



The New British Omani Delegation

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Foreword



In August of this year the New Generation Group (NGG) of The Anglo-Omani Society was delighted to host the third New British Omani Delegation (NBOD) at Pembroke College, Oxford University. Building on the success of last year's delegation, we once again brought together the leading minds and future decision makers from both the UK and Oman's public and private sectors for a chance to gain new insights, exchange ideas and forge long-term friendships.

The theme of this year's delegation was East African Commercial Development. Over the course of a few days we received presentations from a number of world-class speakers and were able to explore a wide range of opportunities for more Omani cooperation on the African continent. During day one we moved from Dr Nic Cheeseman's regional overview of economics, politics and security to David Ledesma's focus on gas exploration and Tutu Agyare's spotlight on financial investment. We were also privileged to have a round table discussion with Sir Alan Duncan in his first official engagement as the Prime Minister's Special Envoy to Oman. Day two provided a fascinating insight into business practices in the region with Sudan as a case study from Tom Stephenson followed by Alastair Newton's most enjoyable talk on regional and wider world political risk. Hannah Waddilove provided an excellent end to the symposium with an analysis of East Africa's official integration agenda, its progress and prospects for the future.

As important as the formal talks, were the many moments we had to rekindle old friendships and foster new ones. The Anglo-Omani Society New Generation Group hosted an extremely enjoyable dinner in Pembroke's Great Hall on the Thursday and we were honoured to have so many senior friends of Oman in attendance. Sir David Scholey kindly said a few words on the significance of maintaining our very special friendship into the younger generation of both our countries. It remains for me to thank all of those who worked so hard to make this year's NBOD such a success and we now look forward to the British Delegates visiting Muscat in early 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Oliver Blake". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Oliver" and "Blake" being significantly larger and more stylized.

Oliver Blake
Chairman, NGG



ABDULLAH SAID AL-AJMI

Translator, Sultan Qaboos Higher Centre for Culture and Science

Abdullah graduated from the College of Education, Sultan Qaboos University (SQU), where he specialised in teaching English as a Second Language. Currently a Translator within the Directorate of Planning and Studies with a strong interest in English literature and culture, he has experience in Training for Teaching English as a Second Language at Queensland University, Australia, and has been exposed to different cultures through his work in summer courses, acting, and volunteering in various cultural activities in Oman.



MOATASIM AL-BALUSHI

Corporate Communications Manager, State General Reserve Fund (SGRF)

Moatasim joined SGRF in 2013 prior to which he was the Executive Communications Manager at Oman Petroleum Alliance (OPAL). He began his career at SQU where he worked for the Centre of Educational Technology. In 2007 he was promoted as a Head of the Audio & Video Department. He is an Engineer and Technologist by education, holding a BSc (Hons) degree in Television Technology & Production from Birmingham City University, UK and a High Diploma in Electronics from Muscat College of Technology. He has more than 17 years of experience in Communications, Multimedia, and Broadcasting industries.



ABDULLAH AL-BARWANI

Senior Associate, Trowers & Hamlins

Abdullah is an Omani lawyer with more than 15 years experience in the field. Currently practising in Muscat, he has experience in a variety of corporate, civil, criminal and employment issues. He has advised and represented clients in a range of labour, civil and commercial disputes. He also has a wealth of experience in collective bargaining and trade union issues, and regularly attends the Ministry of Manpower and appears before the Oman Courts.



MOHAMMED AL-GHAREEBI

In-Country Value Manager, Petroleum Development Oman (PDO)

Mohammed joined PDO in 1995 following completion of a BSc degree in Electronics from SQU and an MBA from Hull Business School, UK. He is responsible for maximising local purchases of goods and services, as well as training and creating more jobs for the local workforce to help establish a competitive and sustainable local supplier base. Additionally he works with various public and private stakeholders to ensure alignment of company objectives.



