



## **Global Project Manager Standards Launched**

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The Global Alliance for Project Performance Standards (GAPPS) announces the launch of the first ever globally developed performance based competence standards for project managers.

GAPPS is an independent collaborative not-for-profit organisation dedicated to fostering mutual recognition for project and program management standards and qualifications. It was formed in response to an emerging need for global portability of project management qualifications, certifications and development programs. M Ishikura of the Project Management Association of Japan said "When I joined GAPPS the world did not have global performance based standards, so I was interested in being part of the initiative to develop standards that were relevant to the increasing number of global projects emerging around the world".

The standards have been created by a global team of representatives from industry, academia national training authorities and professional associations in Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, Russia and South Africa such as Motorola, Services SETA (South Africa), Innovation and Business Skills Australia (IBSA), Greater-China Project Management Association (GPMA), the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), ESC-Lille School of Management in France and many others.

Dr Lynn Crawford, a global leader in project management competence assessment and professor of project management at the ESC Lille School of Management said, "it's wonderful to have the involvement of so many organisations from all sectors of the project management community contributing to the development of the standards ensuring they are truly relevant to all sectors of the project management community".

The GAPPS project manager standards provide a framework for assessment and development of project management skills. They also support the Millennium Development goals proposed by the United Nations addressing an identified applied skill shortage in many nations. The GAPPS standards can be adopted by organisations for the assessment, development and certification of their project managers, in their entirety or customised to support existing project management cultures, processes, tools and models. Darren Tuohy, Director, Asia Pacific Project Office, Motorola Networks and Enterprise, says that "having searched for an enhanced and more robust approach to measuring and improving project management competency, Motorola is pleased to say that our recently completed global pilot of the GAPPS standard has shown its application is particularly suited to our organisation's goals".

One of the key benefits of GAPPS is its independence from proprietary project management methodologies and models and that it can complement existing structures.

All the works produced by GAPPS are developed on a volunteer basis, are publicly available for use by public and private sector organisations, and can be also downloaded from GAPPS website [www.globalpmstandards.org](http://www.globalpmstandards.org).

**To become involved, join the next working session which is scheduled for  
February 2007 in Hong Kong,  
for more information look at our website [www.globalpmstandards.org](http://www.globalpmstandards.org).**

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