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CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S YEAR END MESSAGE



SEE YOU IN 2022

Compliments of the seasons to you all.

2021 has been a year mixed with various emotions and experiences as the pandemic continues to persist with various variants of the COVID-19 virus. Nevertheless, as project management professionals, we were able to navigate through these challenges as we made a whole lot of changes and impact in our society as changemakers.

As the year comes to an end, let us not only use this period to reflect on our experiences, but also celebrate our various wins. I cannot overemphasize the importance of gratitude in this season as we prepare for the holidays.

This year has been a great change for the chapter as we experienced a growing membership from 742 active Chapter members in January 2021 to 1,121 active chapter members in November 2021. This is a 33.8 percent growth in chapter membership. While this growth is below our 10x target we are grateful for the growth and like I earlier stated, we must celebrate all our small wins.

This year's conference was a success and a unique one as the feedbacks were very good. The award night and gala dinner were also phenomenal as members had the opportunity to unwind and had great fun. We also had about 7 virtual chapter meetings during the year which helped members that participated earn PDUs. While project management advocacy, best practices, membership, and chapter engagement are the driving force of the chapter, we also seek to keep adding value to our members in fun and exciting ways.

The PMP Bootcamp Initiative is something we should celebrate and be grateful for as the chapter held a total number of 8 Bootcamp sessions this year. These Bootcamp sessions produced more certified PMP holders; the success rate has been phenomenal.

Moving into 2022, the chapter plans to add new volunteers and additional outreaches in Benin and Ibadan. We also plan to have monthly coffee meetings in the various outreach so that we can increase chapter and member engagement. In 2022, there will be more fun events happening in the chapter, as we plan to increase engagement and give members the opportunity to network. The 2022 PMI Nigeria Annual conference will be held in Abuja, and we are already excited as we will be unveiling the activities that will make the conference unique.

These are some of the insights into what we plan to do in 2022 and as we wrap up 2021, the chapter leadership would like to use this opportunity to thank all the active chapter members and we wish you all happy holidays.

See you in 2022.

Paul Omugbe. PMP, CPA, ACCA, ACA, FMVA

President, PMI Nigeria Chapter

2021 CONFERENCE AND GALA DINNER / AWARD NIGHT



This year's conference brought together project management professionals from different walks of life across different states in Nigeria to Lagos.

The event which was themed “Nigeria: An Ecosystem of Change Makers” was held at the Civic Centre, Ozumba Mbadiwe Road, Victoria Island, Lagos. Different seasoned facilitators held different breakout sessions to discuss plenty opportunities in technology, project management, financial investments and infrastructure development in Nigeria.

Speakers at the conference included Co-founder, Structured Resource Business Limited, Ademola Adededeji; MD, PMI Europe & Sub-Sahara Africa Region, Ashwini Bakshi; Transformation/Change Mgt Lead Corporate Strategy, Dangote

Industries Ltd, Adeola Akande; Head of Property, Standard Chartered, Anne Rinu; CEO, SunFi.co, Rotimi Thomas; Head, Youth Engagement & Learning, Jobberman, Precious Ajoonu; Founder, Signal Alliance Technology Holding, Collins Onuegbu; CEO, Nord Automobiles Limited, Tobi Ajayi; Investment Evangelist, Michael & Johnson Asset Management, Ete Ogun; Co-founder, Emergency Response Africa, Folake Owodunni; Data Center Computer Systems, Dell Technologies, Tolulope Fadamitan; Executive Director, Media Investments & Sponsorships, Omnicom Media Group, Yinka Adebayo; CEO, CWG Plc, Adewale Adeyipo; and Partner, Olajide Oyewole, Solape Peters.

Head, Youth Engagement and Learning, Jobberman, Precious Ajoonu, who was one of the panelists, said “it is not about activity but about result and how technology has worked. I sit in my kitchen and I am able to train people from every part of Africa.

For Tolulope Fadamitan, another panelist, “the guys in the security space have tried to transform people. COVID-19 has helped many to do what they are meant to be doing in five years now. As project managers, you are not only working with people locally but also with people at the international stage.

In her opinion, the Transformation/Change Management Lead, Corporate Strategy, Dangote Industries Limited, Adeola Akande, emphasised that “transformation is a process and a journey everyone needs to do everything to grow. Ensure you are growing. There is a lot of disruption going on out there but we can do it. Be encouraged and we will get there.”