LAMYA HARUB

Research Associate, EUCERS, and PhD candidate, KCL

Lamya is a Research Associate at the European Centre for Energy and Resource Security. She obtained a Master's degree in Middle Eastern and Asian Languages and Cultures from Columbia University (2008), and a Bachelor's degree in International Studies from California State University (2006). Lamya is currently on leave from her diplomatic position in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Oman as First Secretary, where she works closely with the Secretary General for Foreign Affairs on all aspects of diplomacy ranging from political consultations to economic and investment promotions.



NEJOOD AL-KHASIBI

First Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Nejoood obtained a Master's degree in the History of Warfare from the War Studies Department at King's College London (2012), and a Joint Honours Bachelor's degree in International Politics and Sociology from City University London (2011). Nejoood now works in the Office of the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oman. She works with the Secretary General on diverse subjects ranging from political consultations to cultural and academic issues.



HALIMA AL-KINDI

Assistant Manager, Business Planning, Omran

Halima is an assistant manager in Omran's Strategic Planning Division. Prior to this, she formed part of Omran's business development team, who were responsible for evaluating new opportunities for Omran. A graduate of the university of South Australia, Halima began her career as a financial executive in the 'Transaction Real Estate Services' service line of Ernst & Young. She has over six years of experience as a business advisor in the real estate and tourism sectors.



MA'AN AL-RAWAHI

Operations Manager, Bin Salim Enterprises

Ma'an obtained an MSc in Operations Management from Glasgow University. Ma'an has previously worked at Oman Refreshment Company where he was responsible for the logistics and operations of the mineral water brand Aquafina. He is currently working as the Operations Manager for Bin Salim Enterprises, a family based company which is part of Al-Rawahi Holdings. The firm specialises in international agency work for construction & engineering solutions and includes a manufacturing facility for electrical items.



SALEH AL-RAWAHI

Director of Commercial and Economic Affairs, Omani Embassy, Beijing

Saleh is the Director Responsible for Commercial and Economic Affairs at the Omani Embassy in Beijing, China. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2008, where he was responsible for all Friendship Associations and Committees in the Office of the Secretary General. Previously, Saleh worked in his family-owned business, which specialises in the overhauling of gas turbines, supply of generators, compressors and pumps, and air aviation chemicals. He holds an MBA from Bedfordshire University, UK (2012).



HAMED AL-RIYAMI

Business Demand Manager, Bank Muscat

Born in Al Jabal Alakhdar, Hamed has a degree in Business Information Systems from SQU and a Master's of Business Administration (MBA) degree from Hull University and a postgraduate diploma in Project Management from Maastricht School of Management. Hamed worked in the Royal Oman Police for 8 years and he left the police with 1st lieutenant rank by which time he worked in Human Resources Planning and Development. Hamed now works as Business Demand Manager for Bank Muscat.



INTISAR AL-WAHAIBI

Director General, Development Planning Directorate

Intisar graduated from SQU with a BSc in Economics. She joined the Ministry of National Economy in 1999 as a researcher, promoted in 2007 to the position of Director of the Modelling Department and then in 2013 to Director General of the Development Planning Directorate. During her career she has contributed in the preparation and evaluation of Five Year Development Plans, review of the performance of the national economy, competitiveness studies, and preparation of social policy.

Delegates



OLIVER BLAKE

**Director of Operations -Oman,
Charles Kendall**

Born in Oman, Ollie received a first class degree in Politics from Newcastle University. He later commissioned from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst into the Light Dragoons and was subsequently appointed Aide de Camp to Lt General James Everard CBE. Ollie is now the Oman Director of Operations for Charles Kendall and Partners, Trustee of the Anglo-Omani Society and Chairman of the New Generation Group.



