

The New Generation Group Delegation

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Building on the success of the Oxford visit last year, we were delighted to welcome the 2015 NGG Delegation to Muscat this January. With the generous sponsorship of BP and the Shangri-La Resort, our members settled into the spectacular setting of the Al Husn hotel overlooking the Gulf of Oman.

During the course of the next few days, our NGG delegates were privileged to hear some of the Sultanate's most senior speakers addressing the prevalent topic of Oman's role as a gateway to Asia. From logistics to maritime, rail and aviation growth, we explored ways in which Oman is developing its infrastructure to fulfil its historical role as a thriving hub to the east. In the context of national strategy and regional leadership, the challenges of a lowering oil price were also addressed as the group analysed the need for greater Omani diversification away from hydrocarbons and towards manufacturing and service led industries.

We were honoured that Her Highness Sayyida Mona bint Fahad Al Said and His Excellency Sayyid Badr Al Busaidi attended the farewell dinner amongst many senior Ministers, dignitaries and businessmen. Hosted at the Shangri-La Heritage Village, it was a wonderful opportunity for our guests to meet each other and learn about both the delegation and the New Generation Group.

We would like to extend our huge thanks to our sponsors, speakers and delegates, all of whom made this year's meeting our most successful to date. There are already Muscat rumours that NGG 2016 will be hosted in Scotland!

Oliver Blake
Chairman, NGG UK

Ma'an Hamad Al Rawahi
Chairman, NGG Oman



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2015 New Generation Group Delegation: Muscat, 10th – 12th January

Oman: A Gateway to Asia

SATURDAY 10th

- 0930 Arrival of British Delegates to Shangri-La's Barr Al Jissah Resort
- 1600 HE Sheikh Aflah Hamad Al Rawahi, Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Belgium in Oman — *Understanding the Reality of Islam*
- 1800 Casual evening at Muttrah

SUNDAY 11th

- 0900 HE Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Al Busaidi, Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs — *Introduction*
- 1030 HE Talal Al Rahbi, Deputy Secretary General of the Supreme Council for Planning — *Oman's Springboard Strategy*
- 1400 Mr Jamal Aziz, Deputy CEO of Sohar Industrial Port Company — *Oman: An Eastern Hub*
- 1530 Dr Khalid Al Balushi, Senior Manager Government Relations & Sustainability of Oman Air — *Looking East Across the Skies*
- 1800 Casual dinner at Ma'an Al Rawahi's Farm

MONDAY 12th

- 0900 Ambassador Jonathan Wilks, British Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman — *Oman as a Regional Leader*
- 1030 HE Abdulsalam bin Mohammed Al Murshidi, Executive President, State General Reserve Fund — *Insights into Eastern Investments*
- 1400 Mr Maqbool bin Ali Sultan, Chairman of the Omani British Friendship Association — *A history of Eastern Trade*
- 1530 Dr Hatim bin Bakhit Al Shanfari, Professor of Economics and Finance at Sultan Qaboos University — *Iranian Trade: The Future*
- 1900 Reception and Formal Dinner at Shangri-La's Barr Al Jissah Resort



MA'AN AL-RAWAHI

**Deputy General Manager,
Bin Salim Enterprises**

Ma'an obtained an MSc in Operations Management from Glasgow Caledonian University. Ma'an has previously worked at Oman Refreshment Company 'PEPSI' where he was the Production & Supply Chain Manager. He is currently working as the Deputy General Manager for Bin Salim Enterprises, a family-owned company and part of Al-Rawahi Holdings. The firm specialises in international agency work for construction & engineering solutions and includes a manufacturing facility for electrical items.



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.



ALIYA ALI AL-BALUSHI

**Head of Corporate
Communications, Bank
Muscat**

Aliya is currently responsible for looking after the corporate brand, internal and external communications and CSR for Bank Muscat. Aliya started her career in Bank Muscat in 2003 and she has held different roles in various areas including Investment Banking, the Executive Management Office and the Corporate Communications and CSR department. Aliya has a BSc in Finance, Accounting and Management from the University of Nottingham and an MBA from Durham University.



MOATASIM AL-BALUSHI

**Corporate Communications
Manager, State General
Reserve Fund (SGRF)**

Moatasim 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.



MOHAMMED AL-GHAREEBI

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

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.



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.



