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WORD FROM PMI LEBANON CHAPTER



I am thrilled to share with you my personal and professional journey at PMI, a path that has been transformative in ways I could never have imagined. My initial encounter with PMP certification was born out of pure curiosity, a desire to explore beyond my established roots in mechanical engineering. Little did I know that this decision would serve as a catalyst for unprecedented growth and open doors to a world of opportunities.

Upon delving into the realm of project management, I quickly realized the profound impact it could have on my career trajectory. From my origins in a local construction company in Lebanon, I found myself navigating the landscapes of international organizations such as UN-WFP, EY, and even KPMG. The PMP certification was more than a qualification; it was an eye-opener that prompted me to think outside the conventional boundaries. It shifted my perspective, emphasizing that in project management, success isn't solely about managing tasks but also about effectively orchestrating the diverse talents that make up a team.

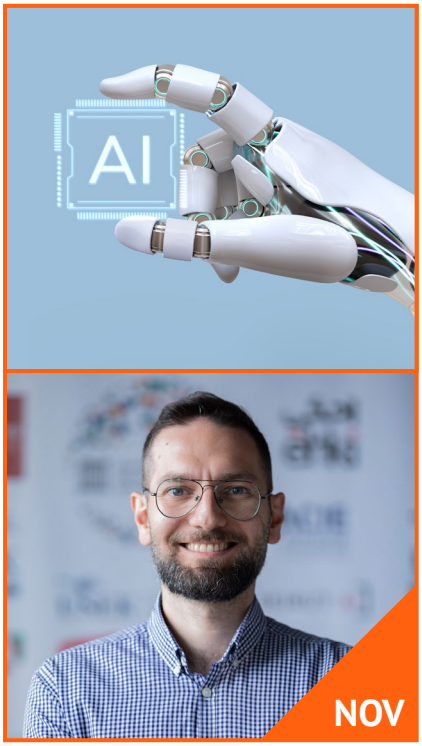
On a personal level, my journey with PMI extended beyond the realms of professional development. Since 2018, I have actively volunteered for PMI, initially drawn by a desire to contribute to a community that resonated with my professional interests. This journey took an unexpected turn as I assumed the role of VP Volunteers on the PMI board, eventually culminating in my current position as PMI LC President.

Being a part of PMI has been a profound experience, cultivating a sense of belonging to a community that is not just impactful but also dynamic. The benefits have extended far beyond the confines of career growth, providing me with a wider network, exposure to the latest trends and practices in project management, and invaluable leadership skills. Volunteering activities within PMI have not only enriched my professional skill set but also facilitated personal growth, unveiling leadership qualities I didn't realize I possessed.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly encourage each and every one of you to seize the opportunity to be a part of this incredible community. PMI has the power to shape and elevate your journey, both professionally and personally. The impact it can have on individuals is immeasurable, and the sense of community it fosters is truly unique. Embrace this journey, and let PMI be a guiding force in your pursuit of excellence.

Riam Chazbeck
President, PMI Lebanon Chapter

MONTHLY **TALKS**



The AI Era: Unleashing a New Wave of Possibilities

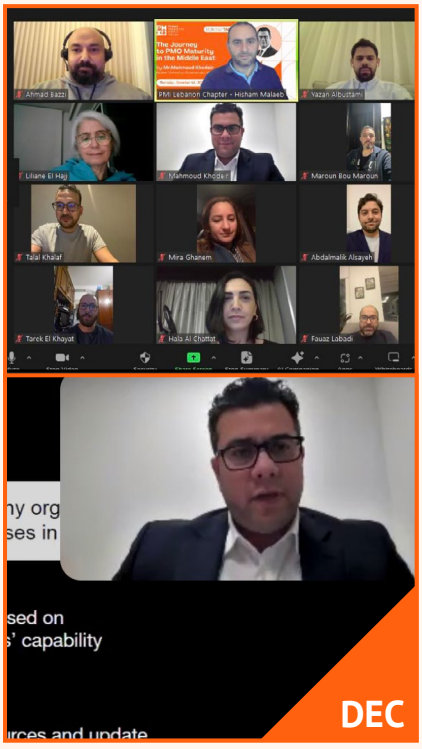
by **Mr. Christophe Zoghbi**

DATE: November 2, 2023 **/ TIME:** 7:00PM
SESSION: Virtual

Mr. Christophe Zoghbi was the speaker for the month of November 2023 and he presented a session titled *"The AI Era: Unleashing a New Wave of Possibilities"*.

