

Top Project Management Conferences for 2020

Over the past couple of years, I have been assembling a list of the top Project Management conferences from around the world. This is not the ultimate list, but it will provide you with plenty of ideas for growing your career and professional knowledge. Feel free to contact me know if I am missing any conferences.

Plan ahead and save the dates!

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Note: Text in **blue** font includes links to conference websites.

January

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February

PMI Singapore Regional Symposium (20-21 February 2020, Singapore) is Asia's leading conference attended by more than 800 project management professionals, executives, scholars and practitioners.

March

Congresso Mujeres PM / Women in PM (05 March 2020, Madrid, Spain) is organized by the PMI Madrid Spain Chapter. The aim of the conference is to share models that empower and encourage project leadership across all industries.

Passion for Projects Congress (9-10 March 2020, Malmö, Sweden) is organized by the PMI Sweden Chapter and is Scandinavia's largest project management conference. The event typically has 4 keynote sessions and over 25 breakout sessions.

Together in Excellence / Skupaj do Odličnosti (17-18 March 2020, Ljubljana, Slovenia) is a two-day conference jointly organized by itSMF Slovenia and PMI Slovenia Chapter.

APM Power of Projects Conference Edinburgh 2020 (17 March 2020, Edinburgh, UK) is the first in a series of three flagship events designed to provide knowledge, networking and career focus for project professionals from all sectors. 2020 is the tenth year that APM holds a conference in Scotland.

April

Change Management Conference (3-6 May 2020, Anaheim, California) is the annual meeting of the Association of Change Management Professions (ACMP). It brings together change management professionals to share the latest business solutions, explore best practices and trends, and offers networking opportunities.

PM Welt (21 April 2020) is organized by Projekt Magazin and is the largest meeting of the German-speaking project management community.

International Scientific Conference on Project Management (23-24 April 2020, Riga, Latvia) is organized by the Research Institute of the Project Management of the Faculty of Business, Management and Economics, University of Latvia, in cooperation with the Professional Association of Project Managers. The aim of the conference is to discuss results of scientific research in project management issues and the sessions are conducted in English.

New Trends in Project Management (27-28 April 2020, Poland) is organized by the Gdańsk branch of PMI Poland and focuses on the exchange project management knowledge and best practices in Poland and abroad.

May

PLF Global Conference 2020 (1-2 May 2020, San Jose, California) The Product Leaders Forum (PLF) is a volunteer-driven non-profit for practitioners and product leaders. The 2020 conference will be held in Silicon Valley.

Change Management 2020 (3-6 May 2020, Anaheim, California) is the premier, industry leading conference for the change management discipline, serving as the largest international gathering among novice and seasoned practitioners. This annual three-day event is produced by the Association of Change Management Professionals.

HAPPYPROJECTS 20 (07 May 2020, Vienna, Austria) brings together project management practitioners and academic researchers to share information about new theoretical developments and best practices, as well as facilitate networking with participants of other companies and speakers. This year's main topic will be "Mindset & Methods."

UMD Project Management Symposium (7-8 May 2020, College Park, Maryland) brings together project managers from the Baltimore-Washington metro area, and abroad, for DC's premier PM symposium. The PM Symposium is a great hub for scholars and practitioners to meet and share their latest technological/organizational achievement and cutting-edge vision.

Kanban Global Summit 2020 (11-13 May 2020, San Diego, California) brings together leaders, coaches and practitioners from around the world to share their experiences with the Kanban Method and offering proven techniques. KGS20 is organized by Kanban University and is immediately followed by the Kanban Leadership Retreat event.

Global Scrum Gathering (11-13 May 2020, New York City, New York) is organized by the Scrum Alliance and is organized around multiple themes, such as Champions of Agile, Community of Agile, Organizational Transformation, Scrum in Hard Places, Scrum Toolkit, Scrum in my Heart, and Scrum in Unusual Places.

eVa25 (12-14 May 2020, London, UK) is a gathering of project controls practitioners. The event has a wide variety of topics, not just earned value.