YOUSSEF BOULOS

**Senior Lawyer ,
Trowers & Hamlins**

Youssef is a senior lawyer in Trowers & Hamlins' corporate and commercial department having joined the firm in 2005. He acts for a number of Middle East based clients and specialises in mergers and acquisitions, in particular inward investment into the UK, with a keen focus on the real estate and hotel and leisure sectors. Born in Beirut, he spent his early years in Doha before moving to London. After gaining his Biology degree at Imperial College London, Youssef completed his law degree at the College of Law in London. Youssef is also fluent in French and Arabic.



JAMES DE SAVARY

**Entrepreneur,
Napier Parking**

James' investment strategy focuses on the leisure industry, car parking and property. Current leisure projects include a park complex and a commercial fishery. He founded Napier Parking Ltd – a vehicle for the management and ownership of car parks across the UK. James buys and builds car parks in a variety of locations that have the potential for wider long term development and is also involved with a commercial & residential property investment company with various assets including a recycling plant and residential holdings.



TOM FELLOWES

**Regional Director,
Dimensional Fund Advisors**

Tom Fellowes is a regional director within Dimensional's EMEA Financial Adviser Services team, working with advisers to aid the delivery of consistent and successful investment experiences to their clients. In this role, Tom updates financial advisers on capital market research, assists in communicating investment concepts, and consults on asset allocation and business development issues. He holds a bachelor's degree in Economics & Business Management from Newcastle University.



THOMAS KLEMM

**Director, Global Corporate Risk ,
HSBC Holdings**

Thomas graduated in business economics in Germany and has been working in the 'City of London' since 2001 for a number of large international banks. Having joined HSBC in 2007, Thomas is currently a Director in the Global Corporate Risk Management team of HSBC Holdings. His role involves the development of policies and guidelines for global business initiatives, oversight for the quality of the global corporate credit portfolio and assessment of corporate international transactions.



MADELEINE PHIPPS-TAYLOR

Academic Researcher

Madeleine is currently a Harkness Fellow at UC Berkeley in California having been awarded a one year scholarship to undertake research in the USA. She has worked as a Strategy Lead for the Care Quality Commission, the health and care regulator in England; No. 10 Downing Street advising the UK Prime Minister on health and social care policy; the UK's Cabinet Office, implementing Government strategy for delivering better, more efficient public services; and the Boston Consulting Group



KATE PICKARD

**Lead Environmental
Specialist, BP**

Kate is the Environmental Lead for BP's Khazzan development in Oman. She has worked on the project since 2011, managing project environmental engineering and impact assessment, and developing management strategies for material environmental issues. Kate has worked for BP for eight years, and has previously worked on developments in Libya, Algeria and the North Sea. Kate graduated with a degree in biological sciences from the University of Oxford in 2005.