LAMYA HARUB

**PhD Candidate, King's
College London, UK**

Lamya is a Research Associate at the European Centre for Energy and Resource Security. She obtained an MA Hons in Middle Eastern and Asian Languages and Cultures from Columbia University, USA, and a BA Hons in International Studies from California State University. Lamya is currently on leave from her diplomatic position in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as First Secretary, where she worked closely with the Secretary General on all aspects of diplomacy from political consultations to economic and investment promotion.



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. During her time at Trowers & Hamblins, she was involved in advising international and Oman-based clients in relation to corporate and commercial law issues, including joint ventures, acquisitions and restructuring, IPPs and IWPPs, commercial property and agency law. Leyan is currently a legal counsel at Oman Power and Water Procurement Company.



SALEH AL-RAWAHI

**Director of Commercial
and Economic Affairs,
Oman Embassy, Beijing**

Saleh is the Director of Commercial & Economic Affairs at the Oman 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 gas turbines, supply of generators, compressors and pumps, and air aviation chemicals. He holds an MBA from Bedfordshire University, UK.



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.



INTISAR AL-WAHAIBI

**Director General,
Development Planning
Directorate**

Intisar graduated from SQU with a BSc Hons in Economics. She joined the Ministry of National Economy in 1999 as a researcher, and was then promoted to the position of Director of the Modelling Department in 2007 and then Director General of the Development Planning Directorate in 2013. She has contributed to the preparation and evaluation of Oman's Five Year Development Plans, reviewing performance of the national economy, conducting competitiveness studies and preparing social policy.

Delegates



OLIVER BLAKE

Director of Operations - Oman, Charles Kendall

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



TOBY BROUGHTON

Business Development Director, BAE Systems

Born in Sydney, Toby moved to the UK in 2004 before joining BAE Systems in 2006 to manage the company's corporate exhibitions. In 2008 he joined the Group Business Development function and ran the office in Jakarta before returning to the UK in 2011 to take up responsibility for the Africa & Near East region. In 2014 Toby relocated to Muscat with his family as Business Development Director responsible for the business winning activities for BAE Systems in Oman.



KANBAR HOSSEINBOR

International Law Specialist, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Kanbar is a British diplomat and legal adviser to the FCO, specialising in Middle Eastern affairs. He is also a barrister-at-law with experience working in international law issues with the FCO, including the Hague. He holds a BA Hons in Law from the University of Warwick, UK, and an MA Hons in International Law from the University of Cambridge, UK. Kanbar is the former Head of the Libya Team in the North Africa Department at the FCO and is about to embark on an intensive Arabic language course.



JANE KINNINMONT

Senior Research Fellow and Deputy Head of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Programme, Chatham House

Jane's previous positions include associate director for MENA at the Economist Group, MENA editor and economist at the Economist Intelligence Unit from 2006 to 2010 and managing editor for Middle East and Africa at Business Monitor International from 2003 to 2006. She contributes regularly to journals including The Economist, The Guardian and Foreign Policy. She has a BA Hons from the University of Oxford and an MSc from the School of Oriental & African Studies.



THOMAS KLEMM

Director, Global Corporate Risk, HSBC Holdings

Thomas graduated in Business Economics in Germany and has been working in 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.



PIPPA MILLS

Chief Superintendent, Metropolitan Police

Having worked in the Police force for 15 years, Pippa has extensive experience in criminal justice, professional standards, preventing violent extremism and public order policing. As a Chief Superintendent, Pippa is responsible for Command and Control across London, with 2300 staff and officers providing an emergency response to the public. Alongside her core role, she is a senior Public Order commander and also heavily involved in the future Digital strategy of the Metropolitan Police.



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 BSc Hons 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.



JAMES DE SAVARY

Entrepreneur, Napier Parking

James' investment strategy focuses on the leisure industry, car parking and property. 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 car parks in a variety of locations with the potential for long term development. He is involved with a commercial & residential property investment company with assets including a recycling plant and residential holdings.



ALEXANDER STEWART

Director, Abercore

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





HE SAYYID BADR BIN HAMAD AL BUSAIDI

Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Since the early 1990s HE Sayyid Badr Al Busaidi has played a central role in the Foreign Ministry and assisted HE the Minister in the implementation of Omani foreign policy, carrying out a chief of staff function for him, as well as directing Ministry operations on his behalf. He is a prolific exponent of the political philosophy of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos. Sayyid Badr takes a keen interest in international affairs and political development, especially the advancement of women in public life.

HE Sayyid Badr Al Busaidi officially opened proceedings with a regional overview of current affairs.



