

# PMI Kenya Chapter Newsletter

## Key dates:

- Feb. 28, 2018:** PMI Kenya Chapter AGM
- Mar. 2018:** PMI Kenya Chapter Board Members' elections
- Mar. 26, 2018:** PMI Kenya Chapter Breakfast and Launch of Strategic Plan and New-Website
- Sept. 7 – 9, 2018:** PMI EMEA Congress, Berlin Germany
- Sept. 9 – 11, 2018:** PMI Africa Congress, Mauritius
- Nov. 1, 2018:** International Project Management day.
- Nov. 1 – 2, 2018:** First National Project Management Conference, Kenya.
- Nov. 2, 2018:** Inaugural PMI Kenya Chapter Project Management Awards Gala night.



## 2018: A year of renewed hope

Although we are deeply into the first quarter of 2018, it is never too late to wish you fellow members of the PMI Kenya Chapter a bounteous and professionally engaged year.

On behalf of your Board, I would like to sincerely thank all of you for your continued dedication to the organization which I am glad to say is gaining a strong traction in the country as a professional outfit that is dedicated to strengthening project management in Kenya.

Without your sacrifice, dedication and support, we would not have attained the status that we enjoy today.

With our membership now touching 300 local chapter members, we can proudly say that PMI Kenya Chapter is now the country's pioneering and leading project management organization.

I also wish to take this opportunity to also congratulate you on your accomplishments last year and hope that this year will bring good tidings to the profession.

A gentle reminder to all: if you hold a PMI certification, please remember to continue reporting your Professional Development Units (PDUs) for our monthly event meeting activities. All PDUs are earned hour for hour up to the limit of the category and are self-reported using the CCRS.

Your Sincerely

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## PMI Kenya Chapter hold elections

On behalf of you members, please join me in congratulating the winners of 2018 board Elections: Chapter President - **Clement Kitetu**, VP, Education & Professional Development - **Dr. James Wanjagi**, VP, Marketing & Communications - **Linnet Ayuko**

We also wish to recognize and thank the other four candidates who offered themselves for elections in the various dockets and believe that they will continue to offer their support to the growth of the chapter and profession in Kenya. Thanks for your years of service.

We Sincerely thank you, our wonderful and faithful members, for making your voices heard in this election. We also want to express our gratitude to outgoing board member/s.

Members cast a total of 104 valid ballots with all ballots cast online, representing 30% percent of the members entitled to vote in the election — indicating a slight drop from previous years.

The first board meeting of the existing board members together with the newly-elected members will be held in April 2018.

We look forward to working with the winners, who will serve terms of two years on our board of directors alongside the existing board members whose terms have not expired.

## PMI Kenya Chapter Strategic Plan Approved

PMI Kenya Chapter 2017-2019 Strategic Plan was finally approved by members in December 2017, setting the stage for implementation of the far-reaching plan that will guide our operations over the next three years.

In crafting the Strategic Plan, the Board have had time to think through the broader frameworks and environment under which the Chapter operates and works and more importantly the requisite partnerships that we need to forge to make our objectives possible.

Key amongst its aims is strengthening our voice in influencing policies and decisions affecting the PM profession at the National and County levels.

The strategic plan envisions an organization that is purpose driven towards entrenching project management into the mainstream. The Plan captures some of the highlights of the Board's decisions as part of our transformational effort to reinvigorate PMI Kenya Chapter. It will act as our foundation for reinventing and re-energizing our key objective of becoming the leading and preferred project management association in Kenya. It acts as a road map that will guide our operations over the three-year life of the initiative and lay a firm foundation for the longevity of the association.

The strategy is built on three pillars: value addition to members, relevance and growth. These have variously been enumerated during the meetings and workshops that we held last year.

Using these pillars, PMI Kenya Chapter intends to re-define what it means to be a truly professional association in Kenya, and more importantly, for us as an association that genuinely represents and advocates for people who have made project, program and portfolio management a career.