THOMAS ROBINSON

Major, British Army

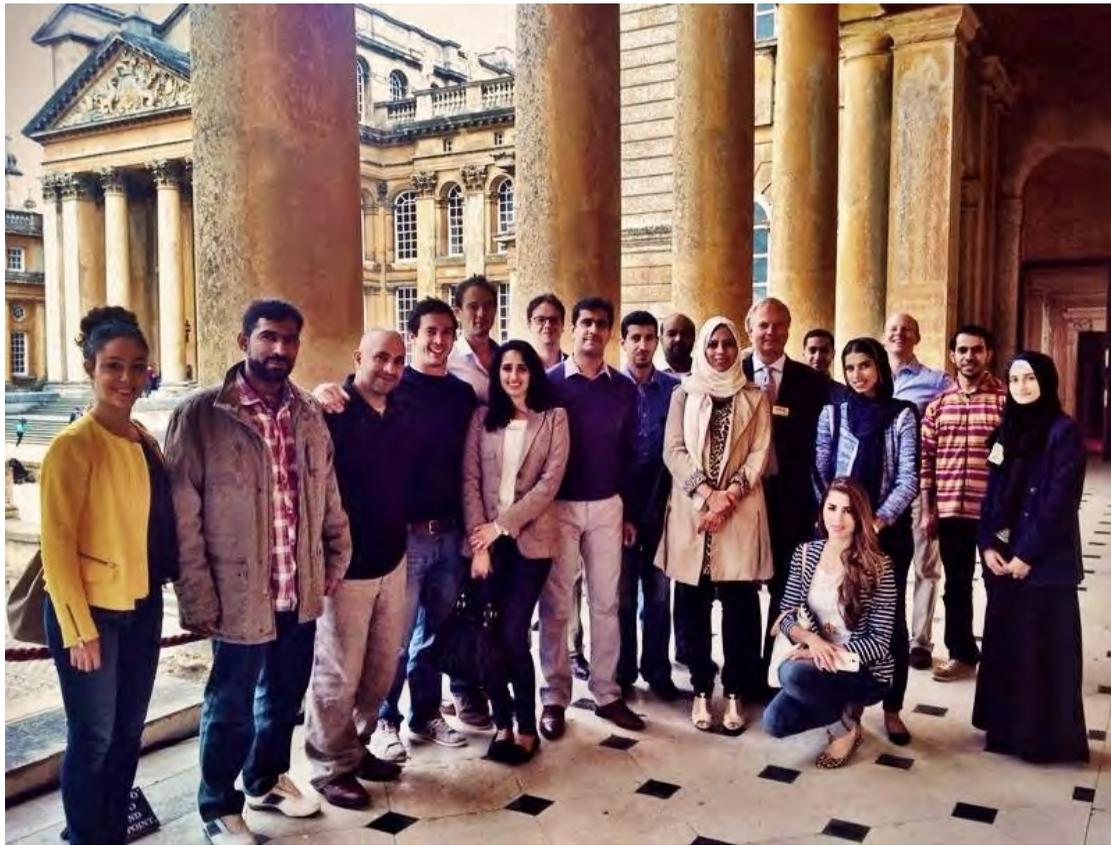
Major Thomas Robinson commissioned into the Light Dragoons in 2002 and spent eight years at Regimental Duty. During this time he was deployed on operations five times, including as an Aide de Camp and as the Regiment's adjutant. He has subsequently attended Staff College and served as a Military Assistant to the Chief of the General Staff. He has now returned to the Light Dragoons, and currently commands C Squadron.



ALEXANDER STEWART

Director, Abercore

Alex has worked as a sugar trader since 2005. He has worked with multi-national food and beverage manufacturers throughout Africa and the Middle East. Alex ran Czarnikow's Indian operations before returning to London to head up its Africa and Middle East business. Alex focuses on the supply of sugar to consumers in the East African Community, the Middle East and Europe. Alex graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography from Durham University.



United Kingdom Visit : 27 - 31 August 2014

Wednesday 27th

- 1905 Omani Delegates Arrive in the UK
- 2100 Delegation Arrives at Pembroke College, Oxford
- 2130 Relaxed Dinner at Local Restaurant

Thursday 28th

- 0830 Breakfast
- 1000 Introduction to NBOD: Oliver Blake, Chairman NGG
- 1015 Dr Cheeseman, Director, African Studies Centre,
Oxford University
- 1115 Coffee Break
- 1145 David Ledesma, Gas & LNG Consultant
- 1245 Lunch
- 1430 Tutu Agyare, Managing Partner, Nubuke Investment
- 1530 Coffee Break
- 1600 Sir Alan Duncan, HMG's Special Envoy to Oman
- 1900 Drinks Reception
- 2000 Dinner in honour of the New British Omani Delegation
Sir David Scholey

Friday 29th

- 0830 Breakfast
- 0930 Tom Stephenson, Former CEO, DAL Group
- 1030 Coffee Break
- 1100 Alastair Newton, Chairman of the Supervisory Board,
African Development Corporation
- 1245 Lunch
- 1400 Hannah Waddilove, Africa Analyst, Oxford Analytica
- 1500 Coffee Break
- 1530 Summary Session, Oliver Blake
- 1900 Relaxed Dinner