HE SHEIKH AFLAH HAMAD AL RAWAHI

Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Belgium

HE Sheikh Aflah Al Rawahi is a former Vice President and a member of the Majlis Al-Shura and Majlis Al-Dawlah, council member of the Sultan Qaboos University, and the advisory Committee for the Supreme Council of the GCC Heads of State. He has held senior positions with a number of public companies in Oman and is the Chairman of several family owned firms. He has been the Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Belgium in Oman since 1982. In July 2003, Sheikh Aflah was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Law by Glasgow Caledonian University. He has been awarded the Oman Medal, 3rd Class by His Majesty Sultan Qaboos, the Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Couronne and the Chevalier de l'Ordre de Leopold by the King of Belgium.

HE Sheikh Aflah Hamad Al Rawahi gave a dynamic and captivating presentation on the foundations of Islam.



HE TALAL BIN SULAIMAN AL RAHBI

Deputy Secretary General of the Supreme Council for Planning

HE Talal Al Rahbi's role in the Supreme Council is to oversee and formulate proposals for the development strategy, investment, economic policies and programmes for the Sultanate. Al Rahbi holds other positions such as Deputy Chairman of the Public Authority for SME Development, member of the Board of the Public Authority for Electricity and Water, the Public Authority for Craft Industries, and Board member of Oman Rail Company. Al Rahbi served previously as the 1st Deputy Chairman of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics.

HE Talal Al Rahbi gave an engaging presentation showcasing Oman's springboard strategy and plans for the future.



MR JAMAL AZIZ

Deputy CEO of Sohar Industrial Port Company

Mr Jamal Aziz commenced his professional career as a project engineer for Oman Civil Aviation Authority, which is entrusted with developing airports and aviation systems in Oman. After 11 years of active involvement in airport development as a technical director, he was transferred to the maritime field. He utilises his knowledge and experience in project management of port development nationwide in his new capacity as the Director General of Ports and Maritime Affairs at the Ministry of Transport and Communication. He is also the Chief Executive Officer of Sohar Freezone.

Mr Jamal Aziz gave a comprehensive talk on the major role of ports in utilising Oman's position as an Eastern hub.



DR KHALID BIN ABDULWAHAB AL BALUSHI

Senior Manager of Government Relations and Sustainability of Oman Air

Dr Khalid Al Balushi received his BA Hons in Psychology and Social Science from Beirut University, Lebanon, and studied for an MBA in Management at Newcastle University, UK, before obtaining his Doctorate of Philosophy in Media and Tourism from Hilwan University in Cairo, Egypt. From 2004 to 2008 he served as the Assistant Director General of the Arab Labour Organisation, and has held various senior positions at Oman Air including Media and Public Relations Manager, Human Resources Manager and Executive Manager.

Dr Khalid Al Balushi's talk focused on the future direction of international travel with Oman Air.



AMBASSADOR JONATHAN WILKS

British Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman

Ambassador Jonathan Wilks has served in the Foreign Commonwealth Office (FCO) as a specialist on the Middle East since 1989. He holds an MA Hons in Middle Eastern Politics from Durham University, UK, and an MPhil in International Relations from St Anthony's College, Oxford, UK. He served as Deputy Head of Mission in Afghanistan in 2002 and in 2003 was Deputy Head of the British mission in Baghdad following the Iraq War. In 2007, he was chosen as the UK Government's first Arabic regional spokesman. He acted as the FCO's Deputy Head of Security Policy before serving as Ambassador to Yemen from 2010 to 2011 and as the UK Special Representative in Syria from 2012 to 2014.

Ambassador Jonathan Wilks's lecture focused on the role of Oman as a regional leader.



HE ABDALSALAM BIN MOHAMMED AL MURSHIDI

Executive President of the State General Reserve Fund

HE Abdulsalam bin Mohammed Al Murshidi has founded various industrial, commercial and investment companies throughout the GCC and has held positions including Chairman and Managing Director of Rawasi Omani Investments, CEO of Oman Investment Corporation, and Vice Chairman of Muscat College. Before being appointed by royal decree as Executive President of the State General Reserve Fund, Abdulsalam was Director of Bank Muscat until 2012. A qualified geologist and expert in petroleum exploration, he holds a MSc Hons with distinction from the University of Aberdeen, UK, and a BSc Hons from the University of Arizona, USA.

HE Abdulsalam Al Murshidi provided a compelling insight into Oman's investment strategy in Asia.



