

Oman Quality Network: Evaluating Effectiveness

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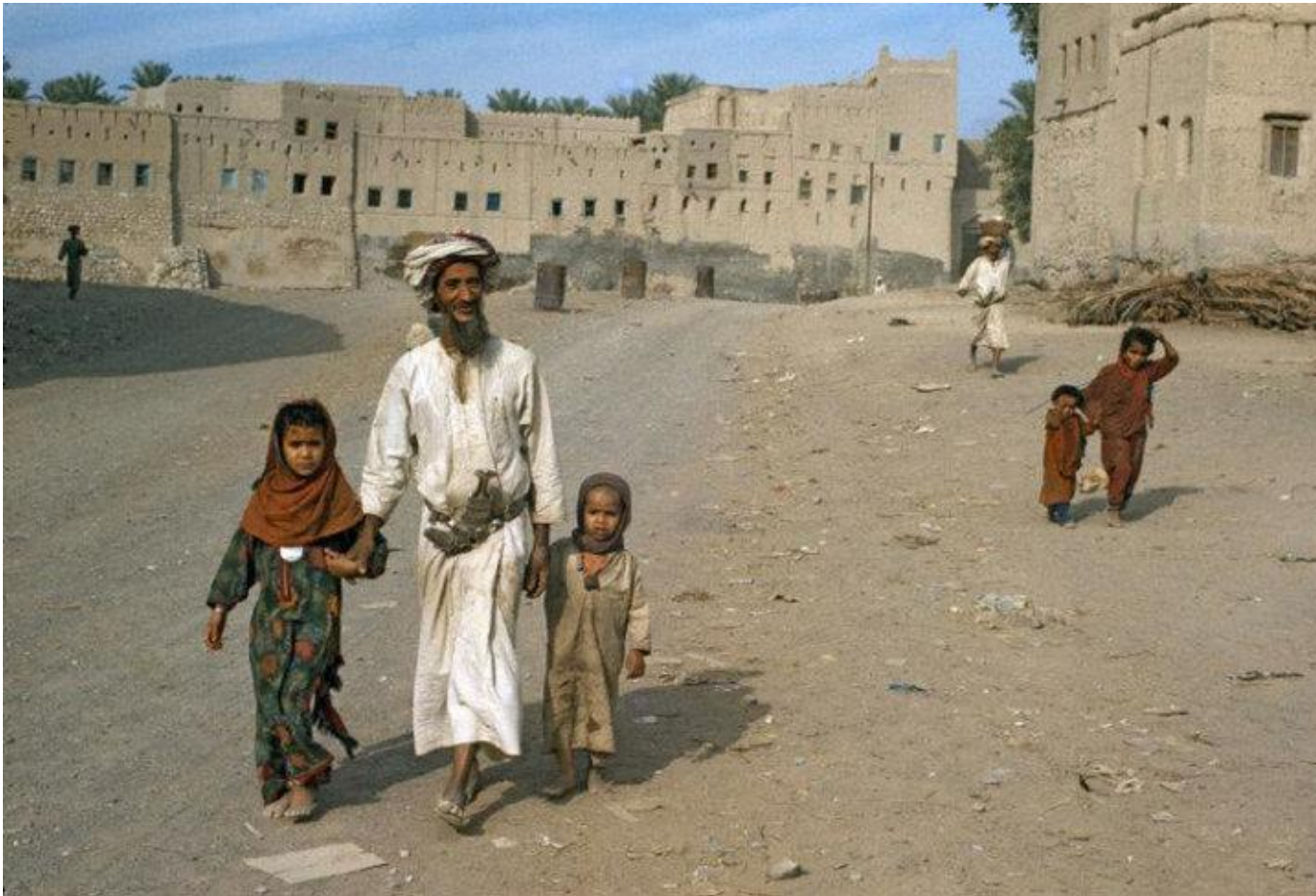
Sultanate of Oman

