

**Council of Delegates**

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The International Project Management Association (IPMA) is a federation of 71 member nations, who collaborate to promote competence in project, programme and portfolio management across all sectors and engage stakeholders around the world in advancing the discipline.

During its September council meeting, the 6<sup>th</sup> IPMA Research Conference and a national conference of IPMA Brazil in Rio de Janeiro, IPMA has discussed the impact of increasing projectification on society. In many countries more than 1/3 of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is generated through projects and programmes, through private industry, public administration and through community work. Projects are delivered to achieve outcomes. They require stakeholders at all levels to be competent in directing, managing and participating in projects, programmes and portfolios. Governments at a federal, regional and local level need to develop a strategy for dealing with their portfolio of projects and programmes, aligning them with the overall objectives and ensuring their effective and efficient delivery.

The Council of Delegates concludes that:

- IPMA is committed to a world where projects have clear benefits to society;
- IPMA is aiming for projects that clearly take sustainable development into account;
- IPMA is promoting governance arrangements that foster transparency and accountability;  
and
- IPMA is supporting the development of project competences at all levels of our society.

IPMA President Dr. Jesus Martinez-Almela confirmed IPMA's stance saying, "We observe in all parts of the world an increasing projectification. Some countries are prepared for this trend, while others need to invest in the development of the necessary competences. IPMA supports society through its Global Standards and the exchange of experiences across countries, continents and cultures. We need to enable collaboration in the field of project management to tackle the many challenges of our time."

This has been released concurrently by all 71 member associations of IPMA.

The President of IPMA, Dr. Jesus Martinez-Almela is available for comment.

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