MR MAQBOOL BIN ALI SULTAN

Chairman of the Omani British Friendship Association

Mr Maqbool bin Ali Sultan is a former Minister of Commerce and Industry and has served as Chairman of Oman Oil Company (SAOC) and as Chairman of the Capital Market Authority. The Oman Centre for Investment Promotion and Export Development (OCIPED, now known as PAIPED), created in late 1997 by Maqbool's ministry, acts as a conduit between investors, industrial and power projects, and the government. He has played a major role in the hydrocarbon sector and is in charge of major downstream projects for the use of Omani gas as feedstock.

Mr Maqbool bin Ali Sultan's presentation outlined Oman's long history of trade with Asia.



DR HATIM BIN BAKHIT AL SHANFARI

Professor of Economics and Finance at Sultan Qaboos University

Dr Hatim Al Shanfari has diverse experience that spans into academia, business, and civil society in Oman. His current responsibilities include: faculty member in the Department of Economics and Finance at Sultan Qaboos University, member of the Board of Governors of the Central Bank of Oman, member of the Board of Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Vice Chairman of the Board of Omani Economic Association, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Gulf Investment Services Company (SAOG), and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Gulf Baader Capital Markets Company (SAOC).

Dr Hatim Al Shanfari provided an overview of economic realities and a spotlight on the future of Oman-Iran trade.

Anglo-Omani Society meet talks about sultanate as a gateway to Asia



Muscat - The fourth annual conference of Anglo-Omani Society began at Shangri-La's Barr al Jisrah Resort & Spa on Saturday. A press release stated that the theme of this year's conference is 'Oman: A Gateway to Asia'. The event is seeing participation of a number of Omani and British representatives.

Addressing the Omani and British participants during an introductory session, Sheikh Aflah Hamad al Rawahi spoke on 'Understanding the reality of Islam'. The delegation later visited the historic Muttrah harbour and its surrounding forts.

Sayyid Badr bin Hamad bin Hamoud al Busaidi, secretary general in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs opened the proceedings which was followed by speeches

by Talal bin Sulaiman al Rahbi, Eng Jamal Aziz and Dr Khalid bin Abdulwahab al Balushi who spoke on Oman's regional role as a hub for eastern opportunities. Speaking on behalf of NGG Oman, Sheikh Maan al Rawahi, its chairman said, "As with our fathers before us, we have become close friends with our colleagues from the UK and always look forward to these gatherings

an excellent opportunity to develop our special relationship, exchange ideas and explore new areas for further cooperation." Speaking on behalf of NGG Oman, Sheikh Maan al Rawahi, its chairman said, "As with our fathers before us, we have become close friends with our colleagues from the UK and always look forward to these gatherings

القمة العمانية البريطانية تختتم أعمالها



م. جمال بن توفيق عزيز يستعرض عددا من مشاريع منطقة ميناء صحار بالملتقى
مسقط - أختتمت مجموعة الجولم الجديد التابعة للجمعية العمانية البريطانية الملتقى الذي استمر أيام في مسقط باحتفالية في دور عمان كبوابة لتجارة الشرق، حيث يعد هذا الملتقى الرابع في سلسلة الجلسات الأستراتيجية التي تجمع بين قادة الغد من كل من عمان وبريطانيا من الفاعلين العام والخاص. واطلع الوفد البريطاني التابع للجمعية العمانية البريطانية على خطط مستقبلية لمشاريع البنى الأساسية البحرية والجوية والأرضية التي ستوفر منصات مهمة لحركة البضائع والتجارة والناس كذلك، هذا ما تم إبرازها بشكل أوسع من خلال سياسة السلطة الخارجية الفريدة في صداقتها مع الجميع، وفي في المنطقة. في الاقتصاد الحالية أسرار النفط، والحاجة وبما أن للسلطة تعد في المناقشة على خلال مسعود إيجابيات في لها.

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متابعات

الرؤية

جلسات الملتقى تناقش دور السلطنة كبوابة تجارة الشرق

الجمعية العمانية البريطانية تختتم الملتقى الرابع بقيادة الغد من القطاعين العام والخاص

السلطنة وكذلك من قيادة شركة بي بي الشرق الأوسط، وقال صيف كامل، المدير العام لشركة بي بي في عمان إن الشركة تشرف بأن تكون الراس الرئيسي للملتقى كجزء من برنامجها الاستثمار الاجتماعي "تمكين الشباب حيث إن برنامج الاستثمار الاجتماعي يتماشى مع رؤية السلطنة ٢٠٢٠ لتطوير الشباب من خلال التعليم وتطوير الشركات ورواد الأعمال.