Saturday 30th

Cultural Day: Visit to Blenheim Palace

Sunday 31st

Free Day and Omani Delegates Departure



DR NIC CHEESEMAN

Director

African Studies Centre, Oxford University

Dr Nic Cheeseman's research addresses a range of questions such as whether populism is an effective strategy of political mobilization in Africa, how paying tax changes citizens' attitudes towards democracy and corruption, and under which conditions ruling parties lose power. In addition to a number of book chapters and articles, he has published two co-edited collections: *Our Turn To Eat* (2010), which covers the politics of Kenya since independence, and *The Handbook of African Politics* (2013). A monograph, *Democracy in Africa*, will be published by Cambridge University Press in 2014 and a second book, *How to Rig an Election*, is currently under contract with Yale.

Nic spends much of his time explaining the implications of his work to policy makers, including the Cabinet Office, Foreign Office, and the Department for International Development of the UK government, the Instituto Rio Branco of the Brazilian government, the Lagos State Government, the Pan African Parliament, and the World Bank. He is the joint editor of *African Affairs*, an advisor to the African Progress Panel, and a member of the advisory board of the UNICEF Chair on Communication Research (Africa).

Nic delivered an informative and interesting first presentation to the NBOD, focusing on the economics, politics and security of Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania, the East African Community and the regional dynamics.



DAVID LEDESMA

Gas and LNG Consultant

David is an independent gas and LNG consultant focusing on gas and LNG strategy along the value chain. An experienced commercial manager, he has hands-on experience of developing and closing commercial gas transactions as well as developing business strategy.

During thirty years in the energy and utility sector David has worked on the development of complex integrated energy projects, negotiations at government level, and in the management of joint ventures. David is a Senior Research Fellow of the Oxford Institute Energy Studies and is one of the authors for the Institute's book "Natural Gas Markets in the Middle East and North Africa" (2011). In March 2013 David authored a paper "East Africa - Potential for Export". In May 2013 David was appointed as a Non-Executive Director of Pavilion Energy, a subsidiary of the investment firm Temasek Holdings.

David gives numerous commercial training courses on gas and LNG in the UK and overseas, writes on gas and LNG and presents regularly at conferences.

On addressing the NBOD, David looked at the challenges facing Mozambique and Tanzania, which have found huge gas reserves offshore and are looking to develop LNG export projects and domestic gas projects to commercialise the resources, and then related them to similar challenges faced by Oman in the 1990s when it was developing its LNG industry.



TUTU AGYARE

Founder, Nubuke Investments LLP

Tutu Agyare has over 25 years experience in proprietary trading, investment banking, derivatives trading and business management. He is currently the Managing Director of Nubuke Investments LLP, a company solely focused on African investment opportunities, which he founded in 2007. He previously pursued a successful career at UBS investment bank for two decades, where he became head of European, Middle East and African investment.

Today, he is one of a handful of Africans who sit on the board of a FTSE 100 company. Having experienced the best of the South and the West, Agyare uses his experience to navigate his way through what he describes as a rich environment for opportunity.

Tutu has a BSc. (Hons) from the University of Ghana, and was most recently voted one of the 100 most influential Africans by *NewAfrican* magazine.

Tutu's presentation to the NBOD was most useful in highlighting the advantages Africa has to offer to investors, including growth and demographics, land, private consumption, debt release and commodities boom.



RT HON SIR ALAN DUNCAN MP

Government's Special Envoy to Oman

Sir Alan served as Minister of State for International Development from the formation of the Coalition Government from 2010 to 2014. In July 2014 Alan was knighted, becoming a Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George (KCMG). In August 2014, Sir Alan was appointed as the Government's Special Envoy to Yemen and Special Envoy to Oman.