Mr. Christophe Zoghbi presented a long awaited sessions where he presented a comprehensive overview of Artificial Intelligence (AI), and gave our members insights into the evolution of AI, its uses and various types.

The session was highly interactive, and informative with lots of participation from our members.



The Journey to PMO Maturity in the Middle East

by **Mr. Mahmoud Khoudair**

DATE: December 14, 2023 **/ TIME:** 7:00PM
SESSION: Virtual

Mr. Mahmoud Khoudair was the speaker for the month of December 2023 and he presented a session titled *"The Journey to PMO Maturity in the Middle East"*.

Mr. Christophe Zoghbi presented an inspiring session about PMO Maturity and showed our members how PMO can be used to measure progress and drive organizations to new heights of success and how this can be applied in the Middle East.

The session was aspiring and informative and highly appreciated by our members.

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DECEMBER MONTHLY TALK AND END OF YEAR CELEBRATION



Leadership in Project Management: A practical Approach

by **Eng. Kevin Gemayel**

DATE: December 21, 2023 / **TIME:** 6:00PM **LOCATION:** The Key Apart Hotel

Eng. Kevin Gemayel was the speaker for the month of December 2023 and he presented a session titled *"Leadership in Project Management: A practical Approach"*. PMI MENA's chapter engagement specialist Dania Chaar opened the evening by welcoming our guest of honor Eng. Kevin Gemayel, PMI's 2023 Future 50 Honoree.

Eng. Kevin Gemayel shared our members with his inspiring leadership success story in helping rebuild our community using Project Management practical approaches and methodologies.

The session was both enlightening and inspiring to our members and it was followed by a brief board presentation of our 2024 yearly plan, and recognition of our dedicated volunteers!



The talk was followed by an extraordinary vibrant and joyful end of year celebration. The Celebration was a great networking opportunity for our members. Individuals came together in a spirit of camaraderie, sharing moments of laughter and connection as they enjoyed a small selection of food buffet, and drinks. The event ended up by cake cutting and taking souvenir photos.

We are very thankful to all our volunteers and members who joined and helped us in making this a day to remember.

SDG WORKSHOP – GREEN BUILDINGS AND THE 17 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

DATE: July 13, 2023

Project Management Institute Lebanon Chapter (PMI LC) as part of **PMI Impact and SDG activities** organized an awareness workshop on July 13, 2023 titled **"Green Buildings and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals"** presented by **Eng. Ziad Ibrahim**.

In his speech, Mr. Ziad showed us how green buildings represent a pivotal step towards a more sustainable and resilient future. Through thoughtful design, innovative technologies, and strategic project management, we have the power to create spaces that not only minimize our environmental impact but also enhance the quality of life for current and future generations. Together, let us embark on a journey toward sustainable development and embrace the transformative potential of green buildings.







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VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES

As a component of **PMI Impact** and its engagement in **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)** initiatives, the Project Management Institute Lebanon Chapter (PMI LC) actively participated in many volunteering activities lead and organized by our VP of volunteering **Eng. Ziad Ibrahim**. These activities were organized to take action, address the various global challenges and promote a more sustainable and inclusive future. The SDGs in target included No poverty, Zero Hunger, Reduced Inequalities, Responsible consumption and production, Climate action etc. The activities included visits to **Nusaned**, and **IPT** with our volunteers who collaborated in collecting more than 305 kg of recyclables, Visits to **Deir el Salib** with collected second hand clothes, Visit to **Baitna** for a special Christmas gathering with Baitna family. The volunteering team did **more than 530 hours of volunteering in 2023**. We encourage all of our members to engage in such activities and join our volunteering whatsup group to stay up to date with the organized events.











