

## Communique for March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 virtual CoD,

### **Building a common future together in the age of chaos: the world needs actions, and projects beyond words**

This is the fourth time in the 57 years of IPMA history that we have held our Council of Delegates in a virtual way, dictated not only by the pandemic, but also because of the war in Ukraine, resulting in the suffering and forced migration of many people and a global impact that is still difficult to imagine.

Today more than ever before, all of us continue to learn how to carry on in these circumstances of necessary change and transformation. We act today and envision and hope for a better future for all, where we can all live in peace and harmony.

During the days preceding the last IPMA CoD meeting we made a great effort together with our Member Associations addressing initiatives at local and regional levels. At this first Council of Delegates meeting in 2022, as an international community of, IPMA nations which is the largest, most diverse and multicultural professional network that exists in our profession, we would like to share the following message: “we need more facts, more realities, that help those in need today and also ideas, projects for reconstruction and a new sustainable future”.

Beyond words and statements, we need to contribute to making good things happen for those in need today in Ukraine and throughout the region. We would like to design a future that will be necessary and difficult and that will be challenging. Now more than ever, projects and professional project management experts are needed.

Some of the specific actions proposed by our Associations and the Executive Board are the following:

- » Support the professional development (i.e. training, certification) at no cost to Ukrainians;
- » Invite project management professionals from Ukraine to join our meetings at no cost:
  - IPMA Serbia, which is host and co-organizer of the next international research conference on project management (June, Belgrade), will offer free registration to all professionals from Ukraine.
  - The Certification Body in the Netherlands will charge no fees to Ukrainian citizens who would like to apply for certification. Certification Bodies in other countries are also investigating this.

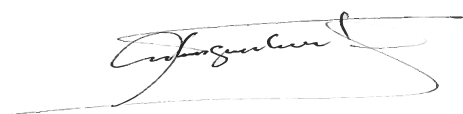
Other similar initiatives from other member associations will be communicated soon. Under our social initiative IPMA C4D-Coaching for Development, a call is opened to present joint actions with other NFP organizations, professional associations, communities of practitioners to join forces and address challenges in a local, regional and global way.

IPMA Chairman Dr. Jesus Martinez Almela highlights that the most important thing now addressing the level of change and transformation management required by a portfolio will largely depend on the amount of disruption created in individuals' and groups' day-to-day lives, plus attributes such as culture, value system and history with past changes. In our previous CoD meeting, in September 2021 we addressed that building a sustainable future means supporting those individuals and countries that are in need. At the moment this is the case. And I am proud that as IPMA, our large global network of member and affiliated associations are rising to the challenge and providing meaningful support to the people of Ukraine.

The current world situation requires flexibility and adaptability in order to move forward to a sustainable free world. Let's work together to make this happen.

We will continue our work worldwide and see the future in a much more peacefully, freedom, equitable and sustainable, addressing the present as well post war reality.

Ukraine MA is exempted from the membership fee for 2 years – 2022 and 2023.



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