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Energy and Technology: An Efficient Future  
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# Foreword

The NGG were privileged to host our 6th Anglo-Omani Delegation in Muscat this year looking at the theme of Energy and Technology: An Efficient Future. As the low oil price environment continues to catalyse new solutions to lowering costs and diversifying revenues, this Delegation sought to explore the role of technology in reducing personal, commercial and national overheads. Both days were opened by senior diplomats, HE Dr Mohammed Al-Hassan, the MFA Undersecretary for Diplomatic Affairs and HMA Hamish Cowell from the British Embassy underlining the strategic relevance of this topic to the future of Oman.



During two fascinating days of presentations, conversations and discussions we covered the economic theory of technology and efficiency and debated various policy implications, technical feasibilities and behavioural change. We heard from a wide range of subject matter experts and international industry leaders including the Undersecretary of Oil and Gas, HE Salim al Aufi and David Eyton, BP's Global Head of Technology. The Delegation ended with a formal dinner attended by many Ministers, CEOs, AOS Members and friends who all play a major role in maintaining our deep and historical Anglo-Omani friendship. A huge thanks to our sponsors, BP, who continue to support these key events. We look forward to the 2019 Delegation which will be held in Oxford.

Oliver Blake  
Chairman, NGG UK

Ma'an Hamad Al-Rawahi  
Chairman, NGG Oman



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# Programme

## 2018 New Generation Group Delegation, Muscat, 12th-16th January Energy and Technology: An Efficient Future

### Friday 12th January

19:55 Arrival of British Delegates in Muscat

### Saturday 13th January

15:00 Tour of National Museum, Muscat

17:00 Walk along the Muscat Corniche

19:00 Dinner at Bait al-Luban

### Sunday 14th January

09:00 **HE Mohammed Al-Hassan, Acting Undersecretary of Diplomatic Affairs** 'Formal Introduction'

10:30 **HE Salim Al-Aufi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Oil and Gas** 'Energy Efficiency and its Future Role in Oman'

12:00 **David Eyton, BP Group Head of Technology** 'Energy Futures: A Technology Outlook'

14:30 **Dr Abdullah Al-Abri, In Country Value Technical Lead, Petroleum Development Oman,** 'Energy Development Oman and the Future'

16:00 **Talal Hasan, Lead and Commercial Manager, Innovation Development Oman** 'Beyond Oil and Gas: An Introduction to IDO Investments'

**Dr Ahmed Shahrabani, Co-Founder, Locum's Nest** 'Using Technology to Revolutionise the Workforce: The Case of the NHS in Britain.'

19:00 **Dinner hosted by Al-Yousef Group at Ubhar**

### Monday 15th January

09:00 **HE Hamish Cowell CMG, Her Majesty's Ambassador to Oman** 'Formal Introduction'

10:30 **John Cunneen, Former Executive Director, Authority for Electricity Regulation Oman** 'The Economic Potential of Renewables in Oman'

12:00 **Dr Firas Al-Abduwani, CEO of HTC** 'Solar PV Market Overview in the Sultanate of Oman - A local SME Perspective'

**Dr Michael Tsang, CEO of Three Pillars** 'Providing Training in Solar Technology for a Sustainable Future'

15:00 **Peter Robertson, Global Sales Director, OAIRO** 'Energy Efficiency for Human Well-Being'

16:30 Closing remarks from **NGG Chairmen Ma'an Al-Rawahi and Oliver Blake**

19:00 **Gala Dinner at the InterContinental Hotel**

### Tuesday 16th January

14:00 Departure of British Delegates for London

# Omani Delegates

## Sheikh Ma'an Hamad Al-Rawahi DGM, Bin Salim Enterprises and NGG Oman Chairman

Sheikh Ma'an Hamad Al-Rawahi holds an MSc in Operations Management from Glasgow Caledonian University. He began his career in the Oman Refreshment Company "Pepsi" where he worked across a range of functions from Production to Supply Chain Management. Ma'an now works for his family group, Al Rawahi Holdings as the General Manager responsible for agency partnerships within Bin Salim Enterprises. Ma'an was appointed Chairman of the Oman New Generation Group in January 2015.



