

ICCPM and APM Form Strategic Partnership to Strengthen Complex Project Leadership

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The International Centre for Complex Project Management and the Association for Project Management have announced a new strategic partnership aimed at enhancing capability across the global project profession.

As two international peak bodies with complementary expertise, the organisations will work together to support professionals navigating increasingly complex delivery environments. The collaboration reflects a shared commitment to improving project outcomes through stronger professional standards, leadership development and knowledge exchange.

Modern programmes demand more than technical scheduling and cost control. They require leaders capable of managing uncertainty, stakeholder complexity and long-term strategic impact. By combining APM's global chartered membership framework with ICCPM's focus on complex project leadership standards, the partnership seeks to address this evolving capability gap.

Professor Adam Boddison OBE, Chief Executive Officer of APM, said the organisations are aligned in their ambition to strengthen professionalisation across the sector. He noted that the partnership will create enhanced opportunities for learning, networking and shared insight.

ICCPM, headquartered in Australia, is the custodian of the Complex Project Leadership Competency Standards and provides certification in complex project leadership. APM is the only chartered membership body for the project profession globally, with members and Corporate Partners across 140 countries.

Collin Smith, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of ICCPM, emphasised that collaboration and

trust are central to responding effectively to project complexity. He described the partnership as a practical step toward equipping professionals with the leadership skills required for high-risk, high-impact programmes.

Through joint virtual events, thought leadership initiatives and expanded engagement opportunities, the collaboration aims to support practitioners who must balance structured project management disciplines with adaptive leadership in complex environments.

As infrastructure, defence, energy and transformation programmes grow in scale and uncertainty, strengthening complex project leadership capability will remain a priority for the profession worldwide.