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YOUTH OUTREACH PROGRAM



LAU IEEE EVENTS - TIME MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION

DATE: September 11, 2023

As part of its **Youth Outreach Program**, PMI Lebanon Chapter was invited to participate in events hosted by **IEEE** at Lebanese American University (LAU), Our VP Finance **Mrs. Liliane El Hajj** gave an awareness presentation about PMI and PMI Lebanon Chapter during **"Time Management"** session presented by **Mrs. Nado Abi Khattar**. The event aligns with Our Strategic Objectives to broaden Our Reach, empower the PMI community, and share our collective wealth of knowledge with the youth.



LAU IEEE EVENTS - LEBANON MENTOR MEET

DATE: December 02, 2023

Within the framework of its **Youth Outreach Program**, and within the events hosted by **IEEE**, PMI Lebanon Chapter was invited to participate in a dynamic presentation at Lebanese American University Jbeil (LAU) titled: **IEEE Lebanon Mentor Meet** presented by **Mrs. Nado Abi Khattar**. Our VP of membership **Mr. Paul Awkar** actively participated in an engaging meet with the students of LAU JBEIL, introducing them to PMI Lebanon chapter, and to the journey they need to follow to become certified project managers.

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VOLUNTEER EVENT WITH BAITNA: KERMES EVENT

DATE: October 01, 2023

PMI Lebanon Chapter, and as a part of the **PMI Impact program**, was glad to attend this event organized by Baitna. **Baitna** is a self funded Lebanese NGO that works continuously on building a community for mentally challenged people by providing Orphans with Down Syndrome accommodation, food, clothing and a shelter in Fanar Lebanon.

Our team had an incredible time attending the **FIRST KERMES** event organized by Baitna. The event was truly exceptional, creating an atmosphere of not only delight but also fostering a profound sense of joy and unity that reverberated throughout the entire community.







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PMI GLOBAL SUMMIT 2023

DATE: October 25-28, 2023

PMI Lebanon Chapter was honored to be part of the **PMI Global Summit 2023 in Atlanta Georgia** along with all PMI Chapters Leaders from around the world. The Global Summit brought together the largest community of change makers, leaders, and project professionals committed to making ideas a reality. It was a great opportunity for the chapter to interact with other fellow project pros, subject matter experts and speakers.

Moreover, PMILC was honored to be selected as a **finalist to the chapter of the year award 2023** as a recognition of its volunteering efforts and contributions toward achieving PMI's goals.











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PMILC PAST PRESIDENT LIVE INTERVIEW ON MTV

DATE: November 29, 2023

PMILC Past President **Hicham Zeinoun**, was live in an interview on MTV November the 29 where he engaged in a discourse exploring the **implications of Artificial Intelligence on project management and leadership**.

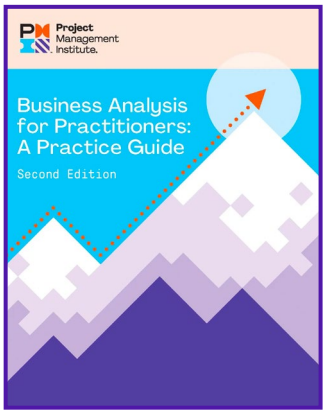
In his discourse he talked about the dynamic intersection between artificial intelligence and project management to enhance task efficiency and decision-making. Special thanks to **Mrs. Katia Khouri Mendelek** who expertly led the discussion by insightful questions.

WATCH THE INTERVIEW

PMI NEWS

We would like to share with you some of our favorite reads for this quarter:

BUSINESS ANALYSIS: A PRACTICE GUIDE (SECOND EDITION)



PMI's Standards and Publications department announces the launch of *Business Analysis: A Practice Guide (Second Edition)*. This revised edition makes business analysis, including requirements management, accessible in both professional and daily life. Concepts in the previous edition are expanded and clarified through the introduction of a case study with new examples, illustrations, and graphics in a modern format and layout.