## Dr Lamya Harub Head of the Executive Office and Board Secretary of Oman Oil Company

Lamya recently obtained a doctorate in the Political Economy of Energy Security from the Department of War Studies at King's College London. During this time, Lamya was a Visiting Scholar at Columbia University, New York and a Research Associate at the European Centre for Energy and Resource Security in London. She also obtained a BA and MA Hons from Columbia University. Lamya held the position of First Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs working for nine years directly with the Secretary General on diplomatic, political and economic issues.



## Abdullah Said Al-Ajmi Translator, Sultan Qaboos Higher Centre for Culture and Science

Abdullah graduated from the College of Education, SQU, Oman, 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.



## Mohammed Al-Issaei First Follow-up Administrator, Office of the Chief of Royal Protocol, Diwan of Royal Court

Mohammed obtained a BA in Business Administration from the Gulf College in Oman and continued his studies to receive an MBA from Edinburgh Napier University in Scotland. He joined the Diwan Royal Court in 2013 where he works in the Office of the Chief of Royal Protocol. Mohammed works closely in coordinating high level visits to the Sultanate and organizing local and international events in relation to the Diwan and the Palace.



## Miad Al-Balushi Senior Marketing and Promotion Specialist, Research Council of Oman

Miad has worked for the Government of Oman for 10 years in the areas of social development, international relations, and research public policy. She currently works for the Council of Oman and is responsible for developing and implementing strategies for promoting Omani government initiatives in the area of research. Miad is a Fulbright Alumni with degrees from Oman and the USA. She is also an active member of civil society in Oman; in 2009 she contributed to the creation of an Omani Women's Day and co-founded a youth-led campaign named '2010 Omani Women' that highlighted women's contributions to Omani society.



## Mohammed Al-Ghareebi In-Country Value Manager, Petroleum Development Oman

Mohammed joined PDO in 1995 following completion of a BSc Hons in Electronics from SQU, Oman, 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.



## 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 where she was 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.



## Leyan Al-Mawali Legal Counsel, Oman Power and Water Procurement Company

Leyan qualified as a solicitor in the Queensland Supreme Court, Australia. She started her career as a Corporate Lawyer at Trowers & Hamlins, advising international and Oman-based clients in relation to corporate and commercial law issues, including joint ventures, acquisitions and restructuring, commercial property and agency law. In 2014, Leyan joined Oman Power and Water Procurement Company as an in-house legal counsel and has been primarily involved in advising the company on the procurement of water and power from IPP, IWP and IWPPs. In addition, she is part of the project team responsible for the development and implementation of the new electricity spot market in Oman.



## Hamed Al-Riyami Business Demand Manager, Bank Muscat

Hamed has a BSc Hons in Business Information Systems from SQU, Oman, and an MBA from Hull University, UK, and a postgraduate Diploma in Project Management from Maastricht School of Management, The Netherlands. Hamed worked in the Royal Oman Police for 8 years and left with the rank of 1st Lieutenant, by which time he worked in Human Resources Planning and Development. Hamed now works as a Business Demand Manager for Bank Muscat.



## Badar Al-Harthy Base Management Team leader, Khazzan, BP

Badar has a Bsc degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Manchester and a Msc in Petroleum Engineering - Heriot Watt University. He has worked in the oil and gas industry for more than a decade, ultimately gaining experience in the technical evaluation of gas condensate fields in Oman as well as growing leadership skills. He began his career working as a Reservoir Engineer in Saih Rawl, Kauther, Fakhr, Harmal and Khazzan fields, which are the backbone of Oman gas production, fueling the country for its power requirements and LNG plant. Currently, he holds the role of Base Management Team Leader with an accountability to manage the team responsible in delivering Khazzan gas production plan.



## Moatasm Al-Balushi Corporate Communications Manager, State General Reserve Fund (SGRF)

Moatasm joined the SGRF in 2013 prior to which he was the Executive Communications Manager at Oman Society for Petroleum Services. He began his career at SQU as Head of the Audio & Video Department, Centre of Educational Technology. He holds a BSc Hons in Television Technology & Production from Birmingham City University, UK, and a High Diploma in Electronics from Muscat College of Technology. He has over 17 years of experience in communications, multimedia and broadcasting.



## Nejood Al-Khasibi First Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Nejood obtained an MA Hons in the History of Warfare from the War Studies Department at King's College London, UK, and a BA Hons in International Politics and Sociology from City University London, UK. Nejood 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.