PM Summit 2020 (13 May 2020, Dublin, Ireland) is about the creation of a Community of Practice for project, program and portfolio management professionals in Ireland. 2020 will be the 6th year of this even that brings together a diverse group of speakers and provides the opportunity for true knowledge transfer and the exchange of ideas.

LearnFest Caribbean (13-14 May 2020, Kingston, Jamaica) is a two-day fun and non-traditional development experience unfolded in a festive atmosphere. Each year the LearnFest Caribbean conference gets bigger and bolder. The speakers are top notch and the delegates come from around Jamaica to attend.

APM Power of Projects Conference London 2020 (21 May 2020, London, UK) is the second in a series of three flagship events organized by APM in 2020.

Agile & Beyond 2020 (19-20 May 2020, Detroit, Michigan) is a grassroots, volunteer-run conference that helps people learn about agile principles and practices, as well as covers topics that help make people and companies awesome.

June

Project Summit Business Analyst World (multiple dates & locations) is a series of conferences for project managers and business analysts. Participants can earn up to 26 PDUs/CDUs and the sessions are accredited by both PMI and IIBA. PSBAW Conferences are held in Orlando (April), Toronto (May), Washington, DC (May), Vancouver (October), Boston (October) and Chicago (December).

Resource Planning Summit (01-3 June 2020, Nashville, TN) is advertised as the premier thought leadership event for promoting best practices in resource management, demand management, capacity planning, and portfolio management across industries.

PMO Conference (03 June 2020, London, UK) focuses on portfolio, program and project offices. Attendees will learn about the latest PMO research, discover new PMO ideas and techniques, and network and share with other like-minded practitioners.

EVM World 2020 (9-11 June 2020, Orlando, Florida) is the annual conference organized by the College of Performance Management. The conference is a chance to learn about project performance techniques and project controls, including integrated project performance management, cost controls, agile program management and earned value management (EVM).

PMI EMEA Congress (14-16 June 2020, Prague, Czechia) is organized by the Project Management Institute and gathers project, program and portfolio managers from around the globe. They are there to discuss best practices, identify new trends and reinforce core industry skills.

INROP 2020 (14-17 June 2020, Uppsala, Sweden) The International Research Network on Organizing by Projects (IRNOP) will be hosted by Uppsala University this year. The theme is “Temporary projects in transitional times: Moving beyond dichotomous views on projects” .

APM Power of Projects Conference Manchester 2020 (24 June 2020, Manchester, UK) is the third in a series of three flagship events organized by APM in 2020.

Project Management in Practice (25-26 June 2020, Boston, MA) is organized by Boston University and covers a wide range of topics of interest to both academic and business professionals. The two-day conference is also available online, and PDUs are available for attending the sessions virtually.

July

Agile2020 (20-24 July 2020, Orlando, Florida) is dedicated to furthering Agile principles and providing a venue for people and ideas to flourish. Organized by Agile Alliance the event is touted as “where the Agile tribes meet”.

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September

PMO Impact Summit (September 2020, Virtual) is a multi-day virtual conference that has been planned to allow participants time to actually watch each presentation and to absorb the information. The conference brings together 35+ top industry experts to share their knowledge and experience around PMOs.

PMI Africa Conference (6-8 September 2020, Lagos, Nigeria) brings together practitioners from multiple PMI chapters and speakers from around the world.

October

PMI Global Conference (17-19 October 2020, Seattle, Washington) is organized by the Project Management Institute and is the preeminent professional conference for project managers world-wide. The event focuses on the evolving role of project management. The conference is open to project, program and portfolio professionals and will discuss new ideas and approaches, while giving participants the opportunity to make new relationships and strengthen existing ones.

