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Lesson 14: Project Stakeholder Management





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Objectives

- Define stakeholders
- ▷ Identify different stakeholders on a project
- Describe stakeholder classification models and stakeholder engagement assessment matrix
- ▷ Describe the Project Stakeholder Management processes

Stakeholders

The definition of a *Stakeholder is as follows:

An individual, group, or organization who may affect, be affected by, or perceive itself to be affected by a decision, activity, or outcome of a project, program, or portfolio.

A stakeholder can have a positive or negative impact. Therefore, it is necessary to engage and involve the stakeholders in the project to ensure project success.

^{*}Definition taken from the Glossary of the Project Management Institute, A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge, (PMBOK® Guide) – Sixth Edition, Project Management Institute, Inc., 2017, Page 722



Stakeholders: Example

Different examples of stakeholders are as follows:

- Project managers
- Project team members
- Senior management
- Sponsors
- Customers
- End users
- Vendors
- People affected by project's output
- Competitors
- Social groups
- Government and political leadership

Classification Models for Stakeholder Analysis

Stakeholders have power and influence over the project, and the best way to manage each stakeholder is to calibrate a proper classification.

The power, interest, influence, and impact that stakeholders have on projects can be mapped through power/interest, power/influence, or influence/impact grids, and Salience model.

A Salience model describes the classes of stakeholders based on their power, urgency, and legitimacy.

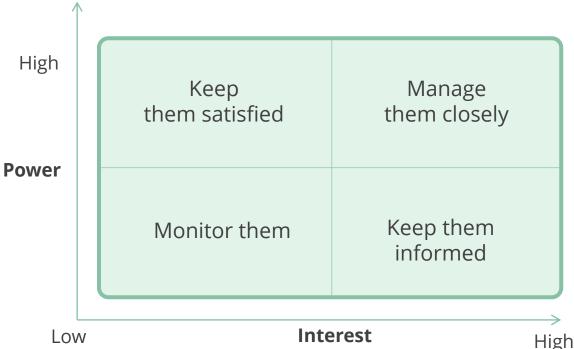


Figure 13-4. Example Power/Interest Grid with Stakeholders

Practice creating power grid for business scenarios. This will help in understanding the level of engagement a project manager needs to maintain with various stakeholders.

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Stakeholder Engagement Assessment Matrix

Stakeholder engagement assessment matrix helps in visualizing the current and desired states of a stakeholder's involvement in a project.

Unaware Stakeholder is not aware of the project and its impact. Resistant Stakeholder is aware of the impact and is resistant to change. **Neutral** Stakeholder is aware of the project, but is neither supportive nor has resistance. Supportive Stakeholder is aware of the project and is supportive of change.

Leading Stakeholder is aware of the project and is actively engaged to ensure project's success.

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Stakeholder Engagement Assessment Matrix (Contd.)

The table given here shows a sample stakeholder engagement assessment matrix:

Stakeholder	Unaware	Resistant	Neutral	Supportive	Leading	
Stakeholder 1	С			D		
Stakeholder 2		С	D			
Stakeholder 3			С	D		
Stakeholder 4			С		D	
Stakeholder 5				D, C		

Figure 13-6. Stakeholder Engagement Assessment Matrix

Stakeholder Management Skills

Project managers need to demonstrate the following traits while managing stakeholders:

Interpersonal Skills

The project manager must possess the following interpersonal skills to manage stakeholder:

- Building trust
- Resolving conflict
- Active listening
- Overcoming resistance to change

Managerial Skills

The project manager has to use the following managerial skills to accomplish the project objectives:

- Facilitate consensus
- Influence people
- Negotiate agreements
- Modify organizational behavior