## Hadil Al-Moosa PhD Candidate, University of Bedfordshire

Hadil comes with a journalist background and worked as a TV anchor on the National News on Oman's TV; her work experience is in Omani labour issues and industrial relations in Oman. She holds a BA in Mass Communication (SQU), Msc in HRM from University of Stirling, Scotland, and is currently pursuing her PhD at University of Bedfordshire. Hadil also works for the Ministry of Manpower in Oman.



## Bushra Al-Maskari Senior Policy and Strategy Specialist at the Authority for Electricity Regulation

Bushra assists the Executive Director on various strategic initiatives and implementation of government policies. Her responsibilities include advising on policies that influence the electricity sector; leading the Authority's initiatives and responsibilities on energy efficiency; managing the oversight of I(W)PP competitions done by OPWP and evaluating renewable energy projects and policies. Bushra graduated from the University of Oxford with a Masters in Public Policy. Prior to that, she obtained a Bachelor's degree in Business Law from Monash University, Melbourne, with minors in Economics and Econometrics.



# UK Delegates

## Oliver Blake Director Blake & Co and Chairman of NGG UK

Oliver Blake is the Chairman of the Anglo-Omani New Generation Group in the UK, a founding Director of Blake Evans & Co and he sits on the Al Jil al Jadid Board. Born in Muscat, Oliver was educated in Scotland and spent much of his youth growing up in the Middle East. He read Politics at Newcastle University and went on to commission from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst into the Light Dragoons. On leaving the army, he joined Charles Kendall and Partners where he was the Oman Director of Operations. In 2017, he graduated with a Master of Public Policy from Oxford University, a unique course that gathered 120 policy practitioners from across 70 different countries.



## Elisabeth Simpson Client Banking Manager – Middle East, Coutts & Co.

Elisabeth is a Client Banking Manager at Coutts & Co. and is responsible for the private banking and wealth management needs of a book of HNW private clients from across the Middle East. Since joining Coutts in 2015, she has worked in the International Department to support the financial requirements of clients from across the Levant and the GCC. Elisabeth is also a New Generation Group Board Member and an active member of the Anglo-Omani Society; she has participated in delegations both in the UK and Oman and in 2015 received a grant from the Society to conduct primary research into interfaith relations in the Sultanate. Elisabeth holds a 1st class Masters degree in Islamic Studies from the University of Edinburgh and was invited as a guest speaker to the LSE Grimshaw Club International Summer Academy 2016.



## Sandie McKenzie Deputy Head GREAT Campaign Team - FCO

Sandie joined the FCO as a communications specialist, after working in public relations for big brands such as Coca Cola and Royal Caribbean. She has worked on a wide variety of FCO campaigns and strategic communication projects, ranging from the Supporting Syria conference at the height of the refugee crisis, to EU reform. She is now Deputy Head of the GREAT Britain campaign team at the FCO, a campaign which aims to inspire the world to think differently about the UK, in order to encourage them to visit, to study, and do business with us. Sandie oversees and coordinates projects across the FCO's networks of embassies, helping them to exploit opportunities that deliver jobs and growth for Britain through GREAT.



## Sarica Breeze BSc Middle Eastern Studies and Psychology, University of Exeter

Sarica is currently on placement with the Omani British Friendship Association (OBFA), an organisation promoting bilateral trade between Oman and the UK. She recently helped to organise talks on training and development, and is in the process of setting up an internship scheme for Omanis to gain work experience in the UK. Other duties include website design and collaborating with both Omani and British businesses in Muscat, with a view to identifying the best areas for UK companies to work in. OBFA aims to encourage inward investment in Oman and help UK companies set up here, as well as running events for OBFA's Oman-based members.



## Tom Robinson Lieutenant Colonel, British Army

Tom was commissioned into the British Army in 2001 and as a Junior Officer served on numerous operational tours in the Middle East and Afghanistan. After attending Staff College he served as a Military Assistant to the Chief of the General Staff and then went on to command a Squadron in the Light Dragoons during which he deployed with his Squadron on partnered training in Morocco and Tunisia. He is currently serving on the Army's Advanced Development Programme and studying for an MBA before moving to command the Light Dragoons in 2019.