## PMI Exams evolving

We are living in a rapidly changing world where new skill sets and ways of working are changing. That is why even our exams have to keep on changing to align with evolving market demands and global standards. Apart from the exams that have changed, we are also pushing for members to continue undertaking professional development courses to inculcate best practice in their day to day operations.

### PMI Exams are changing in line with the latest Edition on PMBOK® Guide– Sixth Edition

In September 2017, PMI released *A Guide to The Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) – Sixth Edition*

In order to align with new, content, processes, terminologies and subjects contained in that Sixth edition, In 2018, the Project Management Professional (PMP)®, Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM)® and PMI Agile Certified Practitioner (PMI-ACP)® exams will change and the new Agile Practice Guide, which serve as references.



**Members preparing to take PMP Exams, this is what you need to know and take note**

**Beginning 26 March 2018,**

the PMP exam will reflect content from the PMBOK® Guide – Sixth Edition.

Exams administered **before 26 March 2018** reflect PMBOK® Guide – Fifth Edition.

On 26 March 2018, the PMI-ACP exam will also update to reflect the new Agile Practice Guide.

### CAPM Pilot Exam Launches on 12 March 2018

For those of our members and practitioners preparing to take this exam, please take note that the new pilot exam launches on **12 March 2018.**

**Here's what you need to know:**

## US\$210

Candidates can take the CAPM pilot exam (based on the PMBOK® Guide – Sixth Edition) from **12 March – 20 May 2018,** and save up to US\$210 on the exam fee.

Candidates can also take the current CAPM exam (based on the PMBOK® Guide– Fifth Edition) at Prometric until 11 March and until 20 May at Pearson VUE.

On 21 May 2018, the CAPM's new Sixth edition exam launches, and the Fifth edition exam retires.

If you have questions, please contact the Chapter Development team. Please visit the PMI Update Center to stay informed on all exam changes.

## Project Management Multinationals companies Enters the Kenyan market

These are exciting times for the Project Management profession in Kenya as the Country experiences Large scale investments in infrastructural projects in the areas of Telecommunications,Transport,health,energy and Agriculture and hence presenting strong demand for world-class multidisciplinary design and project consultancy services.

To take advantage of the huge opportunities, several multinational Project Management consultancy companies have entered the local market through acquisition of a stake in local project management companies, presenting both challenges and opportunities for other local players.

The multinationals will definitely have a head start in terms of high operating standards and will therefore imbue an extra dose of professionalism into the project management space in Kenya. They are also expected to set a very high bar for local companies.

On the other hand, the competitive landscape is expected to tilt rather sharply, and, in an industry that remains largely unregulated, will further grab a slice of the small cake that has been available in the regional market players .

The latest mergers include that of Turner & Townsend, a 70-year old global multinational with Mentor Management Limited, a local company that has cut for itself a niche in the industry as a pace setter setting the stage for more mergers.

Another merger was that of YMR, a local project management firm, with Mace, a UK based global construction and consultancy firm. Following the acquisition of a significant shareholding, the new entity will be known as MaceYMR.

Atkins, a global and world re-known company in the field of Project Management and is now a member of the SNC-Lavalin Group has also acquired Howard and Humpreys, a Kenyan company that has been in operation since 1931 and employs over 200 people.

Prof Dr Uwe Krueger, Atkins' chief executive officer, said: "Africa is experiencing major investment in infrastructure and is in line with our strategy of targeted expansion into new geographies."

Mark Haselau, Turner & Townsend's Managing Director, East, West and Central Africa that the merger will strengthen their offering to the East African region as they pursue their goal of becoming the world's leading independent professional services provider for capital programmes by 2020. The company describes itself as one that is focused on achieving better outcomes and "at the heart of our approach is a focus on better outcomes.

With an independent view we do things smarter; we give the clarity and rigour to help teams work better together, to make an investment case stronger, to raise the standards of delivery and to maintain schedules and budgets.

The new company is now operating as MML Turner & Townsend and will cover real estate, infrastructure and natural resource industries in Kenya.