

2-Minute Speaker Introduction

Our keynote speaker today has lived the very leadership lessons he teaches.

Please join me in welcoming **Abbas Alimorad, MA, MPed, PMP**—an international keynote speaker, executive leader, educator, executive coach, and author of *From Displacement to Leadership: How Adversity Shapes Extraordinary Leaders*.

Abbas's journey began far from the boardroom. As a young child, he and his family were forced to flee Iraq, spending years rebuilding their lives before immigrating to Canada as refugees. Those early experiences of uncertainty, resilience, and perseverance became the foundation of a remarkable leadership journey.

Today, Abbas has more than two decades of executive leadership experience leading complex strategic initiatives across government, healthcare, higher education, and the private sector. He currently serves as a Senior Project Management Consultant with Global Affairs Canada, teaches project management at Western University, and is President of the Project Management Institute's Southwestern Ontario Chapter.

He has spoken to audiences across North America on leadership, resilience, organizational transformation, artificial intelligence, governance, and project leadership. His insights combine real-life experiences with practical leadership strategies that audiences can immediately apply in their own organizations.

His book, *From Displacement to Leadership*, is inspiring leaders around the world by demonstrating that adversity doesn't define us—it prepares us to lead.

Today, you'll hear a story of resilience, purpose, courage, and leadership that is both deeply personal and universally relevant.

Please help me give a warm and enthusiastic welcome to **Abbas Alimorad!**