

## GFMAM COMMUNIQUE November 2020

The face-to-face meeting scheduled for the second half of 2020 was originally intended to be hosted by GSMR in Bahrain during November 2020. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions on travel the meeting was instead held virtually.



### GFMAM Meeting - November 2020



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### Adapting to the new normal

The impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) continued in the second half of the year. GFMAM held the meetings in a virtual environment using Microsoft Teams. Our meetings took place over two weeks in November 2020. Since the June meeting we have achieved significant progress in finishing a large number of projects and getting them to the final phase for publishing. This is in large part due to increased participation from our societies' members in the project work. While the virtual environment hasn't hindered us from being productive, we look forward to the possibility of resuming a schedule of face to face meetings because we recognize that the valuable personal interaction and discussion that happens between meetings has formed a foundation for what we've been able to achieve.

### Progress on projects

#### Assessor Competency Specification Review – Being prepared for publishing

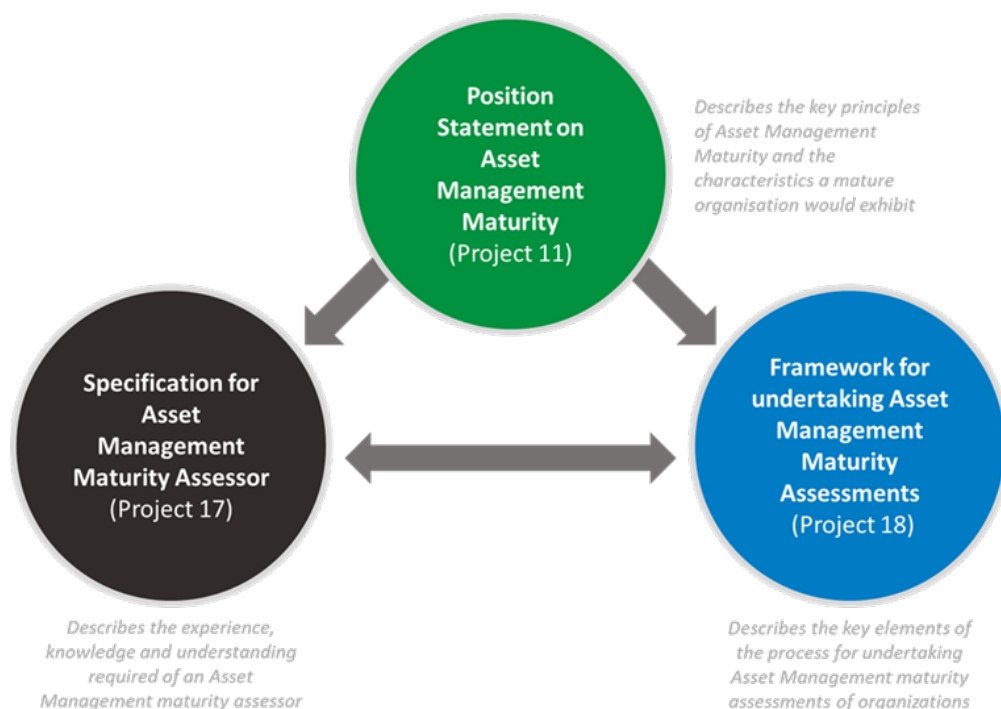
This project is an in-depth review of the current GFMAM document, GFMAM ISO55001 Auditor/Assessor Specification. Technical review group comprising of a cross-section of members to review structure of competency specification was formed and this work has now been completed. This has been a great achievement.

#### Asset Management System Scheme Specification – Being prepared for publishing

This ISO 55001 Asset Management Scheme document has been sent to Accreditation Bodies globally for consultation and feedback on their interest in the guideline document and possible application. Several responses were received and checked against the Asset Management System Scheme Specification. This project is now complete and will be published on the GFMAM website before Christmas.

### **Asset Management Maturity Projects – Being prepared for publishing**

More and more organisations are achieving conformance with ISO 55001; and some are starting to explore how they can deliver greater value to stakeholders through increasing their maturity in Asset Management. The GFMAM has published three documents on Asset Management maturity that reflect global consensus on what is meant by Asset Management maturity, how to assess organisations' Asset Management maturity and what capabilities are required in assessors approaching this subtle and complex task. These three projects and the relationship between them are shown below:



### **Criteria for Evaluating Asset Management Indicators - Being prepared for publishing**

This project has been completed. It explains the objective criteria and methodology to assess the extent to which a particular measure or indicator is relevant to Asset Management. The methodology considers whether the indicator aligns with the 39 subjects of Asset Management (ref: The Asset Management Landscape – Second Edition, GFMAM) and whether it reflects the 9 benefits of Asset Management highlighted in the ISO 55000 standard (cf. ISO 55000: 2014 Asset management - Overview, principles and terminology, pages 1-2).

The deliverable was a validation model and a first tool which measures the relevance of an indicator to the principles and benefits of Asset Management actions and projects.

### **Maintenance Management Framework - Ongoing**

This project is to revise the Maintenance Framework document to a second edition. After over a year of work by the project team, a draft was circulated to GFMAM member societies for feedback

in July 2020 for a 6-week review period. Over 300 unique comments were received and have been dispositioned. The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the document is expected to be finalised in December 2020 and published in January of 2021.

### **World Maintenance Day – New Project**

This project aligns with the GFMAM objective to bring together, promote and strengthen the maintenance and asset management community worldwide. Although maintenance is a major activity with an enormous impact on the economy, public safety and sustainable development, maintenance people carry out their work outside the public eye and are underappreciated. The general public is unaware of the importance of maintenance and asset management. Too few young people pursue technical careers. As a result, companies and public service organisations in the vast majority of developed and underdeveloped countries are struggling to find talent with the right skills to maintain the industrial and infrastructure asset base. In the current age of the 4th industrial revolution the skills gap threatens to grow.

The goal of this project is to initiate a World Maintenance Day where all stakeholders around the world organise an initiative that celebrates and recognises maintenance as an important activity for overall welfare of the whole of humanity. There was positive feedback from the members of GFMAM with a recommendation to proceed with the first phase of project. The ambition is to celebrate in 2021 the first edition of the World Maintenance Day.

### **In Memoriam**

*Passing of BEMAS Representative to the GFMAM, Marc De Kerf*



We were very sad to hear of the sudden passing of Marc De Kerf on November 24, 2020. Marc was secretary and member of the board of BEMAS and the official representative of BEMAS at the Global Forum on Maintenance and Asset Management (GFMAM). In 2018 Marc received the European Maintenance Manager award from the EFNMS and the Salvetti Foundation. All who knew Marc in a professional capacity are invited to share condolences on a BEMAC-hosted memorial page here: <https://www.mykeeper.com/profile/MarcDeKerf/>

## GFMAM Haiku-inspired Poem

Mr. Zensuke Matsuda has created a fun tradition each meeting of carrying out an insightful, informal poll. This time he invited each to share very short answers (about 12 words) to the question, “What is the joy, benefit or value of global communication?” The results were transformed into this Haiku-inspired poem by David McKeown.



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