



GROWING PROJECT MANAGEMENT IN AFRICA

*PMSA National Conference
29 September - 01 October 2014*

Conference Information

Project Management South Africa (PMSA) Biennial National Conference 2014
The Wanderers Club, Johannesburg, South Africa
29, 30 September and 1 October 2014

When

Monday, September 29, 2014 - Wednesday, October
1, 2014
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Eastern Time Zone

Where

Johannesburg, South Africa
The Wanderers Club,
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CONFERENCE INTENT

In 2014, PMSA is proud to provide details of the next instalment in its Biennial National Conference series. Since 1999 the event has been developed to provide delegates with a concentrated, focussed three day opportunity to step back from the daily demands of their profession and engage with it from a perspective of learning, sharing and networking.

Past delegates have expressed how meaningful this event is to their professional development, through a combination of taking on new ways of tackling common project management challenges, to developing new perspectives on what it means to be a project manager. We have been careful over the years to grow and preserve the credibility and focus of the event and have consistently attracted a diverse audience representing a range of industries and career stages.

Each year we introduce a new or different element to the programme and we believe that the end-result is truly representative of PMSA's intent as an autonomous, not-for-profit organisation that exists to develop the profession. Our observations as a result of travels to conferences locally and around the globe, as well as feedback from invited global participants and our own connected community has reinforced our view that this is a world-class event. We trust that you share this view and see the event as an opportunity to emphasise and promote your contribution to this exciting environment.



CONFERENCE THEME

Growing Project Management in Africa

In recent years, Africa has gone from being described as 'The Hopeless Continent' (Economist Magazine, 2000), to 'The Hopeful Continent' (Economist Magazine, 2013). This hopefulness may be attributed to sub-Saharan Africa being home to some of the fastest growing economies in the world; the improving business climate and interest from foreign investors; and transforming governments and governance to name just a few positive indicators. Infrastructure is central to Africa's development and contributes significantly to the continent's per capita growth rate through global sentiment and enhanced productivity.

For Africa, infrastructure means far more than bricks and mortar. It means IT systems, enhanced financial services, enabling telecommunications solutions, governance protocols, improved service delivery, new sources of energy, and optimisation of our endowments of natural resources. In short, infrastructure means progress, and infrastructure means projects.

With investment estimated at \$93 billion for new, rehabilitated and maintained infrastructure on the continent, the time for the skilled African project manager is now.

In 2014, Project Management South Africa celebrates the professional practice of project management and its relevance on the African continent, acknowledging the determination, innovation and creativity applied to overcoming some of the challenges associated with achieving project success in Africa. Through its Biennial Conference, PMSA aims to explore the nature of projects in Africa and what it takes to achieve success and contribute to a body of learning that can guide strategic project management and thus serve contemporaries in the project disciplines across the spectrum of industries.

Many of our good practices and project innovations were grown right here in Africa. Others have been borrowed from the 'developed' world and made relevant to our local reality. Still others have yet to be discovered while we develop a better understanding of what Africa needs and how the stakeholders in project management can provide it.

Join PMSA and your peers in project management for a three-day journey of learning and knowledge exchange as we remind each other why we believe in this continent and the many opportunities she presents.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Kindly complete the registration process via the online registration system at www.projectmanagement.org.za. An invoice will be automatically issued. Please note your invoice will only be valid for two weeks. Bookings will only be confirmed upon receipt of payment or PO number.

EVENT FORMAT

The PMSA conference takes place over three days. A preliminary conference programme will be available shortly.

To summarise at this early stage:

- Plenary presentations will offer high-level, insightful and expert views related to the conference theme.
- Panel discussions will tackle important issues from various perspectives.
- Debates afford the opportunity to hear opposing views about important topics, giving the audience an opportunity to pose questions of their own or state their views.
- Industry streams give practitioners the floor to share their best practices and lessons learned in specific industries.
- Research streams offer feedback on scientific studies into topical PM issues.
- Demonstrations, company promotion sessions and tutorials will talk you through current methodologies and services and how they apply to you as a project manager.
- Career-focussed sessions will give you the low-down on desirable skills in different industry sectors.

