

EDITORIAL

Successful implementation of projects nationwide should be a concern of all Project Managers. Every Project Manager should be the good keeper of his fellow Project Managers. They should offer relevant support to others in need to enable us grow a respectable brand of professionals. When we show lack of interest or concern or apathy towards projects being undertaken by others then the general widespread failed projects seen across the country and sometimes within our organizations would sooner or later be attributed to the general incompetence of Project Managers and the profession. That would be a significant blow to the noble profession of Project Management and its dignity. Have a little empathy.

- Anthony Eli Agbenu

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HEALTH WALK

On the 13th of July, 2019, the Chapter embarked on a health walk over the Aburi mountain as part of its 8th year and PMI's 50th year anniversary celebrations. Chapter members were conveyed in a chartered bus from the Accra Mall to the Ayi Mensah toll booth where members took the over 3km walk. The health walk was used to create awareness and visibility of the profession and the Ghana Chapter. Flyers were distributed along the way. Additionally, greetings, chats, and exchanges was done with other corporate bodies also on health walks. In all, the exercise was beneficial and enjoyable to all the participants involved.



A section of participants posing for photos

“Everybody has a plan, until they get punched in the face” – Mike Tyson

PMI GHANA WELCOMED ITS NEW MEMBERS WITH A SPECIAL BREAKFAST TREAT

New members of the Chapter from January 2019 till date were invited to the plush coconut Grove Regency Hotel in Accra for an Akwabaa breakfast treat as part of its 8th year anniversary celebrations. The breakfast session took place at the Densu Hall on Saturday July 20, 2019. The President facilitated the session in the company of the PMI Ghana Executives. The new members had a great time networking, dining and learning about the Chapter and the profession. Subsequently, a few new connections were made that morning.



The president during her presentation to the new members



A cross section of the New PMI Ghana Chapter members



Breakfast on offer



Food is ready

PMI GHANA DONATES TO THE COMPASSION REHABILITATION CENTER

The sage Aristotle once said *“The unfortunate need people who will be kind to them; the prosperous need people to be kind to.”* PMI Ghana Chapter on July 24, 2019 donated a number of items to the Compassion Rehabilitation Center at Miotso, Prampram as part of the Chapter’s 8th year and PMI’s 50th year anniversary celebrations. Some of the items donated included;

- toilet rolls
- boxes and gallons of oil
- rice
- drinks
- detergents
- cash

We really appreciate all those who made time to join. We also like to say a big thank you for all your generous gifts towards this charity project.



PMI Ghana Chapter donating items to the Rehab center



Items donated

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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JULY MEETING: MAIDEN PMI GHANA THINK TANK SESSIONS

The July Chapter meeting, was different from the usual monthly meetings. This time around, a Think Tank panel on Energy was held at the plush Coconut Grove Regency Hotel to diagnose the energy sector and proffer innovative solutions that delivers exceptional value to governments and organizations. The Energy Think Tank Panel discussants were Mr. Albert Anning Agyapong, Mr. Andrews Delali Wornyo, Mr. David Mensah Sackey and Mr. Emmanuel Ebo Freeman.



Panelists at the maiden Energy Think Tank session

Albert presented first on *“Net-metering and its impact on the Energy Sector in Ghana”*. Net metering is a billing mechanism that credits solar or renewable energy system to the owners for the electricity they add to the grid. Net metering allows utility customers to generate their own electricity cleanly and efficiently. Albert gave the background to Net Metering as beginning from the United States of America. He further stated that, *“Net metering allows us to reduce our future electric bills”* including making renewable energy very attractive and cost effective.

Mr. Andrews Wornyo’s presentation centered on *How Renewable Energy can help the government achieve 100% electricity coverage in Ghana: The case of remote and Island communities and its impact of the economy”*. Mr. Andrews Delali Wornyo’s experience came to light when he advocated that one of the ways to reduce loses is by shortening the distances between the distribution systems. He bemoaned the overdependence on thermal and hydro sources for electricity generation compounded by issues such as power theft and non-payment of bills by customers. He reiterated the benefits of renewable energy options for electrification of remote and island communities according to him would help bring diversity in the electricity generation mix.

