



PMSA NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2019

The Complete
Project Manager

Call for Presentations

PMSA National Conference

Johannesburg, 13 to 15 November 2019

... and now, it's annual

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Competitive labour markets, skills shortages, ongoing professional development, changing methodologies, competency assessments, searching for your zen and work-life balance – with all of these trends driving expectations, how is a project manager to prioritise how they spend the time they have that isn't caught up in a critical path?

We all want to be effective, knowledgeable, productive and marketable, while still having a meaningful private life. This results in an endless (fruitless?) quest for balance – all while the demands on our time and energy become more complex with every passing year.

In 2018, the PMSA National Conference focussed on diversity and the way the world, and project management is changing. The theme resonated with the audience, the majority of whom rated the content as 'Very Good or 'Excellent'. While we hit the mark with our programme, we were reminded that the rapid change we spoke of can be overwhelming, and we are not always equipped to turn it into opportunity. Workplaces become fraught with feelings of fear of failure, imposter syndrome, and being pressurised by the demands of the different aspects of our life. In an ongoing search for meaning and identity, too often we allow ourselves to be defined by our professional role, the success or failure of our most recent project, our performance review or the contents of our balance sheets.

It is time to attend to our development as complete project managers – and complete people.

In 2019, PMSA's now annual National Conference is themed 'The Complete PM' and will, as always, examine good practices in project management. This year's event will also have a special focus on tools and techniques that can be internalised to enhance your wellbeing as a professional person, and thus as a project manager.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

PMSA invites practitioners and enthusiasts to submit high-quality, original summaries detailing their intended presentation theme. All presenters who successfully pass the review process will be required to submit their full presentation prior to the conference date, for inclusion on the 2019 conference programme.



CONFERENCE TOPICS

With the theme as described in mind, consider the following suggested topics which include, but are not limited to:

- A relevant project, programme or portfolio management (3PM) topic including:
 - Knowledge areas, processes, life-cycle
 - Standards, methods, methodologies, tools and techniques
 - Measuring the outcomes of projects, programs and portfolios
 - Project maturity
 - Agile and lean approaches
 - Competence structures and professional standards
 - The PM as change manager
 - Professional development, training and education
 - Human factors and collaboration
 - Cultural issues in project management
 - Project, programme and portfolio offices
 - Project governance
- Life hacks – personal and professional time and energy savers for project people
- Healthy PM, healthy projects – safe spaces for the execution of projects, through PMO policies, company culture, employee benefits / reward structures
- Transformation tools – methods and approaches for working through change and disruption
- Mental wellbeing – ways to protect your mental health in projects and life
- The link between business strategy and project management
- Leadership concepts as applied to project management
- The management of different types of projects, programmes and portfolios
- Project, programme and portfolio management in different sectors, for example, government, IT, financial services, retail, social development, engineering, construction and business
- Local and global trends
- Managing projects during an economic downturn
- Projects, programme and portfolio leadership
- Project, programme and portfolio support and management structures (PMOs)
- Managing mega-projects
- Risks, case studies and lessons learnt

The email address for all author-related correspondence and submissions is:

taryn@projectmanagement.org.za

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

STEP 1: SUMMARY SUBMISSION | DEADLINE: Tuesday, 2 July 2019

Authors must submit a summary of between 200 and 500 words in English by email to The Programme Committee at taryn@projectmanagement.org.za.

The summary should contain at least the following information:

BACKGROUND: What is the context of the presentation?

CONTENT TYPE:

For example, is it?:

- Fact/experience-based opinion
- A case study
- Good practice/methodology
- An industry trend
- Theoretical perspective
- Informal / industry research findings.

MAIN POINTS:

Highlights of the presentation content.

BENEFITS:

Value to conference delegates.

Presenters are requested to include a short CV with their abstracts stating their project management related background and experience. At this point, presenters are also required to include a one-minute sound clip or link to a video clip of them presenting a portion of their presentation, or request a Skype session with a member of the Programme Committee during which you will deliver a portion of the presentation. Video clips need not be produced professionally – mobile phone recordings will suffice.

STEP 2: REVIEW OF SUMMARY, PRESENTATION STYLE AND FEEDBACK TO PRESENTER | DEADLINE: Tuesday, 16 July 2019

Summaries and the sample of the presentation style will be reviewed by the PMSA 2019 National Conference Programme Committee for relevance to the conference theme and value to conference attendees. Feedback given may include constructive critique on presentation style. Presenters approved at this stage will then be invited to submit their full presentation. At this point presenters will also be provided with the conference PowerPoint slide template.

STEP 3: SUBMISSION OF FULL PRESENTATION | DEADLINE: Tuesday, 13 August 2019

Full presentations must be submitted to taryn@projectmanagement.org.za on the official conference template, along with an updated speaker bio (if an update is required to that submitted in the first step) as well as a quality profile picture.



STEP 3: REVIEW OF FULL PRESENTATION | FEEDBACK BY: Tuesday, 27 August

Full presentations will be reviewed by the PMSA 2019 National Conference Programme

Committee for quality, clarity and alignment to the summary and conference theme. Feedback given may include constructive critique in order to enhance the message and / or otherwise add value to the presentation. Presenters will be given an opportunity to tweak their presentation before a final submission of the version that will be pre-loaded onto the conference slides.

Evaluation will be made according to:

- The background and credentials of the person submitting the summary.
- Relevance of topic.
- Content – which must be free of commercial sales content and of interest to the audience.
- Type of presentation and its relevance to the theme.

GUIDELINES

These guidelines are aimed at ensuring consistency in presentations and high-quality documentation for the conference:

- The official conference language is English.
- Presentations must relate to project, programme or portfolio management.
- Presentations must either contain new knowledge or show current knowledge applied in a new or innovative way.
- Presentations must be free of commercial sales content.
- Slide decks should not exceed 35 slides.
- At least one presenter must register and pay to attend the conference. (Special rates apply.)
- A maximum of two presenters per presentation.
- All accepted presentations must be presented at the conference.
- There is no limit to the number of submissions made per person, but no more than two will be accepted per person.

PRESENTATION SUPPORT

NOTE: Presenters are encouraged to use the official conference presentation slide template and to be mindful of trends in professional presentation structure, look and feel, as well as delivery.

Feedback on the presentation sample is intended to assist speakers in preparing for their presentations.

This includes guidance on:

- Presentations skills.
- Developing PowerPoint slides that effectively get the message across.



MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please contact: taryn@projectmanagement.org.za, call the national office on +27 11 257 8003 or visit the PMSA website at www.projectmanagement.org.za.

We look forward to your submission and contribution to growing the body of knowledge in project management.