Project Stakeholder Management Processes

nowle	edge Areas	Project Integration Management 4.1 Develop Project Charter	Project Scope Management	Project Schedule Management	Project Cost Management	Project Quality Management	Project Resource Management	Project Communications Management	Project Risk Management		Project Stakeholder Management 13.1 Identify Stakeholders
	Initiating										
sdnoib	Planning	4.2 Develop Project Management Plan	5.2 Collect Requirements 5.3 Define Scope 5.4 Create WBS	6.1 Plan Schedule Management 6.2 Define Activities 6.3 Sequence Activities 6.4 Estimate Activity Durations 6.5 Develop Schedule	7.1 Plan Cost Management 7.2 Estimate Costs 7.3 Determine Budget	8.1 Plan Quality Management	9.1 Plan Resource Management 9.2 Estimate Activity Resources	10.1 Plan Communications Management		Procurement	13.2 Plan Stakeholder Engagement
Project Managemen		4.3 Direct and Manage Project Work 4.4 Manage Project Knowledge				8.2 Manage Quality	9.3 Acquire Resources 9.4 Develop Team 9.5 Manage Team	10.2 Manage Communications		Procurements	13.3 Manage Stakeholder Engagement
	Controlling	4.5 Monitor and Control Project Work 4.6 Perform Integrated Change Control	5.5 Validate Scope 5.6 Control Scope	6.6 Control Schedule	7.4 Control Costs	8.3 Control Quality	9.6 Control Resource	10.3 Monitor Communications		12.3 Control Procurements	13.4 Monitor Stakeholder Engagements
	Closing	4.7 Close Project or Phase									

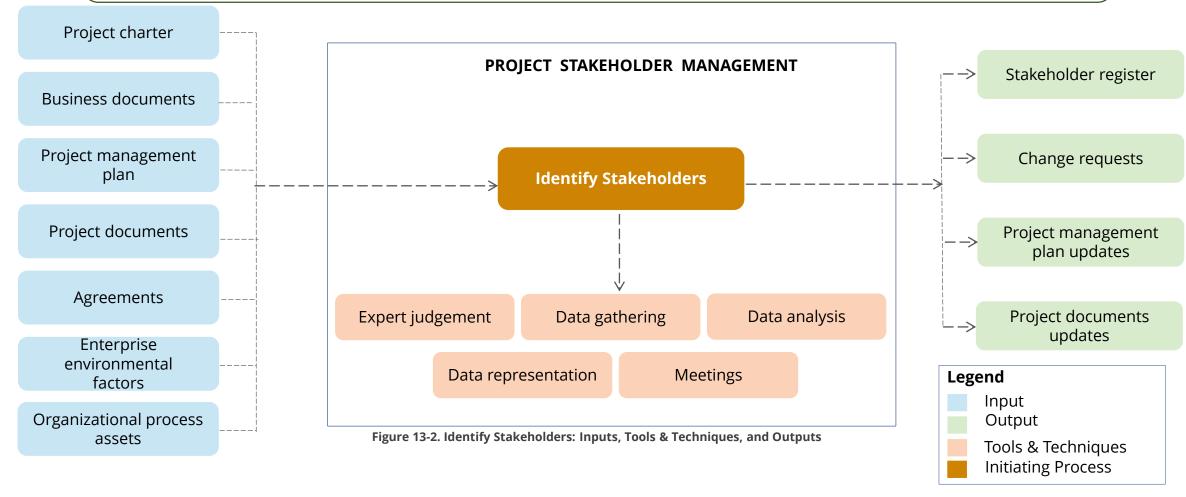
Table 1-4. Project Management Process Group and Knowledge Area Mapping

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Identify Stakeholders

"Identify Stakeholders is the process of identifying project stakeholders regularly and analyzing and documenting relevant information regarding their interests, involvement, interdependencies, influence, and potential impact on project success." It belongs to the Initiating Process Group.



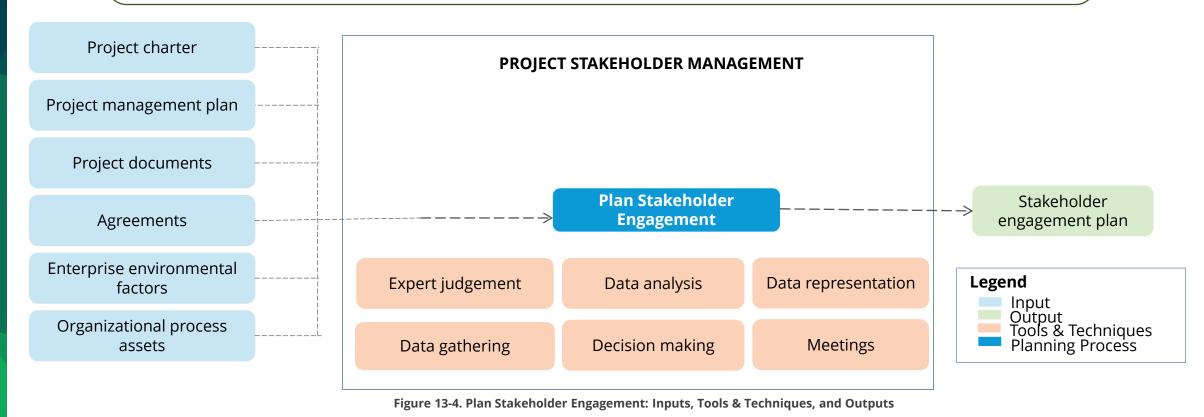
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Plan Stakeholder Engagement

"Plan Stakeholder Engagement is the process of developing approaches to involve project stakeholders based on their needs, expectations, interests, and potential impact on the project."