In his new roles, Sir Alan will work to help deliver the government's Yemen Strategy, which includes security, stability and development objectives, and separately, to maintain and further strengthen the UK's strong bilateral relationship with Oman.

The NBOD were privileged to have a round table discussion with Sir Alan Duncan in what was his first official engagement in his new role. The discussion addressed UK politics and foreign policy, and the relationship between the UK and the Middle East.



Speakers



TOM STEPHENSON

Former CEO, DAL Group

Tom has spent the last four years as CEO of DAL Group, a US\$1.2 billion, 6200 person, privately held, Agri-food and Dealership conglomerate based in Khartoum, Sudan. Immediately prior to this he was Group Director of Revenue Management at Avis Europe where he led the transformation of the Group's Revenue management practices, impacting the core operations of over 800 rental stations across Europe. His early career included six years with Barclays Bank in London and New York; four years with GE Capital; and four years as a founder of a successful start-up. Tom was born in Africa, raised in Asia and has worked across Europe, the USA, Africa and the Middle-East. He has a degree in Economics and International Relations and an MBA from INSEAD.

The NBOD benefited from Tom's vast management experiences of doing business in the horn of Africa and his fascinating insight into business practices in the region, including looking at the business case, raising money, the search for talent, dealing with government, the importance of logistics, and other real and practical questions with useful examples.



ALASTAIR NEWTON

**Chairman of the Supervisory Board
African Development Corporation**

Alastair Newton has been chairman of the supervisory board of African Development Corporation, the German-listed pan-African banking group, since January 2013. He first joined the board in 2008. Additionally, he has been working as a political analyst in the City of London since 2005, currently with Nomura International plc. Previously, Alastair spent 20 years as a career diplomat with the British Diplomatic Service. He served in sub-Saharan Africa, Paris (at the OECD) and the US. In London, he worked in intelligence co-ordination, policy planning and economic relations, as well as running the Prime Minister's G7/8 team from 1998 to 2000. He was on secondment from the Diplomatic Service to Lehman Brothers from 2000 to 2002.

Alastair is immediate past-President of the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies and was awarded the 2013 BRISMES Award.

In his conversation with the NBOD Delegates, Alastair focused on the macroeconomic background of Sub-Saharan Africa and provided an overview of banking operations, financial relationships, and investment opportunities in the region. He finished his session commenting on the political risks in the Gulf and the wider region.



HANNAH WADDILOVE

Analyst, Oxford Analytica

Hannah is responsible for Oxford Analytica's coverage of sub-Saharan Africa, particularly East Africa, the Horn and the Great Lakes regions, and Nigeria. She also works closely with Oxford Analytica clients on a range of bespoke consultancy projects, including long-range Africa scenarios, hydrocarbons in East Africa, and the future of cities.

Hannah has lived and worked in Kenya, during which time she travelled and worked across East Africa, including in South Sudan and Uganda. Before joining Oxford Analytica, she worked in the political risk consulting industry in London, advising mainly insurance and energy sector clients. Hannah has also worked with research organisations such as the British Institute in Eastern Africa and the Rift Valley Institute, leading and conducting various social and political field research projects in Kenya and South Sudan. She holds an MSc ('Distinction') in African Studies from the University of Oxford and a BA ('Distinction') in English Literature from the University of Sussex.

Hannah delivered an excellent closing session to the NBOD Symposium with an analysis of East Africa's official integration agenda, its progress and prospects for the future.

"A *fascinating insight* into the potential opportunities in what is still a relatively untapped emerging market – this latest NBOD event has given us a *real and practical* overview on how to invest in the EAC and wider East African region."

Youssef Boulos

"While East Africa is quickly attracting businesses worldwide, this region is historically linked to Oman and these cultural and historical ties can be extremely beneficial to the projected economic opportunities.

The presented papers perfectly covered the East Africa investment angles, and both the seminar and the other events and activities were all extremely well-organised, to the great benefit of all delegates."

