024**.



Immediate benefits of adopting generative AI for Project Management

Date: June 25th 2024 / Duration: 1 Hour / Session: online

Following the announcement of the new strategy earlier this year, valued panelists & distinguished moderator came together to share a spotlight by unfolding some of the steps that are being taken to maintain PMI position as the most recognized authority in the world for project management.

- The project management institute issued a report by the title of "The Immediate Benefits of Adopting Generative AI for Project Management" & Ms. Riam Chazbek had the privilege of joining Edivandro Conforto, PhD. and Deeksha Singh on a panel moderated by the amazing Rupal Bhandari on June 25th. This insightful panel delved deeper into the Project Management Institute report titled "The Immediate Benefits of Adopting Generative AI for Project Management" which discusses trailblazers and the importance of adopting Generative AI (GenAI) in daily management tasks.

Key Takeaways from the Report:

Immediate Benefits of GenAI for Project Management:

- Organizations heavily using Generative AI (GenAI) are experiencing significant benefits, such as improved efficiency, better decision-making, and enhanced project outcomes. High adopters of GenAI are already reaping rewards, indicating that the more extensively GenAI is used, the greater the positive impact on project performance.

- Trailblazers Leading the GenAI Revolution:

Trailblazers are at the forefront of the GenAI adoption curve, utilizing the technology for more complex and strategic tasks. They are not only mastering GenAI tools but also creating a positive feedback loop that drives further adoption and innovation within their organizations.

- Organizational Enablement and Industry Influence:

Successful GenAI-driven transformation is closely tied to organizational enablement, including supportive infrastructure, training, and leadership commitment. The report also indicates that the level of GenAI adoption varies by industry and organization size, with larger organizations and certain industries leading the way. Understanding these dynamics can help other organizations develop effective strategies for integrating GenAI into their project management processes.

To download the report :

https://lnkd.in/dUa42VXM
To check out the webinar that was viewed by almost 21,000 people, please visit the link below:
https://lnkd.in/dq8zy5mk



PMI4theworldconference

Date: October 10 & 11th 2024 / Duration : 24 hour
SESSION : Online

We would like to inform you that about a fantastic engagement and collaboration opportunity with PMI Europe chapters with their initiative PM4TheWorld 2024 edition: A 24-hour Online Conference - Project Management for a Resilient World on 10-11 October

Main topics covered:

- Innovative solutions to enhance the resilience of vulnerable communities
- Technology and innovation in disaster response.
- Maximizing the impact of humanitarian projects with minimal overhead
- Adaptive project management practices in dynamic environments
- Strategic project management for effective disaster recovery

Event home page: https://pmi.org.uk/pm4theworld/home/

PMI **EVENTS**

GLOBAL SUMMIT LA 2024

Date: September 19th, 20th &21st 2024 / Time: 7:00 PM
Event: Onsite at Los Angeles

This year, Los Angeles' Hollywood sign was upstaged by the PMI sign which stood tall and bright during its yearly global summit where all PMI chapters & PMI offices were able to fit in one huge convention room. It must have been quite some project managers handling the event to fit thousands of people, deliver countless topics, talks and much more.

Our president Ms. Riam Chazbek attended the event of PMI® Global Summit which brought together global trendsetters, thought leaders, and project professionals from around the world to network, to share knowledge, & to grow as professionals, united in their commitment to creating a brighter future.

The highlight of the event was the keynote speech of our CEO Pierre Le Manh who happened to address the attendees right after celebrating his 2nd anniversary as CEO of PMI and focused on the future of PMI Next :

Focusing on what matters the most which is to maximize project success to elevate our world and to focus on project professionals and by also making our certifications recognized by universities, expanding learning offers and development opportunities before and beyond when people prepare for any PMI certification and then community knowledge based platforms to leverage tech & AI to tackle the collective intelligence of our community so we can all benefit from the know-how.





