Oman Quality Network: Evaluating Effectiveness

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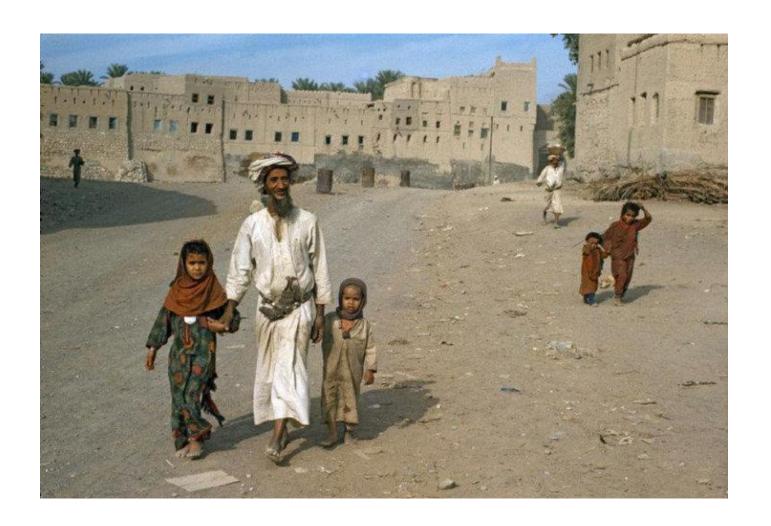
Sultanate of Oman

Earliest independent Gulf State; current ruler, HM Sultan Qaboos since 1970

Population 3 million (current estimate, with approx 1 million expatriates)

Almost 50% of the population under 18





In 1970, there were just three boys' schools in the whole of Oman





In 2011, there are over 1300 schools and over 60 public and private institutions offering post secondary education leading to degrees and diplomas





The higher education sector in Oman

The public sector

The private sector

Quality assurance and the OAC/OAAA

Quality enhancement and the OQN



OQN current structure

(Wilkinson and Aspey, 2010:19)

Members

Higher Education Institutes 2 representation per Institute MoHE and OAC are ex officio members



Annual Subscription

RO 250 per Institute



Attend annual general meeting and events organized by Executive committee

Representatives



Executive Committee

7 members elected at AGM of which a minimum of 3 must be Omani. Can co-opt members.

Minimum of 6 meetings per year.



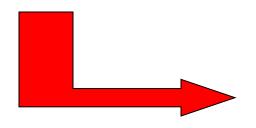
Administrative Assistant

Provided by OAC on part time basis



Web site

Hosted within OAC web site



Biennial Conference

Together with ad hoc workshops/seminars





OQN: challenges

The nature of the HE sector in Oman

OQN structure

OQN status

Communication





The evaluation process

Why evaluate?

Evaluation process

Evaluation report



OQN Evaluation – Final Report

An Evaluation – March 2010 David Wilkinson and Philip Aspey







The report findings

Mission and purpose of the OQN

Membership

Structure

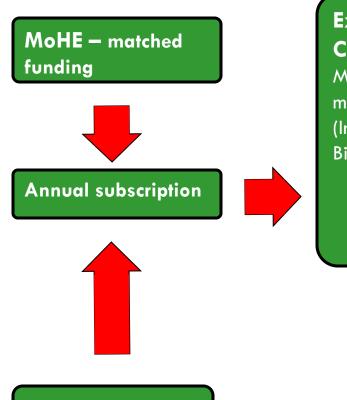
Representation

Leadership

Knowledge assets

Website





Executive Committee

Minimum of 6 meetings per year (Including AGM) Biennial conference.



Executive Officer +

2 x part time Admin Assistants



Workgroups

Issue or task specific



HEIs

2 representation per Institute



Representatives

Local meetings based in defined geographical areas

OQN proposed structure

(Wilkinson and Aspey, 2010:42)





The way forward

Measuring effectiveness: celebrating achievements

Reviewing structure, status and funding

Regional outreach

Clearly defining the OQN's role in supporting quality assurance and quality enhancement in Oman

Learning from a critical friend



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