

The fifteenth face-to-face Council meeting of the Global Forum on Maintenance and Asset Management was hosted in the Kingdom of Bahrain by the Gulf Society for Maintenance and Reliability from the 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> of December, 2016 in conjunction with their Maintcon conference. Maintcon is held every other year.



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In general, the time of the GFMAM representatives during the face-to-face meetings is split between decision-making meetings, meetings to discuss and advance joint projects, and meetings to get to know the host societies while learning more about their aims. The GFMAM members also contributed several well-received presentations to Maintcon.

Progress on active projects is described below.

### [The Value of Asset Management](#)

The first phase of this project was completed in early 2016 and the published documents have been uploaded to the GFMAM website at [gfmam.org](http://gfmam.org). The next phase will be the development of a case study template and an invitation to potentially interested professionals to participate in the submission of Asset Management Case Studies that demonstrate the value proposition.

GFMAM vision is to get a collection of case studies information that could be shared widely without identifying corporate information.

### [Asset Management Scheme for Accreditation Bodies](#)

The GFMAM has signed an MoU with JAS-ANZ (The Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand) to review and recommend edits to the technical content for the ISO55001 Accreditation Scheme (Asset Management Scheme) that JAS-ANZ is currently using. Depending on the outcome of this project, the GFMAM may decide to take ownership of the final document which would be published freely and could serve as a helpful reference for other accreditation bodies around the world. Work by the project team is expected to be completed by autumn 2017.

### [The Competency Specification Review](#)

This project is an in-depth review of the current GFMAM document, *GFMAM ISO55001 Auditor/Assessor Specification*. There has been extensive debate over the last working session with respect to the differences in asset management knowledge requirements for Auditors v. Assessors. The face-to-face meeting provided an opportunity to advance the discussion significantly, putting the project team in the position to move this work forward quickly over the next few months.

### [Asset Management Maturity](#)

Those who had participated in developing the currently published document, “xxx Maturity”, re-opened the discussion to consider what next steps could be taken to develop and advancing, shared understanding of this topic. Two new project proposals are pending.

### [Accelerating Project Work](#)

At this stage in the development of the Global Forum, it seemed timely to reflect deeply on our vision and mission, to discuss ways to improve our processes, to recommit and refocus to deliver value. Achieving a unified vision given the diversity of such a group is both an opportunity and a challenge. A series of candid consultations resulted in new understanding of how we may be able to accelerate the project work and ensure that our face to face meetings are productive.