Business Analysis: A Practice Guide (Second Edition) is available as a *free digital download* to PMI members. The print and digital versions will be available for purchase by both members and non-members through PMI's *online bookstore* as well as retail outlets by January 2024.

POWER SKILLS: REDEFINING PROJECT SUCCESS



For several years now, PMI has been advocating the importance of power skills — those "soft" or "interpersonal" skills like communication and strategic thinking. Built on top of a solid foundation of technical skills, power skills enable project managers to align their projects to organizational objectives and inspire their teams to work together, solve problems and deliver results that contribute value to the organization and its customers.

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VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE SERIES 2023: PMXPO – ON DEMAND

Attend this first installment of PMI's Virtual Experience Series 2023 on demand through 31 January 2024 to learn how resiliency and power skills can prepare you for what lies ahead, and how your actions can have a greater impact on your career.

Attendance is free for members and nonmembers of PMI. Register now to start watching on demand!

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PMI GLOBAL SUMMIT SERIES 2024 EUROPE

April 10-11, 2024 | Berlin, Germany

Join us in Berlin in April 2024 for our first ever PMI® Global Summit Series 2024 Europe! This event will bring together our international community to discover the power, programs, and passion of PMI Global directly in the European region. Attendees will learn to build a stronger future for themselves, their work and their world.

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COMMUNITY THOUGHTS

MRS. CHRISTELLE DANIEL



CURRENT ROLE:
Administrative Assistant at BigHand, London-UK

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS:
MBA

PMILC MEMBER SINCE:
2023

DOMAIN / INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE:
Business Management, On boarding Project Management

TESTIMONIAL:
As a marketing volunteer and social media officer at PMI Lebanon Chapter, I have been fortunate to experience tremendous personal and professional growth through participating in monthly talks, seminars, and conferences. The chapter has provided me with a platform to enhance my skills, build a strong network, and gain valuable insights into project management and marketing. Delighted to be contributing to such an inclusive and diverse professional environment.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Welcoming new members who have joined the chapter in Q4 2023

1. Ms. Nour Al Khatib
2. Mr. Abdulhamid Halwani
3. Mr. Roy Badari
4. Ms. Gracia El Murr
5. Mr. Haitham Dayeh
6. Ms. Dia Naal
7. Mr. Bilal Kabbani
8. Mr. Omar Hijazi
9. Ms. Kinda Kouzayha
10. Mr. Emil Nasr
11. Ms. Lavanya Vijayaraghavan
12. Mr. Mohammad Shaaban
13. Mr. Ighnatios Maatouk
14. Mr. Yehyia Daher
15. Mr. Hussein Khachfe
16. Mr. Rayan Zeitouny
17. Mr. Abdel Rahman Nassar
18. Mr. Mohammad Alhalim
19. Mr. Kevin Ayoub
20. Ms. Nagham Hassan
21. Mr. Mussa Basma
22. Mr. Yehia El Houri
23. Ms. Laura Lazzerini
24. Mr. Joseph Batour
25. Ms. El Baraa Farhat
26. Mr. Hisham El Moallem
27. Mr. Rashid Mantash
28. Mr. Tarek El Khayat
29. Mr. Samer Massoud
30. Mr. Saad Hallal
31. Mr. Mohammed Bashir
32. Ms. Hala Al Chattat
33. Mr. Joe V. Rizk
34. Mr. Hani Fayed
35. Mr. Malek Hachicho
36. Mr. Ali Hadi Khaled Dayya
37. Mr. Luce Marouni
38. Ms. Sara Dabaja
39. Mr. Bachir Kabbara
40. Ms. Nancy Fadel
41. Mr. Wassim Omran
42. Mr. Adnan Kalache
43. Ms. Elissa El Ghaoui
44. Mr. Joan Arwadi
45. Mr. Charbel Zoghaib
46. Ms. Diana Harb
47. Mr. Firas AlAyoubi
48. Ms. Michelle Sultan