## Rocío Corrales Rayon NGG Board Member

Rocío is a board member of the New Generation Group and worked as the Anglo-Omani Society's Events and Project Manager for over three years. Previously, she assisted with cultural events and communications at the Embassy of Spain to Qatar. A professional in International Relations specialising in the MENA region, Rocío has a strong focus on intercultural dialogue and exchange for mutual understanding and has been a delegate to several international initiatives aimed at young influence-makers in Lebanon, Oman, UAE and Qatar. She holds a BA in Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies from the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid and was awarded a 'la Caixa' fellowship to pursue an MSc in International Politics at SOAS, University of London.



## Harry Leverment Strategic Communications Manager No.10 & Cabinet Office

Harry joined the Civil Service in 2012 as an Assistant Project Manager for the British Business Embassy (BBE) during the London Olympic & Paralympic Games. Harry then spent two years at UK Trade & Investment, leading on commercial sponsorship agreements with FTSE 100 companies for the GREAT Festival of Creativity in Shanghai. More recently, Harry has been working for the GREAT Britain campaign. Working from No. 10 and the Foreign Office he has led global partnership campaigns with the Red Arrows, the Premier League, and the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race. He also spearheaded the communications for the GREAT campaign at British House in Rio 2016, Team GB and the Government's home away from home whilst in Brazil.



## Nick Durrans Consultant in PwC's Portfolio and Programme Management (PPM) practice.

Nick joined PwC after a successful career in the British Army in operational leadership roles; since joining PwC he has specialised in Portfolio and Programme Management. His work has included the management and organisation of complex global programmes, sector specific transformational change programmes as well as leading complex inter-agency and multinational operations overseas. Nick has a passion for leading complex and large scale transformations and has strong expertise in running Programme Offices. He is skilled in stakeholder management and has routinely briefed, both orally and in report form, at board and ministerial level. Nick is a Chartered Manager, qualified in Managing Successful Programmes methodology and holds an MBA from a Financial Times rated top 15 business school.



## Oliver Ramsay Gray BA History and Arabic Language, University of Oxford

Oliver Ramsay Gray is a History student at Oxford University and is currently on an Arabic study abroad programme at the Qasid Institute in Amman, Jordan. His studies have covered a wide range of the Middle East and North Africa, with a particular focus on the Levant and the Arabian Peninsula. He has been the Events Co-ordinator for the Oxford Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies Forum (OxGAPS) since November 2015 and has previously worked as Editor of Lighthouse, the Oxford International Relations Society journal.



## Joanne McDonald Vice President of Communications and External Affairs for BP's Middle East Region

Joanne is Vice President of Communications and External Affairs for BP's Middle East region. Joanne has over 20 years experience in communications and external affairs in the oil and gas industry working for BP. Most recently she was Head of Communications for BP in Australia and New Zealand. Prior to that Joanne has held various roles covering external communications, issues management, government relations, crisis communications, brand and change communications. Joanne ran BP's Upstream Executive Office for Bernard Looney during his time as Chief Operating Officer for Upstream and supported a range of activities involving BP's Board, Executive and Regional businesses. Joanne has a degree in Business from the Robert Gordon University.



## Michael Dobbin Major Mike Dobbin DSO MC

Major Mike Dobbin is currently working within the Ministry of Defence as a Staff Officer responsible for Force Development and Innovation, looking to deliver novel and timely solutions from a collaboration of sources: traditional industry, startup technology companies, academia and international partners. Mike read Economics at the University of Cambridge before attending the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in 2007. He was commissioned into the Grenadier Guards and served multiple operational tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. In 2016, Mike spent a year working alongside the UK Defence Attachés on the Arabian Peninsula.



## Gareth Stevens Director Trade & Investment, British Embassy Muscat

Gareth graduated from the University of Southampton with a Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering. From 2004 Gareth worked for the UK Ministry of Defence in a broad range of roles spanning defence exports, bilateral and multilateral international relations and security policy, and procurement. Gareth was posted to the Defence Section in the British Embassy Washington from 2009 – 2010, and most recently was Chief of Staff to the UK MoD's Chief Scientist. In his current post in the British Embassy Muscat, Gareth leads a high performing team focused on helping and supporting UK companies to win export contracts, and more generally to be successful operating in Oman; within which context, Gareth is the sector lead for Defence and Security exports.