Solape Peters, who spoke on the topic — Infrastructure Development in Nigeria: An Opportunity for the Private Sector, said “75 per cent of the country’s budget is on recurrent expenditure. The rest 25 per cent cannot be enough and that is why it behoves on the private sector to come in.”

A dinner/awards evening was held too, witnessing facilitators and notable personalities being awarded and greeted by a resounding applause from attendees.

Facilitators awarded are Mr. Ademola Adedeji, Mr. Yinka Adebayo, Mrs. Adeola Akande, Mrs. Anne Rinu, Mr. Rotimi Thomas, Mrs. Precious Ajoonu, Mr. Collins Onuegbu, Mr. Tobi Ajayi, Mrs. Ete Ogun, Mrs. Folake Owodunni, Mr. Tolulope Fadamita, Mr. Ashwini Bakshi, Mr. Adewale Adeyipo and Mrs. Solape Peters.

Corporate organisations who went home with plaques included CPMS Limited, Dexnova Consulting, Management Edge, Olabod Project Consult, Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) and Seven-Up Bottling Company.

Award of Recognition for their outstanding contributions to the growth of PMI Nigeria Chapter went to the following members: Mr. Ayodeji Ishmael, Mr. Deji West, Mr. Ike Nwankwo, Mrs. Rosemary Imhanwa, Dr. Lambert Ofoegbu, Mrs. Titilola Park, Mr. Adewole Oriade, Mr. Nathaniel Togun and Mrs. Isioma Isiekwenagbu.

[PICTURES FROM THE CONFERENCE](#)

2021 CHAPTER MEETINGS HIGHLIGHTS

We have successful, insightful and impactful Chapter virtual meetings this year held on zoom. Here are the recaps of the meetings:

March 31, 2021, Mr. Thomas Walenta, PMP, PgMP and PMI Fellow titled “The Human Side of The Project Economy”.

April 15, 2021, Mr. Obi Omoregie, PMP, PgMP. PMI-ACP titled “Embarking On Your Agile Transformation Journey”.

May 25, 2021, Dr. Andreas Berninng, PMP, PMI-ACP, DASSM titled “Change Management for Project Managers”.

July 30, 2021, Mrs. Precious Ajoonu titled “Upskilling & The Future of Work”.

August 18, 2021, Mr. Ike Nwankwo & Mr. Olalekan Odukoya titled, Learning about Agile Project Management: An Untapped Opportunity for Africa”.

