

From AI to Value Creation: Key Takeaways from PMXPO 2026

Project Management Institute (PMI) hosted PMXPO 2026 on March 26, bringing together the global project community to explore how the profession is evolving in response to increasing complexity, transformation, and expectations.

Across sessions, a clear theme emerged: success in today's business environment requires project professionals to move beyond traditional process execution to deliver meaningful, value-driven outcomes.

Event highlights include:

- **Leading in a complex world:** The opening keynote, *Pulse of the Profession: Leading Project Success in a Complex World*, featured Pierre Le Manh, President and Chief Executive Officer of PMI; Lenka Pincot, Chief of Staff to the CEO at PMI; and Michael Lurie, Chief Catalyst at Bayer, emphasizing the need for project professionals to evolve into strategic leaders by navigating increasing complexity, accelerating decision-making, and delivering impact.
- **AI as a learning partner:** *AI and Lifelong Learning: Thriving in the Era of Intelligent Transformation*, led by Dr. Kelly Heuer, Vice President of Learning at PMI, and Kathleen Walch, Director of AI Engagement and Community at PMI, shared practical approaches for leveraging artificial intelligence to support continuous learning, adaptability, and innovation in project environments.
- **The AI-powered PMO:** In *The Rise of the AI-powered PMO*, Tyson Brown of Smartsheet explored how AI is reshaping the project management office (PMO), from intelligent intake and prioritization to portfolio-level insights, enabling PMOs to shift from operational oversight to strategic orchestration.
- **Rethinking professional networks:** *Beyond Networking: Leveraging Connections to Empower Your Career*, presented by Soraya Herbert-Molina of DAHLIA+Agency, highlighted how project professionals can define and communicate their value while building relationships that create opportunities for collaboration and career growth.

With PMI research showing that only about half of projects are considered successful by stakeholders, sessions at PMXPO 2026 highlighted the growing urgency for project professionals to better navigate complexity, embrace AI, and focus on value delivery.

Sessions from [PMXPO 2026](#) are available on demand through January 29, 2027.