## Maciej Kuziemski Policy Entrepreneur

Maciej Kuziemski is a policy entrepreneur interested in the governance of emerging technologies. Currently in EU, he is examining policy frameworks and institutional responses supporting the development of beneficial AI. Previously, Kuziemski headed a multi-stakeholder policy-network, managed democracy assistance programs in Burma and served as an advisor to the cabinet minister and member of the parliament. He received a Masters in Public Policy from the University of Oxford, a BA in Politics from the University of Warsaw, and is the recipient of the John Lewis Fellowship and Atlantic Council Millennium Fellowship. Kuziemski sits on the boards of a nonprofit publishing house Res Publica, and a social enterprise Kuchnia Konfliktu. His columns have been published by Project Syndicate, Eurozine, Quartz and Gazeta Wyborcza.





“From start to finish, the delegation captured the imagination and was an ideal platform to discuss ideas honestly and openly with some of the key decision makers from the Omani Government and with the British delegation as well. The content and the speakers throughout the two days were excellent and BP even provided one of their global experts in technology. As someone coming at this not knowing what to expect, I now couldn’t recommend the NGG’s function and remit highly enough.”

**Harry Leverment**





"The Energy and Technology Workshop highlighted the importance of reducing dependence on traditional sources and moving towards alternative energy options (like solar and wind) in order to pave the path for a sustainable future in Oman. This will only happen when all energy entities in Oman are coordinated under one institution and through a national energy policy."

**Dr Lamya Harub**



"An energetic and insightful delegation thanks to the fantastic range of speakers, and bright and ambitious delegates."

**Sandie McKenzie**





# Speakers



HE Mohammed Al-Hassan  
**Acting Undersecretary for Diplomatic Affairs**

HE Mohammed Al-Hassan has over 28 years of work experience in the diplomatic corps and was previously the Ambassador of Oman to the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Belarus, Armenia and Moldova. He holds a PhD in Economics from Moscow State University, a M.S. in International Relations from St. John's University, New York and a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Washington, Seattle. HE also received a number of awards and titles during his career which include Honorary Professor at Belgorod State Institute of Arts and Culture (2012), Medal of "Peace Maker", Russian Federation (2011), Honorary Member and Academician of the International Academy of Philanthropy (2011), Recipient of Pope Paul VI Scholarship (1996) and the City of Hiroshima Honorary Citizenship Award (1989). HE has also represented the Sultanate of Oman at various regional and international conferences.

HE Salim Nasser Al-Aufi  
**Undersecretary of the Ministry of Oil and Gas**

HE Salim Al-Aufi is a graduate of Heriot-Watt University with Master's Degree in Petroleum Engineering. He joined Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) in 1992 and progressed within the organization in different technical and leadership capacities to become the North Oman Director in 2010. Throughout his career Salim held different local and international posts, including head of corporate planning, chief petroleum engineering and operation manager roles. During his period with PDO, Salim was posted to work for Shell Nigeria as Petroleum Engineer and Asset Planner and also to Shell Canada as the VP of Production. Salim was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer for the Public Authority for Civil Aviation in 2012 and in 2013 he was appointed as the Undersecretary for the Ministry of Oil & Gas.



# Speakers



David Eyton  
**Group Head of Technology in BP**

As the Group Head of Technology, David is accountable for technology strategy and its implementation across BP, and conducting research and development in areas of corporate renewal. Prior to this, David was BP's Exploration and Production (E&P) Group Vice President for Technology. David joined BP in 1982 from Cambridge University with an Engineering degree. During his early career, he held a number of Petroleum Engineering, Commercial and Business Management positions. David is also a fellow of the UK Royal Academy of Engineering, Institute of Materials, Minerals & Mining and Institute of Directors.

Dr Abdullah holds a doctorate degree in Petroleum Engineering with Business from Curtin University of Technology, Australia. Abdullah stated his career as a Lecturer in the Central Institute of Technology teaching courses in Production Technology, Reservoir Engineering, and Field Appraisal and Economics. Abdullah joined Woodside Energy in 2008 to work on field developments and economics. Abdullah moved to Petroleum Development Oman in April 2011 where he was responsible for field developments, business planning as well as the technical, transactional and transformational aspects of projects. Abdullah has assumed the role of Technical Lead in September 2015 to support the development of R&D and innovation as well as technical ICV incorporation into the business portfolio.

