



Project Insight Gained & Lessons for the Future

First Call for Symposium (industry-related conference presentations)

Project Management South Africa (PMSA) Biennial National Conference 2010
The Birchwood Hotel and Conference Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa
6, 7 and 8 September 2010

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for submitting abstracts	Wednesday, 7 April 2010
Notification of acceptance	Wednesday, 28 April 2010
Notification of final programme	Monday, 7 June 2010
Deadline for submitting full presentation	Wednesday, 4 August 2010
Conference dates:	Monday 6 to Wednesday 8 Sept 2010

CONFERENCE THEME

Review – Reflect – Renew: Project Insight Gained and Lessons for the Future

The build-up to 2010, with South Africa's physical and IT infrastructure, hospitality and business service development to meet its obligations as host of the 2010 FIFA World Cup resulted in an enormous number of projects with 2010 as deadline. By September 2010, the event will be over and the world will know how South Africa performed as host and how it delivered on the projects that were completed in time for this auspicious year. In the rest of the world, the past 18 months has presented other project management challenges. The global recession, new demands for sustainability and

minimising the environmental impact of projects, political changes, increased competition...these all called for new ways of thinking, better ways of delivering. Over the same timeframe, project management itself has matured, with new additions to the body of knowledge, new research undertakings highlighting trends, and in some countries, steps towards legislation to formalise how project management is practiced. All of this makes late 2010 an ideal time to review what we have achieved, reflect on what the past few years have taught us, and apply these lessons learned to renew our approach, practices and mindset for the challenges of the future. Project Managers, not only in South Africa but from around the world, will have much to share on these three themes, whether they were observers to or participants in the major projects that had 2010 as a deadline, or affected by the other factors at play.

PMSA is proud to host its 6th Biennial National Conference in 2010. This event continues to be the only non-commercial, national project, programme and portfolio management conference presented by a professional association in South Africa. It attracts delegates from South Africa and abroad and has earned respect and recognition from the global project management fraternity as a world-class event.

Project Management South Africa (PMSA) cordially invites practitioners to submit a high-quality, original abstract and presentation that is to be presented at the PMSA International Conference 2010.

The Call for Symposium is an opportunity for practitioners to share their thoughts and ideas with peers. There is no need for a full-length article. Following the acceptance of the abstract, only the final presentation (in applicable format) is required.

With the above theme explanation in mind, kindly consider the following suggested topics:

CONFERENCE TOPICS

Topics include but are not limited to:

- Any 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 portfolio
 - Maturity
 - Competence structures and standards
 - Professional development, training and education
 - The human factors
 - Cultural issues in project management
 - Project, programme and portfolio offices
 - Governance
- The management of different types of projects, programs and portfolios
- Project, program and portfolio management in different sectors (government, IT, engineering, construction, business, etc.)
- New trends (local and global)
- Managing projects during and economic downturn
- Projects, program and portfolio leadership
- Managing mega-projects
- Risks, case studies and lessons learnt

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Authors must submit an abstract of between 200 and 500 words in English.

The abstract should contain at least the following information:

- Background – what is the context of the article?
- Content type (for example):
 - Fact / experience-based opinion
 - Case Study
 - Good Practice / Methodology
 - Industry trend
 - Theoretical perspective
- Main points covered by presentation
- Value to conference delegates

REVIEW PROCESS

Abstracts and presentations will be reviewed by the PMSA 2010 National Conference Programme Committee for relevance to the conference theme and value to conference attendees.

Presenters are requested to include a short CV stating your PM-related background and experience, along with your abstract.

Evaluation will be made according to:

- Background of individual
- Relevance of topic
- Content (which should be free of commercial sales content and or interest to the audience)
- Type of presentation and its relevance to the theme and programme

Upon acceptance, at least one person is expected to register and pay as a delegate and attend the conference.

There is no limit to the number of submissions made per person but no more than two will be accepted per person.

GUIDELINES

The following guidelines have been prepared to help ensure 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 be free of commercial sales content
- Presentation slots will be 30 minutes long

For more information, visit the PMSA website at www.pmsa.org.za

Abstracts, queries and full presentations must be sent to Nigel Walker, Manager: Presentation Submissions by email: Email: authors@projectmanagement.org.za

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