المختتم مجموعة الجولم الجديد التابعة للجمعية العمانية البريطانية الملتقى الرابع ضمن سلسلة الجلسات الأستراتيجية التي تجمع قادة الغد من كل من عمان وبريطانيا من الفاعلين العام والخاص بما يتماشى مع رؤية عمان كبوابة تجارة الشرق بعد أن استمرت أعماله لتلاها أيام في مسقط، وذلك بتخليص مائة مليار في العمرة الترابية في منتج شارجيلا بر الصحة، بحضور مباحة السمو السيدة الدكتور منى بنت هادي آل سعيد وعالي السيد بدر بن حمد البوسعيدى إلى جانب عدد من أصحاب العاني الأرواء والمشاريعين والرؤساء التنفيذيين من كبريات الشركات العاملة في السلطنة. واطلع الوفد على خطط مستقبلية لمشاريع البنى التحتية البحرية والجوية والأرضية التي توفر منصات مهمة لحركة البضائع والتجارة بعد الإحصائيات التي أجريتها، والصناعات والمساعد، ورجال الأعمال والأفراد في دولي البحرية.

القرار الشباب من كلا البلدين، ووجه رئيس مجلس إدارة الجمعية في عمان الشيخ من بن حمد الرواحي العشر إلى جميع المشاركين فيقول الشيخ الدكتور محمد بن حمد بن سلطان كوازية تجارية إلى ١٠٠ مليار من المستثمرين في الشرق.

وأشاد مسعادة السفير البريطاني بأهمية دور السلطنة الرائدة في المنطقة مشيراً إلى أن العلاقات العمانية البريطانية تستفيد من الروابط التعميمية في مجالات تجارة وتكنولوجيا المعلومات والبنية التحتية للمعلومات وأن تطابق في ماضي المجموعة الجديدة التابعة للجمعية العمانية البريطانية، للتساعده في الحفاظ على هذا الرابط الشخصي لفرسة في قطاع

OMAN

The Anglo-Omani Society meet on Jan 11-12

Young scholars and eminent personalities from Britain and Oman are expected to speak at the event

BY A STAFF REPORTER MUSCAT

The New Generation Group of the Anglo-Omani Society, a consensual society of intellectuals patronised by His Majesty Sultan Qaboos, will host young scholars and prominent personalities from the two brotherly countries at a conference scheduled to be held here from January 11 to 12 at the Shangri La's Barr al Jisrah Hotel. "Named 'Oman - the Global Gate to the East', the two-day event to be held under the auspices of Sayyid Badr bin Hamad al Busaidi, Secretary-General at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and attended over by ambassadors and ministerial delegations, will see a battery of prominent figures initiating brainstorming sessions on a gamut of topics. The eminent speakers include Talal bin Sulaiman al Rahbi, Deputy Secretary-General of the Supreme Council for Planning who will speak on 'Oman's Springboard Strategy', and Dr Khalid bin Abdulwahab al Balushi on 'Looking East Across the Skies' on the first day of the conference. John Wilkes, the British Ambassador to the Sultanate will elaborate his views on



- Anglo-Omani Society is patronised by His Majesty
- This year's conference is scheduled to be held from January 11 to 12
- The Society was formed in 1976 and arranges regular events
- New Generation Group is the younger Wing of the Society which aims to maintain close relations between the Sultanate and the UK through the next generation

'Oman as a Regional Leader' on the second day while Abdul Salam bin Mohamud al Murshidi, CEO, State General Reserve Fund will initiate discussion on 'Eastern Investments'. Maqbool bin Ali Sultan, Chairman of the Omani British Friendship Association (OBFA) will shed more light on 'A History of Eastern Trade' while Dr Halkim bin Bakht al Shanfari, Professor of Economics and Finance at the SQU will analyse 'The Future of Iranian Trade' at the conference and workshops. 'New Generation Group is the younger Wing of the Anglo-Omani Society and aims to maintain close relations between the Sultanate and the UK through the next generation. "We are highly ambitious and confident about the two-day conference and brainstorming sessions. The high-profile speakers will certainly add value to the conference", a statement from the Anglo-Omani Society said. The Anglo-Omani Society was formed in January 1976, and arranges a regular programme of events, mostly talks and lectures given by well-known and experienced speakers, specialists in their own fields for the benefit of the members and in a broader sense, for the mutual relations of the two countries. Membership of the Society is open to Omani and to British subjects who have resided or are residing in Oman. It runs a number of schemes including the regular talks, Gap year scheme, NGG, Library, Arabic Language Scheme, Events, and grants. The Society arranges a regular programme of events mostly talks and lectures given by well-known and experienced speakers, specialists in their own fields. The Gap Year Scheme is open to both male and female students, either school leavers or those planning a gap year between graduation and first employment. The Society, with generous support from the Omani Ministry of Foreign Affairs, runs scholarships for language study in Oman while the grants for charity activities are allowed by the trustees of the Society. The Anglo-Omani Society Library is a public reference library containing content relating to the Sultanate of Oman. Since 2010 The Anglo-Omani Society has gathered a collection comprising over 250 with the support from its members. These titles are now available for public reference.