Dr Abdullah Al-Abri  
**ICV Technical Lead**



Dr Ahmed Shahrabani  
**Co-Founder Locum's Nest**

Dr Ahmed Shahrabani is an Omani qualified Medical Doctor and Co-Founder of Locum's Nest. He graduated from the Sheffield University in 2014 and has worked in hospitals across London and Surrey. Growing up in Oman, Ahmed was 1 of 18 individuals selected from around the world to partake in 'Connecting Cultures' - a UNESCO culture-bridging program. It was there where he found his passion for discussion and problem solving which he has carried through in his day-to-day work. Having worked in a multitude of medical and surgical specialties from the ground level up, the problems the NHS are facing have been made clear to him. His belief in streamlining recruitment, communication and technology are the driving forces behind Locum's Nest.



# Speakers



Talal Hasan

## **Legal & Commercial Manager - IDO Investments**

Talal is the Legal and Commercial Manager of IDO Investments, Oman's first venture capital investment company. By background, Talal is a corporate lawyer with a wide range of international experience, mostly in corporate, commercial, and M&A transactional work. Talal has worked on a broad range of transactions in various sectors with a strong focus on technology and new ventures. Outside of the office, Talal enjoys assisting budding entrepreneurs with their ideas and also has a passion for the environment and green technologies.

HE Hamish Cowell CMG

## **Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman**

Joining the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) in 1987, Hamish has spent much of his career on Middle East and North African issues, including as Deputy Head of Mission in Tehran from 1992 to 1994 and Head of the Political and Economic Section in Cairo from 1996 to 1999. He also worked closely on North Africa and Middle East issues when posted to the UK Representation to the EU in Brussels from 2001 to 2004, and the British Embassy in Paris from 2004 to 2009. Other postings include Sri Lanka, an attachment to the UK Mission to the UN in New York, and a secondment to the International Institute for Strategic Studies. Among his positions in London, he has served as the Foreign Secretary's Speechwriter (1999-2000), in the Prime Minister's Press Office (2000) and as Private Secretary to Minister of State Jeremy Browne MP (2010-11). After heading the Libya Crisis Unit from August 2011, his last position in London was Head of the FCO's North Africa Department.



John Cunneen

## **Former Executive Director Authority for Electricity Regulation Oman**

After 3 years at the Royal Academy of Music in London, a career change in 1991 led John to the UK Government Economic Service, first with the Energy Department of the Scottish Office and subsequently the Office of Electricity Regulation (Scotland). He moved to Abu Dhabi in 1999 to help establish a new regulatory authority and support electricity and water sector reform. In 2001 he moved to Oman to support electricity sector reform and establish the Authority for Electricity Regulation, Oman to which he was appointed founding Executive Director and Member in 2004. John supported the Clean Energy Business Council, MENA as a Non-Executive Director, continues to advise Oman authorities such as the Supreme Council for Planning on economic policy and regulation, and gives occasional lectures at University College London.

# Speakers



Dr Michael Tsang

**CEO Three Pillars Oman and Co-Founder of Shams Global Solutions**

Dr Tsang is the Owner and Principal Consultant at Three Pillars Consulting, an environmental and sustainability services company based in Oman. He has focused on the risks associated with, and the benefits offered by, emerging technologies to society, such as renewable energies and biofuels. Dr. Tsang is also the co-founder and COO of Shams Global Solutions, a leading solar photovoltaic technical training company in Oman. Prior to starting Three Pillars Consulting and Shams Global Solutions, Dr. Tsang was a contract-consultant to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Engineer Research and Development Center, in the department of Risk and Decision Sciences. His other professional experiences include several years as a research fellow at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C, a Ph.D. on the topic of Eco-Design of Third Generation Photovoltaic Solar Cells from the University of Bordeaux, and a current visiting lecturer at the German University of Technology in Oman. Dr. Tsang also graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of California, San Diego and a Master's degree in Environmental Public Health from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Dr Firas Al-Abduwani