David continued the two earlier presentations with *“Understanding the Economical, Engineering and Political transition of energy systems”*. According to Mr. David Mensah Sackey *“We all profess to know the solution, but someone must have the political muscle to push through with it”*. He spoke on the drivers from the economic, engineering and political perspectives as well as how all of these views come together.

To meet the sustainable development and decarbonize global energy use, renewables need to be scaled up massively. Investments also need to be scaled up. Using public funds for risk mitigation can serve as a catalyst for private investment.

He concluded his presentation on what he termed the “five cardinal sets of actions”. These were strengthening the policy on demand and supply side management, catalyzing additional investments, fostering technological innovation, bridging the access gap through off-grid solutions and harnessing renewable energy to meet multiple SDGs.

Emmanuel rounded up the quartet of presentations on Energy Data Management. Specifically “*Energy Data Management - The Use of Automated Meter Reading System for Technical & Commercial Loss Reduction*”. He made illustrations on how Energy meters captured through the Local Area Network (LAN) are directed to the Data Concentrator Unit. The Data Concentrator Unit is sent over the Wide Area Network to the Data Collection and Management Center. According to Mr. Ebo Freeman “*Capturing of data will help identify faults and loses, improve data accuracy, granular data capture with the ability to detect tampering events and outage occurrences, giving accurate load information for supply scheduling, switching operations, and planning.*”

The session was so insightful and worthwhile. Participants took turns in asking various questions with relevant answers provided by the panelists. The event ended at 8:00pm with participants seeking for another Think Tank Session. The next Chapter meeting comes off on Friday August 30, 2019.

Additional photos from the meeting can be viewed from the address below;
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/w76umzoi2ib51i3/AAAlNWTZjWnYrnXdW0NIkI3_a?dl=0



A group picture of all those present

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to announce the following new entrants into the PMI Ghana Chapter family.

PMI ID	Name
5017746	Benedicta Adwoa Yeboah Badu
5704361	Albert Fudzi
5972904	Richard Aryeetey

NEWLY CERTIFIED MEMBERS

Congratulations for joining the elite club of professionals.

NAME
George Atta Boateng

SUMMARY OF CREDENTIAL COUNT OF MEMBERS AS AT JULY 2019

S/N	Credential	Credential Count
1.	PMP	268
2.	PMI-PBA	6
3.	PgMP	5
4.	PMI-RMP	2
5.	PMI-ACP	2
6.	PMI-SP	1
7.	PfMP	1

FOR SALE

Item	Price (GHS)
Cloth	25 for a yard of cloth
Face towel	15
Key holder	10
Car sticker	8

Kindly send payment to the Mobile Money Number of the Chapter (0248647965)

LEADERSHIP PROFILE We spent time with *Ing David Sackey* on leadership profile for the month

Can you tell us a little about yourself?

*Name: Ing. David Mensah Sackey
An Electrical Engineer, A Project Manager,
Climate Change Advocate and a Researcher.*

*Education: BSc Electrical Engineering and
MSc Energy & Sustainable Management
from KNUST.*

*A Post Graduate Cert. Economic &
Engineering Transition of Energy systems
from TU Berlin Germany. Cert in Energy
Climate from Columbia University.*

*Research areas-Renewable energy
investment, demand side Management and
Smart Grid, Conventional Power
Generation and Mining, Policy Instrument
Resource for the Future*

What motivated you to be interested in project management?

*Lots of projects in Africa (Ghana) are failing
and so as I progress in my career I
discovered there are better and improved
ways of minimizing these failures and that's
how come I ended up in Project
Management.*

What skills have you picked up from project management that you can apply in other areas of your life?

*Communication and Negotiating skills. Very
vital for me in getting the best out of
people.*

What about challenges you often experience when managing project?

*Projects in our part of the world are poorly
scoped and hence very difficult to manage its
impact on the remaining constraints (Cost &
Schedule)*

Who do you look up to as your role model and mentors?

*I don't really have one singular role model
but as I read and research I pick key lessons
from people that have done great and
amazing things in their field of endeavor.*



What does the future hold for those involved in project management?

*The future is very bright and promising. People are really
appreciating the pivotal role of project management in all facet
of life and adopting it as a best way of doing things. The future is
indeed very bright.*

What advice would you give to those who wish to pursue project management?