2021 BOOTCAMPS

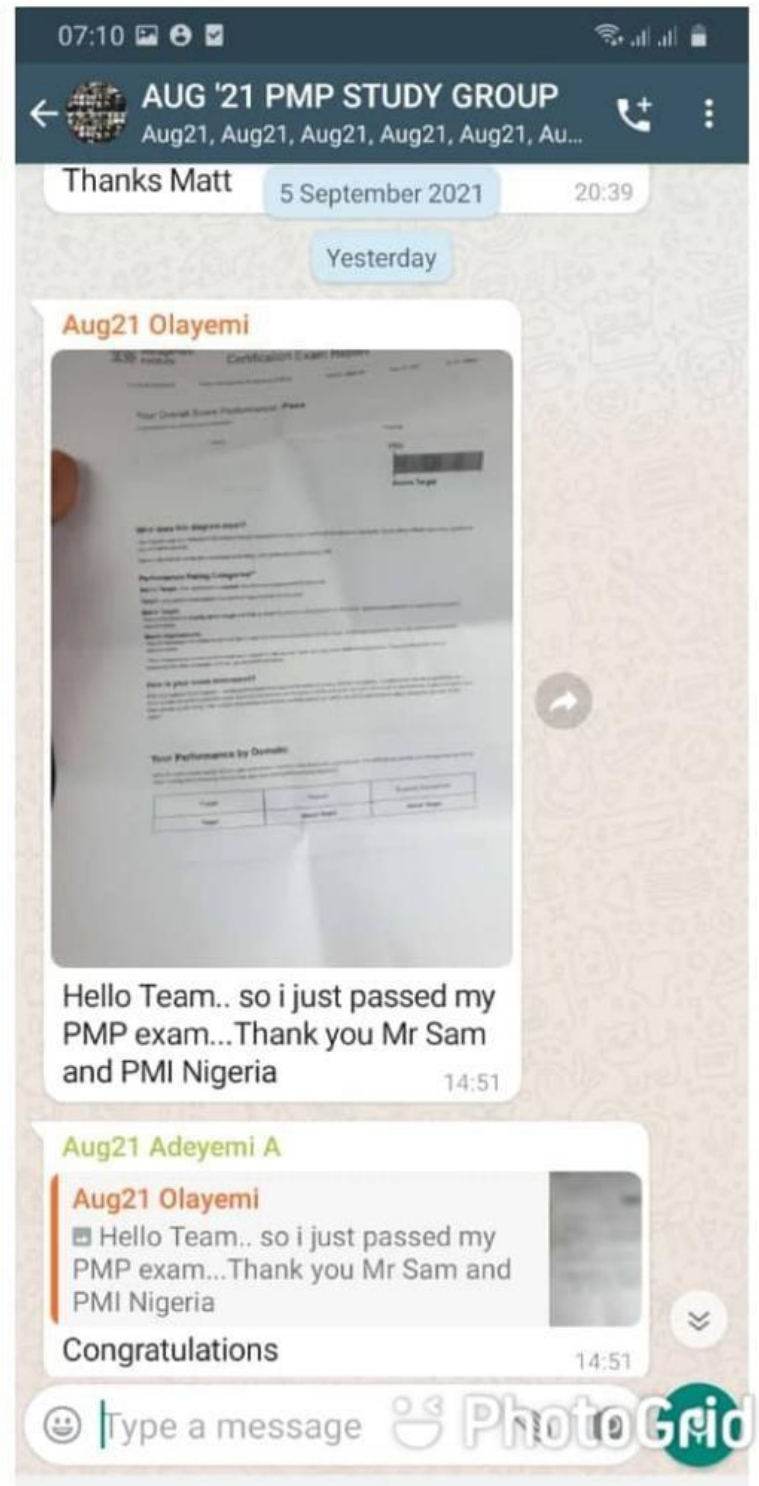
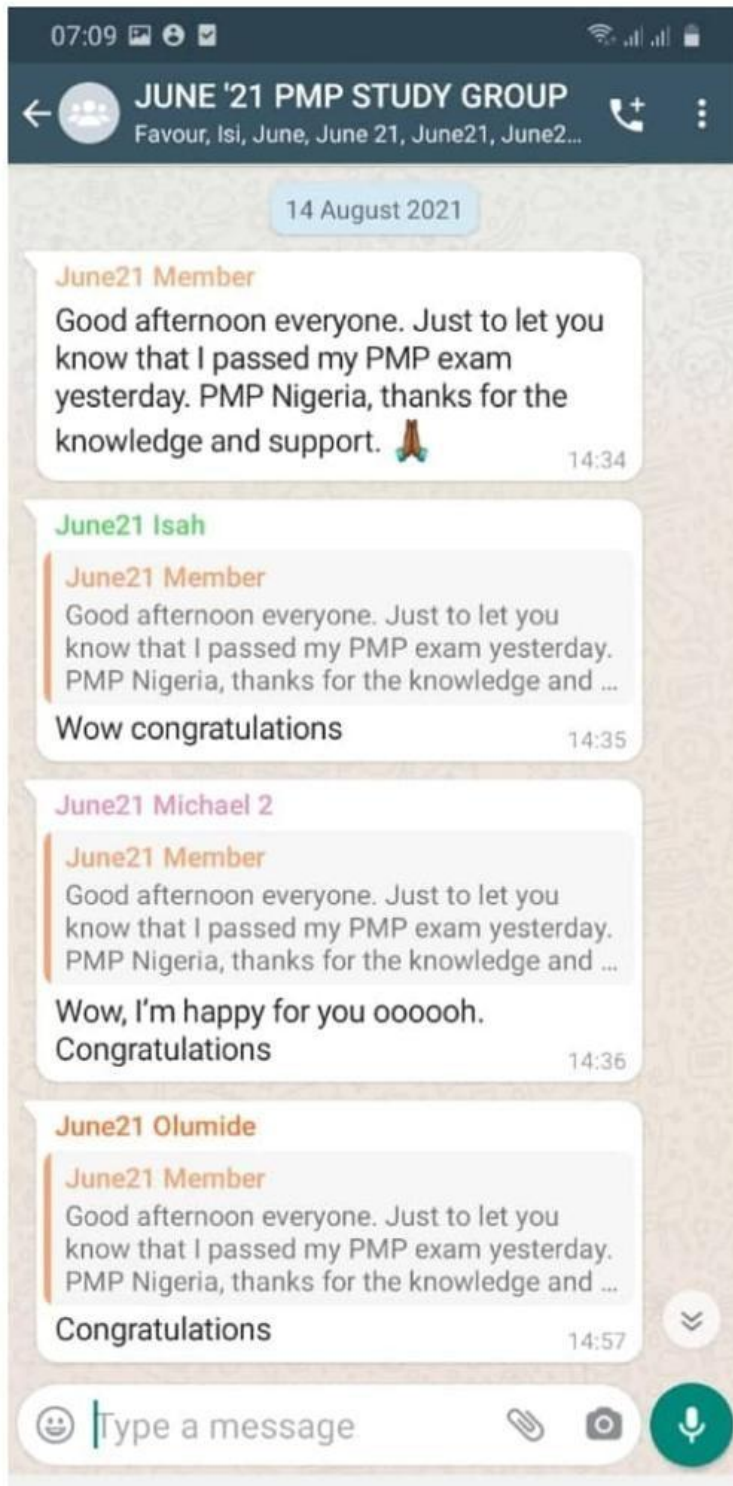
The Chapter successfully executed PMP bootcamp initiative in 2021. It was a huge success and we are grateful to everyone who participated and supported the initiative.