CONFERENCE FEES

(Fees quoted are inclusive of VAT)

Delegate Type	Déjà vu Rate (register and pay before 30 June 2014)	Early Bird Rate (register and pay before 31 July 2014)	Regular Rate (register and pay before 31 August 2014)	Late Rate (register and pay between 1 st and 14 th September 2014)
PMSA Professional Members	R5 280	R5 850	R6 500	R7 150
PMSA Members	R6 270	R7 200	R7 500	R8 250
Non-PMSA Members	N/A	R8 300	R9 200	R10 400
Full-time Students		R2 100	R2 100	R2 310
Reviewed Speaker – Member		R3 700		
Reviewed Speaker – Non-member		R5 000		
<p>Corporate special: 10 or more registrations qualify for a 10% discount off the applicable rate. Kindly use the following promotional code when registering your attendees online: PMSACorp0914</p>				
<p>Additional tickets: Conference fees include attendance at the cocktail event and celebratory dinner for delegates but an option to purchase additional tickets for your spouse or colleague to attend these events is available</p>				

ACCOMODATION

The Wanderers Club is centrally located in Johannesburg and is easily accessible by the Gautrain (using the Rosebank Station). Accommodation at the Protea Hotel is available in close proximity to the conference venue (directly across the car-park) where delegates are entitled to a preferential rate. Delegates should make these arrangements directly with Thembi Mpofu at the Protea Hotel Wanderers (011 770 5500) quoting the reference **PMSA Conference 2014** when doing so.

Conference Fast Facts

- ◆ PMSA is an autonomous, not-for-profit professional body serving project managers in South Africa.
- ◆ PMSA has been in existence for 15 years and has a membership of approximately 1 500.
- ◆ PMSA is the SAQA registered professional body authorised to confer the generic designations of Project Manager, Senior Project Manager and Professional Project Manager in South Africa.
- ◆ The PMSA biennial conference is intended as a knowledge-sharing and networking event for PMSA members and non-members.
- ◆ Attendees are awarded PMSA continuous professional development points which are also contact hours that can be submitted to allied professional bodies (such as PMI) towards professional development.
- ◆ The 2014 PMSA Biennial Conference will be the 8th to be hosted by PMSA.
- ◆ The conference attracts over 250 project, programme and portfolio management practitioners from a wide spectrum of industries.
- ◆ PMSA invites up to three internationally recognised thought leaders as plenary speakers. Local plenary speakers are selected on the basis of their insight and expertise.
- ◆ Its comprehensive three-day programme offers content and learning relevant to various career stages and practitioner perspectives.
- ◆ A research stream facilitates the sharing of results of cutting-edge academic studies and a practice stream unpacks good practices and lessons learned from the perspectives of those project, programme and portfolio managers at the coal-face of project delivery.
- ◆ PMSA maintains a high level of content integrity. Conference sessions are about knowledge sharing and marketing presentations are not permitted.
- ◆ An exhibition area features the offerings of product and service providers and a special showcase area has been set aside for demos and presentations.
- ◆ Conference proceedings are made available to all attendees and sponsors.



Past Participant Feedback

Well done on a successful and stimulating conference. I enjoyed both presenting and participating. The presenters and facilitators were very good. Thanks for the opportunity of being part of the event! Walter Ringelmann

A short congratulations on a well organised and run conference. The proceedings went very smoothly and demonstrated what good Project Management is about. The breakout session presenters and facilitators should also be congratulated on ensuring things ran on time. Well done. Dave Fincham

I believe this was what a conference is all about, papers were presented on lessons learned or new ways of dealing with current Project Management challenges. The venue, services, food and the gala dinner were excellent. Hope the facilities will be too small for the conference in 2012!!! Once again thanks to you and your team for a great conference. Terence Downes

Well done to you and your team on a fantastic conference, It was world class, I look forward to the next one. Best wishes, Mike Rundle

Thank you for a brilliant conference with brilliant speakers. It was an eye opener in more than one way. I feel empowered after the conference as we were supplied with such valuable knowledge / information and tools. I immediately started applying some of the guidance and recommendations. I am excited about the new way/approach which I will apply within my professional and personal work space and/or life – once thank you for making a difference in people's mindsets and life. Looking forward to the next conference and I would truly like to be of service to you and your institute. Regards, Magda Knowles

ABOUT PMSA

Project Management South Africa (PMSA) is a Section 21 (not-for-gain) professional association representing the interests of project, programme and portfolio management practitioners in South Africa.

PMSA has a membership of over 1 500 project management practitioners at various career stages and has existed as an autonomous representative body for this growing industry for 17 years. The association's biennial National Conference is a notable event on the project management calendar, featuring invited local and international experts as keynote speakers as well as topic- and industry-specific presentations by academic researchers and industry thought leaders.

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