**Founder and CEO of Hussam Technology Company (HTC)**

Dr Firas has over 10 years of experience in building, developing and leading teams along a clear strategic vision with emphasis on adding value and competitiveness to Oman. HTC, under Firas's leadership has achieved multiple firsts including: 1st distributed WiFi and mesh deployments, 1st TRA approved FSO and MMW installer, 1st TRA approved oilfield communication network and DWDM links in the Sultanate. Furthermore, HTC delivered Oman's first AER-compliant grid connected solar PV plants as part of Shell's Solar into Schools initiative. Dr Firas was also involved in setting up a dedicated solar PV training facility to train and prepare local and resident capabilities in meeting the solar certification requirements under a BP social investment project grant. Dr Firas holds a PhD in Petroleum Engineering from Delft University of Technology, a MEng in Petroleum Engineering from Heriot-Watt, a BEng in Mechanical Engineering from Imperial College, and is an alumnus of IMD and the National CEO Program.



Peter Robertson

**Global Sales Director at OAIRO**

Peter is an internationally respected businessman who is a leading figure in UK relations with the Qingdao Province (China) to promote economic and trade relations in his role as President and Director of Southampton Office of Hampshire Chamber of Commerce, Chair of their Southampton Business Board and co-founder of the Chamber's Hampshire Asian Network (HAN) Group. Peter is also a Trustee of many local charities that include 20 years with Wessex Cancer Trust. He speaks the following languages: English, Spanish, French, Lithuanian and Mandarin.



"The delegation was another two hugely thought provoking days, spent in the ever-hospitable company of Omanis who have become old friends."

**Tom Robinson**



"The Anglo-Omani Society Delegations stand out for being timely and at the forefront of tackling key issues within the specific context of Oman and, most importantly, for having established a unique forum for open discussion and the sharing of experiences with British and international experts."

**Rocio Corrales Rayon**



"The two day forum on renewable energy was very insightful. On a personal level, I enjoyed the discussion on the Nuclear Power as one of the sources believed to have a potential in Oman, but from the economic perspective, is it feasible to use it for a country whose energy consumption does not exceed 6GW per annum, and takes more than 5 years to build. Food for thought?! Thanks to all who joined and shared their views and experiences with us. It was another great event indeed."

**Moatasim Al-Bulushi**



"A vibrant community of changemakers combined with such a rich history and sense of belonging position the country well to climb its way up the prosperity ladder, whilst keeping its values and culture at the core."

**Maciej Kuziemski**



### Muscat hosts Anglo-Omani Society meet

Oman Observer

MUSCAT: The 6th Annual meeting of the Anglo-Omani Society - New Generation Group- was held at the Muscat Intercontinental with the participation of 26 promising youth from the Sultanate and UK. This year's meeting comes with "Energy and Technology: an efficient future" as the main theme of its program, which was attended by a myriad of government and private sector officials in both countries. By holding such gatherings, The Anglo-Omani Society aims at strengthening the deep historical relationship between Oman and the UK and creating a solid platform for cultural and expertise exchange in all fields.

inside oman 2 OMANDAILYOBSERVER WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 17 | 2018 'Soil in Oman' The exhibition of the soil in Oman concludes on January 25 at the National Museum of the Soil, Water and Marine Sciences at SQU, Muscat.

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of the energy industry, presented by a wide range of leaders and decision makers from a number of reputed technology and energy institutions in the Sultanate and Britain. Shaikh Maan bin Hamad Al Rawahi, Chairman of the New Generation Group in Oman expressed his happiness with holding the event in Oman saying: "We are pleased to host this event in the Sultanate, and we are always looking forward through these meetings and forums to create opportunities for exchanging ideas and knowledge, and creating bridges of youth relations in the two countries. Since 2013, the Anglo-Omani Society was keen to hold a series of events, seminars and cultural events in different locations in Oman to achieve those aspirations and goals."

# Media

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التلخيص: هذا الأسبوع يفتتح الأتراكوتيتنثال مسقط الملتقى السنوي للجمعية العمانية البريطانية - مجموعة الجيل الجديد - بمشاركة 26 من الشباب الواعين من السلطنة وبريطانيا. حيث تحتضن الجمعية هذا العام (التكنولوجيا والطاقة المتجددة) عنواناً لملتقى الذي يلقى حضوراً من كبار المسؤولين من السلطنة وبريطانيا في التقاطع الحكومي والخاص، وتحتضن الجمعية في خلال هذه الملتقى إلى تعزيز علاقاتها مع المجتمع والتعاون بين أبناء السلطنة وبريطانيا، وإيجاد منصة تبادل الخبرات والمعارف والتعاون، وإيجاد الخبرات مع قطاع القرار في المؤسسات الرائدة بالمجالين المذكورين.