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Anglo-Omani Society summit discusses infrastructure projects, economic plan

Muscat - The New Generation Group (NGG) of the Anglo-Omani Society recently organised a three-day conference exploring Oman's crucial role as a hub for Eastern trade, stated a press release.

The annual gathering was the fourth in the series of strategy the public and business sectors. At the conference, Oman's senior ministers, businessmen and academics discussed the future plans regarding Oman's sea, air and land infrastructure projects. Oliver Blake, the UK NGG chairman, said, "It was a wonderful opportunity to do what years - exchanging ideas and enjoying each other's company and humour." The delegation also participated in this meeting. "The event was also attended by H H Dr Sayyida Muna bint Fahad Al Said, H E Sayyid Badr bin Hamad bin Hamoud al Busaidi, secretary general in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and CEOs of several Omani companies.

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من جهته قال الشيخ من بن حمد الرواحي رئيس مجلس إدارة المجموعة في عمان أننا متمن جداً لجميع المتحدثين ففتح أفاقاً ومشهداً لثورة عمان في المستقبل كبوابة تجارية إلى 1.8 مليار من المستهلكين في الشرق.

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Anglo-Omani new generation group visits Muscat to foster friendship



MUSCAT: The New Generation Group (NGG) of the Anglo-Omani Society arrived here for their fourth annual gathering from January 10th to 12th at the Shangri-La Resort.

Last year's delegation involved 24 British and Omani high flyers from a variety of public and private sector organisations visiting Oxford University's famous Pembroke College for a two day seminar on East African commercial development.

This year, the theme of the conference which is mainly sponsored by BP-Oman, is focused on Oman: A Gateway to Asia and will involve a number of prominent Omani and British speakers addressing the prestigious group.

During their cultural introduction, the new

Omani and British delegates heard from Shaikh Aflah bin Hamad al Rawahi on understanding the reality of Islam before a visit to the historic Muttrah harbour and its surrounding forts.

The UK 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 develop our special relationship, exchange ideas and explore new areas for further cooperation.

We would like to thank our headline sponsors, BP-Oman, who continue to show great dedication to the development of Oman's youth and the Shangri-La for their generous support."

Speaking on behalf of the New Generation Group Oman, Chairman Shaikh Ma'an al Rawahi said he was "hugely pleased to welcome the British delegation to the Sultanate.

As with our fathers before us, we have become close friends with our colleagues from the UK and always greatly look forward to these gatherings and opportunities to exchange ideas."

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بدر بن حمد يفتتح اليوم الملتقى الرابع لمجموعة الجبل الجديد بالجمعية العمانية



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ويفتتح مساعد جون ويلكس السفير البريطاني الجديد المعتمد لدى السلطنة فعاليات اليوم الثاني للملتقى، ويتسفر خلال هذا اليوم نقاشات تتناول تاريخ التجارة مع الشرق ومستقبلها والتي تستكشفها مجموعة الجبل الجديد مع سعادة جون ويلكس من جامعة أكسفورد لمدة يومين لحضور ندوة نظمتها الجمعية حول «التطور التجاري في شرق أفريقيا». وبعد استقبال الوفد العماني البريطاني الجديد مساء أمس الأول في

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In January a group of young Brits and Omanis from a variety of public and private sector organisations met in Muscat for seminars and discussions that looked at Oman's trade with Asia as a key element of its economic diversification.

Oman has a long history of trade with Asia. As one speaker said, there were Omanis living in China as far back as the eighth century. In recent years, there has been renewed attention paid to Omani and Gulf links with Asia, as the Asia's industrialising economies have become the main drivers of growth in global oil demand. Beyond that, there are more varied opportunities to develop broader economic links with the growing Asian markets and their rising number of middle class consumers. This is of critical importance to Oman as it seeks to diversify its economy further beyond oil.