For eight (8) months, we trained a total of 240 students between April - December 2021. The success of every participant is our sole aim and we are pleased to inform you that the success rate has been mind blowing and inspiring with over 98% pass rate. We also created class platforms for each bootcamp session which has turned out to be a community producing PMP certified members on an almost weekly basis.

We are grateful to our partners who worked with us in 2021; our partners include CPMS Limited, Dexnova Consulting, Management Edge, and Olabod Projects. A big thank you to our PMI Authorized Training Partners (ATP) and of course our diligent students for constantly referring their friends and colleagues after witnessing the "magic" that happens in the bootcamp initiative.

See what some of our students had to say after attempting and passing their exams.

TESTIMONIALS



CHAPTER HOURS FOR IMPACT



The Chapter pledged 1,000 hours of impact volunteer service to advance the cause of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2021.

As a for-purpose organization and impact-driven community, we are dedicated to enabling changemakers across Nigeria to elevate their impact on their societies and environment. We believe that both protecting our planet and improving the lives of people are essential for creating peace and prosperity.

Hours of Impact supports the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the betterment of people's lives and the planet, now and in the future.

The social event which took place on November 21, 2021 at the Lekki Conservation Centre in Lagos State, with the theme “Adapting to a Changing World” was organized in partnership with Backpacking Global Awareness Initiative (BGAI). The event was aimed at educating participants on the importance of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their roles in being catalysts for positive and impactful changes towards a better environment or society for all. Among some of the activities of this event were: canopy walk, games, music and dance and networking opportunities.

[PICTURES FROM THE EVENT](#)

CHAPTER CORPORATE VISITS

DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES

Earlier this year, as part of our familiarization plan, the Chapter made a courtesy visit to the Director/CEO of the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR), Engr. Sarki Auwalu. Among those present at the visit are Paul Omugbe (Chapter President), Isioma Isiekwenagbu (Chapter Manager) and Alexander Babs-Jonah (VP, Corporate Relations).

The Head, Corporate Services Strategic Business Unit of DPR, Mr. Ibrahim Ciroma welcomed the team on the visit.



FEDERAL INLAND REVENUE SERVICE

Also in the first quarter of the year, the Chapter ably represented by the Chapter Manager, Isioma Isiekwenagbu made a courtesy visit to the Director of Program Management Office (PMO) of the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) Mr. Ike Obihara. Present at the visit are FIRS Director of Career & Skills Development Department Mrs. Angel Fadahunsi and Project Manager of FIRS Contact Centre Mr. Festus Ojekhekpen.