Hamed Al Riyami

"The sessions have underlined the vast experience we, as Omanis, have as a result of our emerging economy and the development in both our public and private sectors under the wise guidance of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said".

Halima Al Kindi

"The three days spent in Oxford have been an excellent exercise to strengthen our INTERNATIONAL NETWORK. We very much look forward to returning their hospitality when the British delegates visit Oman in 2015."

Abdullah Al Ajmi

"Another exciting and educational get together with what now already feels like old friends"

Thomas Klemm



Testimonials

“The New British Omani Delegation on their third visit discovered VALUABLE OPPORTUNITIES in various East African industries. The CONSTRUCTIVE and INFORMATIVE lectures enabled the NBOD delegates to further highlight the MUTUAL BENEFITS for Oman and the UK to cooperate and invest in East Africa.”

Lamya Harub

“Joining the New Generation Group for the 2014 delegation to Oxford and taking part in the conference focusing on the emerging importance of East Africa, proved to be a great forum for both the British and Omani delegates to engage in a range of debates from Economics to Politics with renowned speakers.

Not only did we have the opportunity to gain crucial knowledge from specialists with first-hand experience, but we also had the privilege to enjoy all that Oxford University had to offer the New Generation Group.”

Nejood Al-Khasibi

“Looking at East Africa allowed both the Omani and British delegates to bring their separate histories in this area to really develop our mutual understanding.

It was also a fantastic opportunity to renew and strengthen our friendships.”

Tom Robinson

“The NBOD programme provides delegates with excellent experience and knowledge that generates a thirst for further involvement with the New Generation Group. As a result of this year's visit to Oxford, I gained a valuable awareness of international markets and trade through exposure to the current economic climate of East Africa.”

Ma'an Al Rawahy





Achievements

Future decision-makers of Oman and the UK's public and private sectors spent quality time together, exchanging
KNOWLEDGE, IDEAS and ASPIRATIONS.

Anglo-Omani Friendships

The introduction
of **NEW
DELEGATES**
encouraged new
Anglo-Omani friendships.

The two-day symposium prompted
focused discussions on East African
regional **POLITICS, ECONOMICS** and
COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES.

In-depth Discussions

Investment Opportunities

Delegates were able to identify and compare the various
BENEFITS and **CHALLENGES** of investing in Uganda,
Mozambique, Tanzania, Kenya, North and South Sudan.

Omani Expertise

Delegates
explored how
Oman can
ADVISE and **PARTNER**
with East African
countries as they convert
oil into opportunities for
wider development.

**A FORMAL
DINNER** brought
together individuals
spanning **THREE
GENERATIONS**, all in
support of the Anglo-Omani
friendship.

Multiple Generations

Delegates not only gained a
greater cultural
**AWARENESS OF ONE
ANOTHER**, but also an
understanding and
cultural awareness of
operations in East Africa.

Cultural Awareness



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Thanks to our speakers today: Dr Nic Cheeseman, David Ledesma, Tutu Aygare, Sir Alan Duncan for their inspirational presentations & answers Expand

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The younger Anglo-Omani members are represented by the New Generation Group (NGG). Oliver Blake, Chairman of the NGG, gives an introduction.

The New Generation Group

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During his speech, which was Sir Alan's first official meeting in his new role, he commented on the aims of the delegation. "The linking of young professionals between our two countries is enormously valuable as it brings together the future decision makers of both our countries. I've been enormously impressed with the calibre of the delegates who will no doubt be very significant in their own chosen fields in both Oman and in the United Kingdom. So what we have here is the beginning of many decades of friendship and association which will continue to bind our two countries together."

Building on our inaugural delegations to Muscat and London in 2013, the Omani delegates were received and hosted by their British counterparts who were also attendees at the two day symposium this August. Combining young potential business leaders, politicians and diplomats of the future, the delegation presented the opportunity to renew old friendships, exchange ideas and develop new opportunities.