*They should pursue it with all their heart and might. It's a really
fulfilling career path. Not solely for monetary rewards but putting
the abundant resources in Ghana and Africa into sustainable use.*

Give your own quote, to inspire others

*Put God first, give your best shots at whatever ever you do and the
rewards will come.*

Any final comments

*Climate Change is real, there is so much excess CO2 on planet
earth. We need to keep global warming down to appreciable
levels (less than 1.5 degrees Celsius) to make planet earth
Sustainable by 2050.*

*Let keep a balance in the Triple-Bottom-Play (Maintaining a
balance between Profits, Environment & People)*

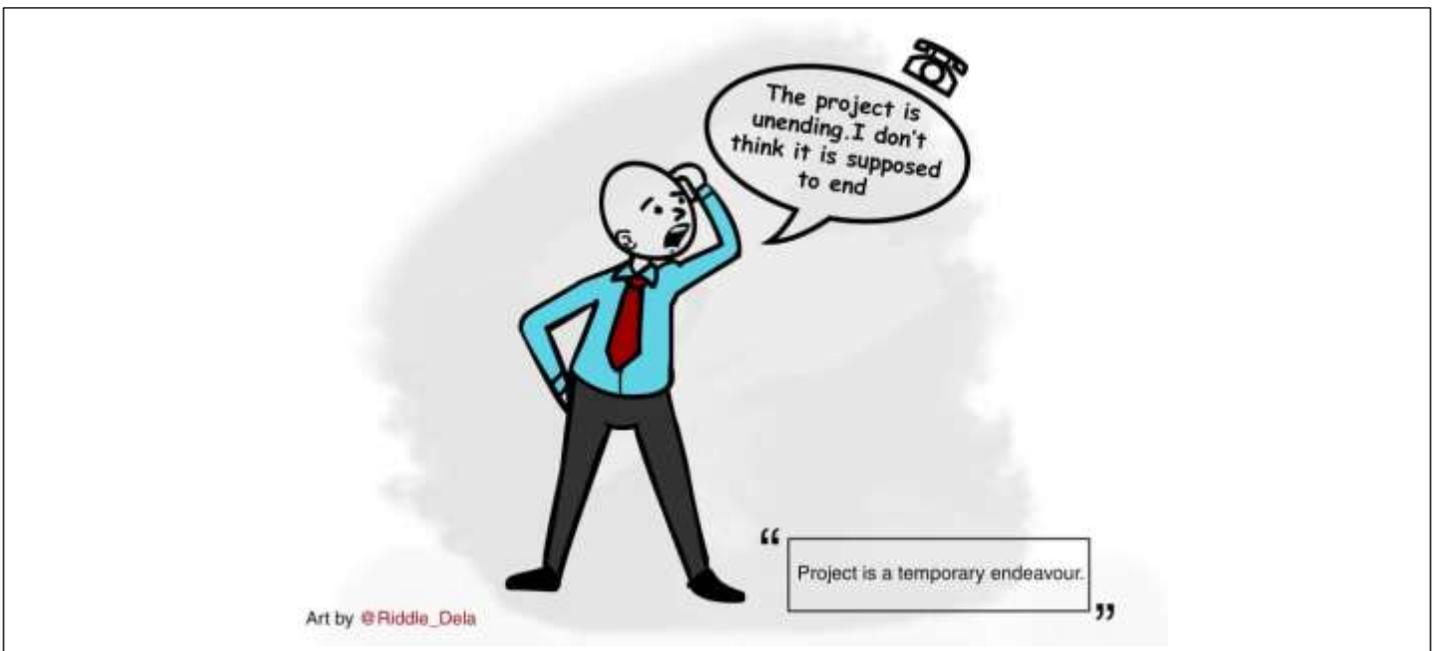
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Name	Date	Venue
PMP prep training	3 rd , 10 th 17 th 24 th and 31 st August, 2019	At the SSNIT Guest House (Accra), Promise Land Hotel (Kumasi) and Kingstel Hotel (Takoradi)
Monthly chapter meeting	30 th August, 2019	Swiss Spirit Hotel

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