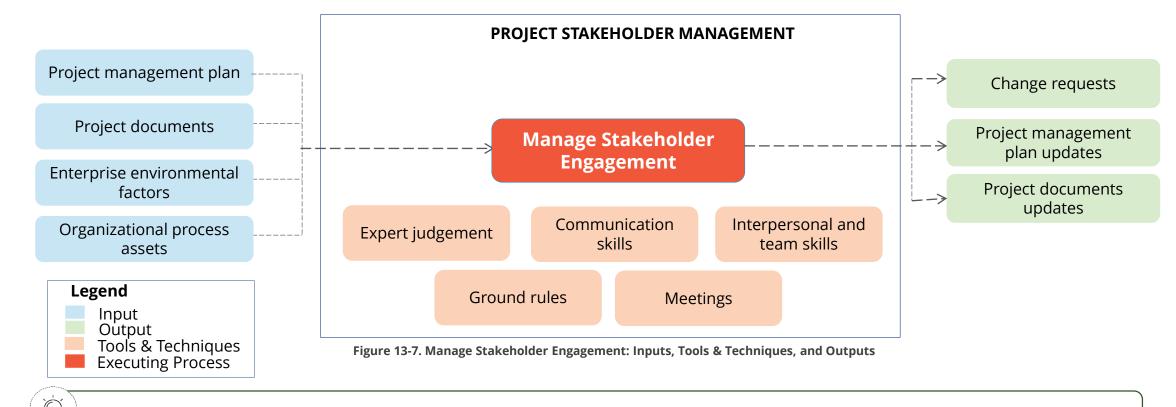
It belongs to the Planning Process Group.



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Manage Stakeholder Engagement

"Manage Stakeholder Engagement is the process of communicating and working with stakeholders to meet their needs or expectations, address issues as they occur, and foster appropriate stakeholder engagement in project activities throughout the project life cycle. It belongs to the Executing Process Group."



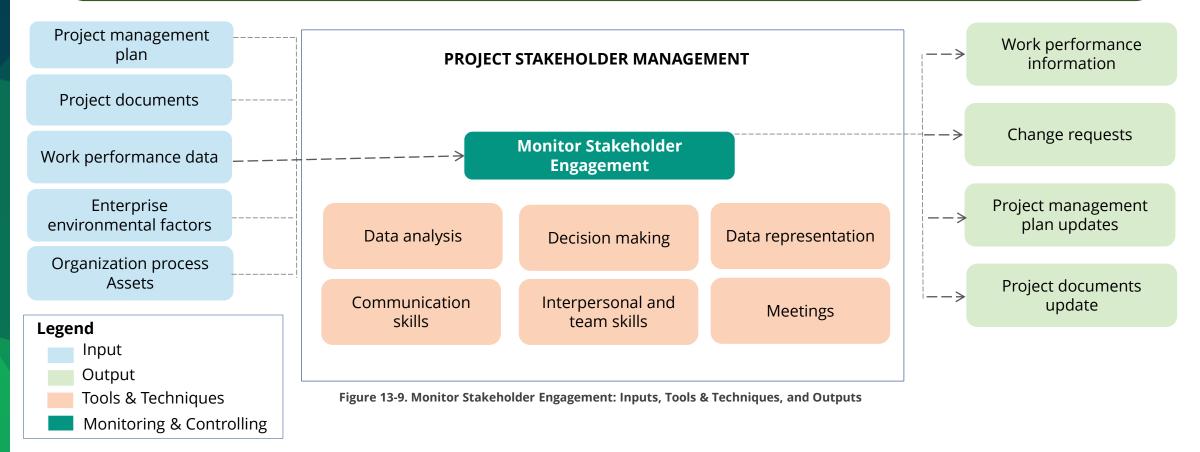
Study the process of managing stakeholder engagement to answer concept based questions.

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Monitor Stakeholder Engagement

"Monitor Stakeholder Engagement is the process of monitoring project stakeholder relationships and tailoring strategies for engaging stakeholders through modification of engagement strategies and plans."

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