Day one of the seminar provided a socio-economic background of East Africa, exploring regional dynamics and the impact of politics upon the business framework of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. This set the foundation for viewing the major opportunities available and covered the challenges of business investment in the region. The sessions during the second day took a more practical perspective incorporating experiences of businesses already operating in the region and the obstacles they had overcome whilst establishing and growing market share of their products and services.

Talking about the relevancy of the seminar, one of the young delegates, Halima Al Kindi said, "Through these talks we explored many ideas and developed an understanding of the investment opportunities available in East Africa. The sessions have also underlined the vast experience we, as Omanis, have as a result of our exploring economy and our journey of development in both our public and private sectors under the wise guidance of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said. This knowledge puts us in a strong position to evaluate, contribute to and potentially invest in this increasingly important part of the world."

The Chairman of the Anglo-Omani New Generation Group, Oliver Blake said, "The aim of the delegation is first and foremost to maintain our historic friendship into the younger generations of both our countries. These annual gatherings are also an excellent opportunity to explore new areas for further cooperation and investment in East Africa, strengthening our international network. We very much look forward to returning their hospitality when the British delegates visit Oman in 2015."

AME Info

Abdullah Al Ajmi of the Diwan of Royal Court New Generation Group has introduced us to our British programme. It has offered up some fascinating insights into what has driven a cultural and socio-economic perspective. Our British friends have shared their expertise with us and in doing so, they have added additional value and insight to a very valuable subject. The last three days has also been an excellent exercise in strengthening our international network. We very much look forward to returning their hospitality when the British delegates visit Oman in 2015."

Al Shabiba

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OMAN Omani scholars discuss ties at Oxford University seminar

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The Omani delegates were received and hosted by their British counterparts - Supplied photo

Muscat: As part of the second annual visit of the Anglo-Omani Society, the New British Omani delegation comprising 12 young Omanis from a variety of public and private sector organisations visited Oxford University's famous Pembroke College for a two-day seminar.

Focusing on investment opportunities in East Africa, the seminar consisted of a series of briefings and insights delivered by leading British scholars, members of the international business community and political analysts. The seminar concluded with a speech by Sir Alan Duncan, recently appointed the British Prime Minister's Special Envoy to Oman.

At the event, which was also Sir Alan's first in his new role, he commented on the aims of the delegation. "The linking of young professionals of our two countries is enormously valuable as it brings together the future decision makers of both countries. I've been enormously impressed with the calibre of the delegates who will no doubt be very significant in their own chosen fields in both Oman and in the United Kingdom," he said.

Building on the visits of the inaugural delegation in 2013, the Omani delegates were received and hosted by their British counterparts who were also attendees at the two-day symposium this August. Combining young potential business leaders, politicians and diplomats of the future, the delegation presented the opportunity to renew old friendships, exchange ideas and develop new opportunities.

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Through these talks we explored many ideas and developed an understanding of the investment opportunities available in East Africa. This knowledge puts us in a strong position to evaluate, contribute and potentially invest in this increasingly important part of the world.

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The Way Forward

The Al Jil Al Jadid board continues to meet each month in Muscat for our strategy talk series with an address from either a Minister or a CEO on Oman's momentum and national development.

Strategy Talk Series

Each year, impressive new delegates will be invited to join the NBOD to ensure we continually widen our pool of friendship and co-operation.

New Delegates

Our quarterly networking events are growing in Muscat allowing NBOD to bring together a wider cross section of dynamic and influential young decision makers from across Oman's public and private sectors.

Networking Events

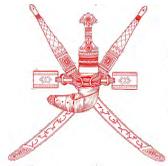
NBOD 2015

Plans are underway for the NBOD 2015, which will be hosted in Muscat in January.

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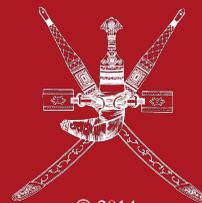
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