Senior Omani officials emphasised the long term trends of growth in Asia, especially the staggering rise in the middle class. A speaker cited forecasts that by 2020 half the world's middle class would be in Asia. It was also said that the middle class in Asia-Pacific countries would grow six times by 2030, and that China will then be facing a shortage of labourers, driving it to invest more in African countries with lower labour costs. In light of these trends, Asia is also becoming more of a focus for the State General Reserve Fund (SGRF), Oman's sovereign wealth fund, which currently invests mostly in Europe and North America. It is targeting new investments in Asia as it has adopted a more proactive approach to its investment strategy, based on analysis of emerging global trends and detailed research into the specific opportunities they generate, whereas in the past, it was said, it tended to be a passive investor, waiting for opportunities to be brought before it. British firms seeking such investment may need to work harder in this regard.

Various non-oil sectors were cited by discussants as presenting opportunities for Oman's economic development. Above all, tourism and trade and logistics were seen as key priorities. Both could benefit from the growing Asian markets. Oman Air already operates 27 flights a day to destinations in Asia, often connecting Gulf-based Asian expats to their families. In terms of trade and logistics, Oman is targeting 5-10% annual growth in the ports business, both through the existing ports at Sohar and Salalah and through the rapidly developing port of Duqm, envisaged as an international business and industrial hub, which will be closer to Oman's energy and mineral resources than the other

two. In terms of capitalising on the GCC customs union, it was said that the proposed GCC railway could be a game-changer for Oman, allowing goods to reach Riyadh from Sohar in as little as 24 hours.

The need to diversify Oman's economy has been reinforced in recent months by the fall in the oil price since mid-2014, which was an issue on everyone's minds during the group's visit. Oman's breakeven price is over \$100 per barrel, and its oil is relatively expensive to produce because of the costs of enhanced oil recovery technology.

Some of the economists and economic policymakers saw a positive side to the lower oil price. It is often said of resource-based economies that when revenues are high, the perceived urgency of reforms tends to be low. More than one person suggested the lower oil price could be a "wake-up call", encouraging the authorities and the society to work together to "accelerate and intensify" diversification. Since the government's capacity to invest in diversification projects will be limited, this demands more of a role for the private sector, local and international, Western and Eastern. The SGRF could potentially leverage its foreign investments to attract more international investments to Oman, bringing international partner organisations into local joint ventures, it was argued.

Tourism has huge potential, but there needs to be a more joined up strategy to promote its development, according to some participants. Whilst Omanis are keen to preserve their cultural traditions and want to avoid mass-market tourism, there are other options for Oman to attract high-end travelers capitalising on its historical and natural beauty, as well as its location.

“It was an absolute pleasure to address such an educated and well informed group of delegates. I was hugely impressed with the in depth discussion that went on and the overall grasp of strategic outreach as Oman looks east to our historic trading routes. The New Generation Group is an dynamic incubator of talent, friendship and Anglo-Omani cooperation.”

Mr Maqbool bin Ali Sultan
Chairman of OBFA

In terms of moving beyond oil, the toughest area for economic reform will be the government budget, given entrenched expectations of a hefty state role in the economy. This was a recurring theme throughout our discussions on economic diversification; one of the reasons the country needs to diversify and leverage its international trade opportunities is to create jobs for nationals who will not necessarily be able to rely on public sector employment.

It was said that the government needs to concentrate on "needs not wants" in the years ahead. Oman is confronting this issue at a time when it has important new spaces for

public debate: an elected parliament and the social media. In their different ways, both have presented an opportunity for discussion between policy makers and representatives of the wider society. Such discussion can be a valuable force for transparency: in response to MPs' interest, the State General Reserve Fund now has a website where the public can see a map of its investments.

As in every country, greater public debate can also create headaches for officials. MPs are often sceptical about suggested fiscal reforms, seeking to protect their constituents' benefits and taking a populist approach to economic policy. Commentators on social media have tended to be critical of proposals to rationalise public spending, such as a public-sector pay freeze (the salary bill is 10% of GDP, according to one speaker), or to raise new revenue, such as a tax on expatriates. They have flagged the importance of sharing the burden of fiscal cuts, saying that other areas of public sector spending need to be rationalised too. A number of Omani officials are very active on Twitter, and officials in any country can learn a lot from social media trends. One participant said listening to young people was one of the best inputs for long term thinking and planning. A more sustained public discussion about economic expectations is likely to be needed as the structure of the economy evolves away from oil.

Job creation priorities are also a key area for debate: we heard different views from people we met over whether Oman should prioritise developing projects that create (higher paid) jobs for Omanis, or simply projects that create jobs. The population is still majority Omani, and more Omanis work in the private sector than in most other Gulf countries, but most private-sector jobs still go to expatriates.