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## بلادنا

### مسقط تحتضن ملتقى الجمعية العمانية - البريطانية



انطلق هذا الأسبوع بملتقى الأتراكوتيتنثال مسقط الملتقى السنوي السادس للجمعية العمانية البريطانية - مجموعة الجيل الجديد بمشاركة 26 من الشباب الواعين من السلطنة وبريطانيا. حيث تحتضن هذه العام (التكنولوجيا والطاقة المتجددة) عنواناً لملتقى الذي يلقى حضوراً من كبار المسؤولين من السلطنة وبريطانيا في التقاطع الحكومي والخاص، وتحتضن الجمعية في خلال هذه الملتقى إلى تعزيز علاقاتها مع المجتمع والتعاون بين أبناء السلطنة وبريطانيا، وإيجاد منصة تبادل الخبرات والمعارف والتعاون، وإيجاد الخبرات مع قطاع القرار في المؤسسات الرائدة في المجالات المذكورة.

### نظام التملك الحر على البحر والجوف



أقر وزير التجارة والإقتصاد الدكتور خالد بن صالح آل تميم، نظام التملك الحر على البحر والجوف، والذي يتيح للمستثمرين الأجانب فرصة استثمارية جديدة في القطاع العقاري على طول الساحل والبحر، وذلك في إطار رؤية الحكومة لتطوير القطاع العقاري وتنويع مصادر الدخل، وذلك في إطار رؤية الحكومة لتطوير القطاع العقاري وتنويع مصادر الدخل، وذلك في إطار رؤية الحكومة لتطوير القطاع العقاري وتنويع مصادر الدخل.

الاقتصاد الرؤية الحياة - رؤية
سوق مسقط: 5,039,86 (انخفاض)
سوق دبي: 3,525,59 (ارتفاع)
سوق أبوظبي: 4,615,41 (ارتفاع)
سوق الكويت: 6,624,53 (انخفاض)
سوق السعودية: 7,531,56 (ارتفاع)
سوق قطر: 5,178,18 (ارتفاع)

### مشاركات متنوعة وناقشات واسعة في الملتقى السنوي للجمعية العمانية البريطانية

الملتقى السنوي للجمعية العمانية البريطانية - مجموعة الجيل الجديد - بمشاركة 26 من الشباب الواعين من السلطنة وبريطانيا. حيث تحتضن هذه العام (التكنولوجيا والطاقة المتجددة) عنواناً لملتقى الذي يلقى حضوراً من كبار المسؤولين من السلطنة وبريطانيا في التقاطع الحكومي والخاص، وتحتضن الجمعية في خلال هذه الملتقى إلى تعزيز علاقاتها مع المجتمع والتعاون بين أبناء السلطنة وبريطانيا، وإيجاد منصة تبادل الخبرات والمعارف والتعاون، وإيجاد الخبرات مع قطاع القرار في المؤسسات الرائدة بالمجالين المذكورين.









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"As Oman seeks to diversify its economy away from oil, the use of technology in promoting efficient use of energy and the increased investment in renewable energy sources will be key. Bringing together delegates from the UK and Oman across a variety of industries, the symposium provided expert speakers to inform a lively discussion and exchange of ideas. A number of themes arose from which it will be possible to establish policy priorities and FDI opportunities."

**Elisabeth Simpson**



"The event was fantastic. Not only did we meet with our UK friends, but we also had the opportunity to discuss and exchange great ideas and possible solutions to one of the more pressing challenges in Oman- the future of energy, with a particular focus on renewables. We had the opportunity to engage with some prominent local and regional speakers and learn about the excellent progress made so far by some organisations in Oman such as AER, PDO and BP."

**Eng. Mohammed Al-Ghareebi**



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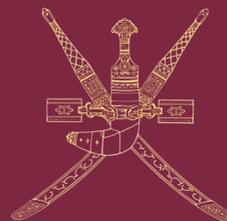


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