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ONE-DAY VIRTUAL EVENT FOR
PROJECT LEADERS AROUND THE GLOBE

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IPMA-USA invites project professionals, industry leaders, researchers, innovators, and changemakers to submit proposals for the upcoming **PM Forward 2026**. This premium virtual event brings together project leaders from around the globe to explore how project managers are navigating the evolving relationship between technology, leadership, and human-centered project delivery.

We are seeking engaging, thought-provoking, and practical presentations that examine the intersection of AI and project management through real-world experiences, emerging strategies, and forward-thinking perspectives.



Theme: The Power of People in the Age of AI

- Event Format: One-Day Global Virtual Conference
- Submission Deadline: **July 31, 2026**
- Event & Registration Website: <https://pmforward.ipma-usa.org>

As artificial intelligence continues to reshape industries, workflows, and decision-making, one truth remains clear: **people are still at the heart of successful projects.**



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SUBMISSION TRACKS

Whether you are leading enterprise transformations, experimenting with emerging technologies, or redefining collaboration in modern project environments, we welcome submissions across three primary session formats:

Case Studies

Share real-world examples of how AI is impacting project teams, stakeholder engagement, communication, risk management, decision-making, or project outcomes.

Point-of-View (POV)

Offer fresh insights, bold ideas, or hard-earned lessons learned about the evolving role of project managers in an AI-driven landscape.

Best Practices & Practical Applications

Present actionable tools, frameworks, workflows, or leadership strategies that help project professionals successfully integrate AI while maintaining a people-first approach.

Suggested Topics Include:



- Human leadership in AI-supported projects
- Ethical considerations and responsible AI use
- AI tools for project planning, scheduling, and communication
- Change management in the age of automation
- Building trust, collaboration, and culture in digital environments



- Emotional intelligence and human-centered leadership
- The future role of the project manager
- AI's impact on project teams and workforce development
- Innovation, adaptability, and strategic thinking
- Balancing efficiency with human connection

Peer Review Process

To ensure the highest quality of practical insights for our global audience, all submitted proposals* will undergo a rigorous evaluation by an independent panel of reviewers.

**Please Note: Submission of a proposal does not guarantee acceptance or a presentation slot. Because session slots on our live virtual stage are limited, the review board will selectively curate the final agenda based on relevance, impact, and clarity.*



HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL

We encourage professionals from all industries, sectors, and experience levels to apply. **Important Notice:** The conference website cannot accept direct file uploads or submission data. To complete your application, you must follow the strict **two-step process** outlined below. Both steps must be completed prior to the deadline to be considered for review.

Step 1: Submit Your Details via the Official Form

Access the live intake portal to submit your text responses by clicking the link or scanning the QR code below:

- Direct Link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/AvdwCdsCpm>
- QR Code:



You will be asked to provide:

1. **Presenter Profile:** Full name, title, organization, email address.
2. **Session Metadata:** Selected track (Case Study, POV, or Best Practices), proposed presentation title and abstract

Step 2: Email Your Abstract or Draft Paper

Immediately after completing the form, email your formatted Word (.docx) or PDF document to Hello@ipma-usa.org.

- **Email Subject Line:** Please use the exact format: [PM Forward 2026 Submission] - [Your Presentation Title] so our review board can cleanly match your file to your form entry.
- **Submission Deadline:** July 31, 2026
- **Inquiries:** For any technical issues regarding your submission, contact us directly at Hello@ipma-usa.org.

Global Publication Opportunity

We are thrilled to announce an exclusive publishing partnership for this year's event. All final accepted papers, case studies, and detailed session summaries will be formally published in **IPP - IPMA Project Perspectives**.

This provides our contributors with elite, global visibility across the entire international IPMA ecosystem. Presenters and authors can view the publication platform, guidelines, and past editions directly at <https://ipp.ipma.world/>.



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