PM Forum (20-21 October 2020, Nürnberg, Germany) began as a small event 30 years ago and now has become one of the leading congresses for project management in Europe. The international event is organized by the German trade association for project management (GPM), which celebrated its 40th Anniversary in 2019.

The Digital PM Summit (18-29 October 2020, Orlando, Florida) is organized by Bureau of Digital and brings together professionals who manage digital projects. The conference welcomes all methodologies and approaches, from Agile to waterfall and hybrid, offering new perspectives in a social networking-friendly environment.

LearnFest Caribbean Bahamas (27-29 October 2020, Nassau, Bahamas) is two-day fun and non-traditional development experience unfolded in a festive atmosphere. The event in Nassau is modeled after the successful conferences in Jamaica and brings thought leaders to explore topical and trending issues affecting organisational strategy, leadership and management.

FuturePMO (01 October 2020, London, UK) is 1-day PMO conference for practitioners at all levels. It is organized and run by Wellingstone Project Management, a leading PPM consultancy from the UK. The 2018 PMO Global Awards will be presented at this year's FuturePMO conference in London.

November

International Project Management Day (01 November 2020, Virtual) is organized by the International Institute for Learning. IPM Day is an online conference that brings together professionals from around the world who are passionate about change, our future, and the important role of those in the project management profession. IPM Day is always on the first Thursday in November.

Synergy 2020 (November 2020, London, UK) is one of the largest project management conferences in the UK. The conference is organized by the PMI UK Chapter.

8th Art of Projects Conference (05 November 2020, Budapest, Hungary) is organized by PMI Budapest. Each year, this international event brings together hundreds of project, program and portfolio managers from around Europe for a full day of cutting-edge education, knowledge-sharing and networking.

PMO Symposium (3-6 November 2020, Denver, Colorado) is organized by the Project Management Institute and provides participants access to executive-level networking, workshops and discussions. Participants will come away with insights that can be used to build resilient PMOs.

Australian Institute of Project Management National Conference (22-24 November, Gold Coast, Australia) is the premier event for the project management profession in Australia. The annual conference is the platform for project leaders, both established and up-and-coming, to gain knowledge and share experiences on a range of areas that impact the management of projects today and in the future.

December

Dubai International Project Management Forum (December 2020, Dubai, UAE) is the region's largest Project Management event. In 2019, the event attracted over 1,500 international attendees.

PMO Trends Online Conference (December 2020, Virtual) is the largest online annual conference on PMOs in the world, hosted by PMO Global Alliance. The conference takes place over multiple days and is free to international participants.

Planned for 2020 but dates are not set

PM-Summit 2020 (TBD 2020, Germany) will be the 3rd congress of all German PMI Chapters and is one of the biggest project management events in German.

PMI Croatia Forum (TBD 2020, Zagreb, Croatia) brings together project and portfolio managers from Croatia. The conference is organized by PMI Zagreb Croatia chapter.

Project Management Summit Bulgaria (November 2020, Sofia, Bulgaria) is the largest PM conference in Bulgaria and its neighboring countries.

XV International Congress PMI Poland Chapter (November 2020, Warsaw) aims to integrate and inspire participants with the latest trends and innovations in the world of constantly evolving styles of work, leadership and project organization.

PMI MENA Conference (November 2020, TBD) is a two-day conference organized by the Project Management Institute for professionals and practitioners around the Middle East and rest of the world to share experiences, reinforce core skills, and network with leading international speakers, industry experts and other practitioners across all areas of expertise.

ProMaCon Africa 2020 (TBD 2020, Abuja, Nigeria) celebrated its 10th anniversary this year 2019. ProMaCon brings together project management and PMO practitioners from across Nigeria with the goal to continue advocacy and engagement until such a time that effective project delivery is an integral part of the national culture.

Project Management Summit (TBD, Istanbul, Turkey) is a two-day symposium organized by the PMI Turkey Chapter.

Feel free to let me know if I am missing any conferences. Keep learning and growing!

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