Oman is facing these issues ahead of most of its neighbours, and has already been a regional leader in developing its economic diversification plans and its Vision 2020. As it prepares for the last five-year plan under that vision and looks towards its next long-term plan, increasing attention is likely to be paid to ensuring these policies are put into practice. Vision 2020 was predicated on US\$16/barrel oil, but wealth was in reality more abundant. Now that such revenues are less certain, the urgency of diversification is clear, as Oman seeks to capitalise on the country's strengths, including its strategic location between Asia, the Middle East and the West.



HE Sheikh Aflah Al Rawahi
Honorary Consul of the
Kingdom of Belgium



The Way Forward

The New Generation Group of The Anglo-Omani Society has taken our centuries old unique relations to newer heights. This talented group will play a significant role in strengthening the links between our two countries and I was enormously delighted to meet them at this event.

HE Abdulsalam Al Murshidi
Executive President
State General Reserve Fund

- We are currently exploring a new and exciting collaboration between **Chatham House**, a world-class independent policy institute for current and international affairs, **Sultan Qaboos University**, the leading institution in higher education in the Sultanate, and the **New Generation Group (NGG)**.
- The NGG in the UK will continue reaching out to more British and Omani **students** and **young professionals** with an engaging programme of events in London and by liaising with universities and Omani student societies across the country.
- The NGG in Oman continues to increase its membership with quarterly **Networking Events** in Muscat. These sessions bring together a wider audience of dynamic and influential young decision-makers from across Oman's **public and private** sectors.
- Every month, a minister, diplomat or CEO addresses the NGG board in Muscat at their **Strategy Talks** on Oman's journey and national development.
- The **NGG Delegations** will continue to be hosted annually, alternating between Oman and the UK. Each year, a new cutting-edge topic will be chosen and impressive new delegates will be invited to join to ensure we widen our pool of **friendship and cooperation**.
- We are delighted that **Sheikh Ma'an Hamad Al Rawahi** has been appointed Chairman of the NGG in Oman. As the group continues to grow with new members, new partnerships and an expanding variety of projects, we would like to thank Ma'an for accepting this responsibility. **Mabrook!**

Anglo-Omani relations benefit from close personal ties in many fields and at all levels. I am delighted to have participated in this Anglo-Omani Society NGG delegation and fully support the great work it is doing to help preserve those personal connections into the future between young decision makers from both our countries.

HMA Jon Wilks, British Ambassador
to the Sultanate of Oman



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Dr Khalid Al Balushi
Senior Manager Gov't Relations
& Sustainability,
Oman Air

Oman's strategic location makes it a future hub for trade and exports into a regional market of nearly 2.5 billion consumers. This is a vision we strive to achieve through Oman's ports and economic zones. In order to realize the full potential of Oman as an export-oriented economy, it is crucially important to invest in developing the know-how and the skill sets of the Omani youth. I believe the Anglo-Omani Society contributes towards such development.

Mr Jamal Aziz, Deputy CEO
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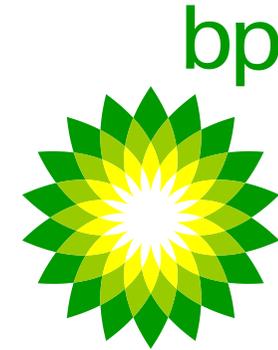
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Being a member of the OBFA, our aim is to continually build and create ties between our two great nations and it is indeed a very exciting prospect to see the growth of the NGG in both countries with its various activities and events. The NGG team did a great job of putting together a fantastic conference with an impressive level of attendance, and I look forward to being part of future events!

**Rashad Al Zubair, Chairman,
The Zubair Corporation**

My reflections on the overall event and evening are that they provide excellent thought provoking discussions with the future of both countries. The networking opportunities are second to none and I left the evening excited, very impressed, inspired and hoping to be invited to future Anglo-Omani sessions.

**David Campbell, General Manager
and VP of Operations
BP Oman**



Finally, our sincere gratitude goes to all of the public and private UK and Omani organisations that have contributed to make the New Generation Group Delegation 2015 a great success.

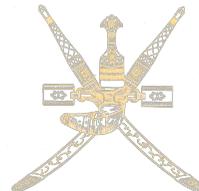
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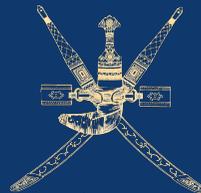
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