COMMUNITY **THOUGHTS**

Mahmoud Boukhari



CURRENT ROLE:
Senior: Software Engineer

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS:
BS in Computer Science, Global University, 2009

PMILC MEMBER SINCE:
February 2018 earned his PMP in March 2018.

DOMAIN/INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE:
Worked in multiple environments from Government to Airlines and travel & tourism & construction and logistics and Oil & Gaz.

TESTIMONIAL:

Getting involved with the PMI Lebanon Chapter has been an incredibly rewarding experience. Many people ask how to align with PMI standards, and I always recommend joining the PMI Lebanon Chapter. It offers a wealth of resources and information that can help professionals stay current and grow in their careers.
Since March 2018, I have actively participated in every PMI LC events, from monthly talks to professional development days and conferences, both in-person and online. These events have not only broadened my professional network but also provided me with access to the latest knowledge and trends in project management. The relationships I've built through the chapter have been instrumental in advancing my career, enabling me to share ideas and collaborate on meaningful projects.
It didn't take long for me to realize that joining the PMI Lebanon Chapter was one of the best decisions I made for my professional growth, and I am definitely renewing my membership

COMMUNITY **THOUGHTS**

Hala Al Chattat



CURRENT ROLE:
Project Manager at iSolution

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS:
IT - Cloud Solutions, digital transformation

PMILC MEMBER SINCE:
2023

TESTIMONIAL:

My journey with the Project Management Institute (PMI) began when I first started exploring structured approaches to enhance project delivery. While working on complex projects, I realized the need for a global standard and community that could help me navigate challenges in a systematic way. That's when I learned about PMI and its globally recognized certifications.

Obtaining the PMP was a pivotal moment in my career. The rigorous preparation for the exam, combined with the comprehensive project management framework PMI provides, solidified my knowledge and skills. It empowered me with a well-rounded understanding of project management practices, from initiating to closing projects, all while focusing on continuous improvement.

I chose to join the PMI Lebanon Chapter because I wanted to be part of a local community that not only shared the same passion for project management but also contributed to elevating the standards within Lebanon. By connecting with like-minded professionals, I am able to exchange knowledge, insights, and best practices tailored to the challenges we face in the region. The chapter provides me with opportunities to network, attend enriching events, and learn from industry leaders.

In return, I am actively participating in chapter activities, mentoring aspiring PMs, sharing my experiences, and contributing to the community's growth. It is a rewarding experience to give back to the field that has shaped my career. Through these interactions, I have gained new perspectives, valuable friendships, and a sense of fulfillment knowing that I am part of something greater that fosters excellence in project management.

I am grateful for this journey and look forward to continuing to contribute to the growth of our vibrant project management community.

WELCOMING
NEW MEMBERS

Welcoming new member who joined the chapter in Q3 2024

1. Abdulrahman El Halaby
2. Omar Obeida
3. Romy Massaad
4. Mahmoud Itani
5. Nour AL Halabi
6. Hamza Kalach
7. Nayef Sabri
8. Ahmad Abou Taleb
9. Jihane Youssef
10. Ghada Tawbe
11. Bassam Flyhan
12. Ali Sakr, Rami Milan
13. Jihad Zoghbi
14. Mohamad El Kebbi
15. Mohamad Halawani
16. Georgia, Karam
17. Charbel Choueifaty
18. Noura El Masry
19. Kamal Haidar
20. Kawther Harmalani
21. Alexandre Bassim
22. Samar Fenianos
23. Cherine Kassab
24. Mustapha Kurdi
25. Rabih Ismail
26. Rana Al Asmar
27. Jihad Tayar
28. Fouad Saad
29. Amer Serhal
30. Mohamad F.Chana
31. Wassim Kabara
32. Simon Chaaya
33. Samer Bou Orm
34. Hani Abdlekhalek
35. Joe Abou Jamra
36. Hassan Ibrahim
37. Breska Haddad

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