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

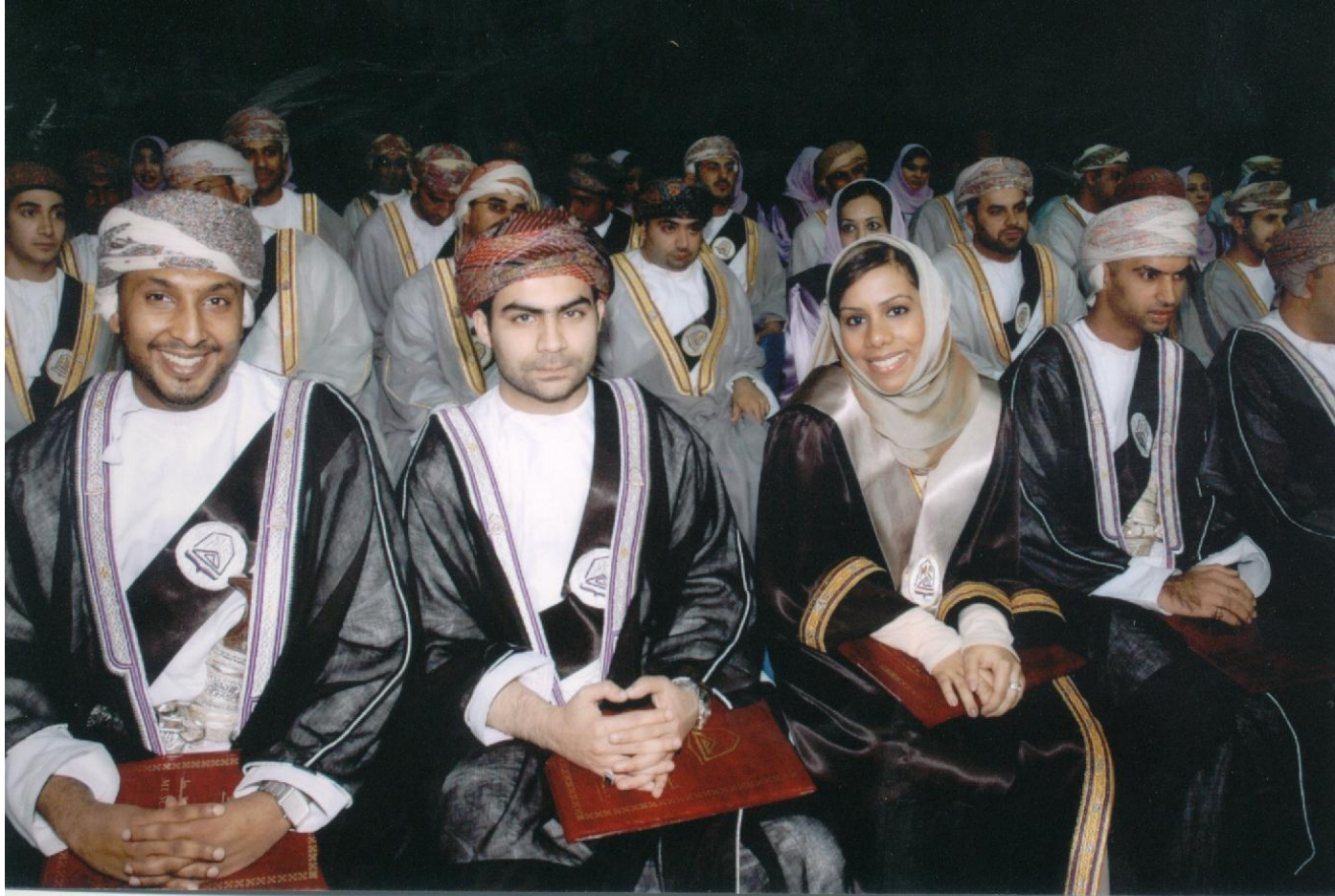
Population 3 million (current estimate, with approx 1 million expatriates)

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

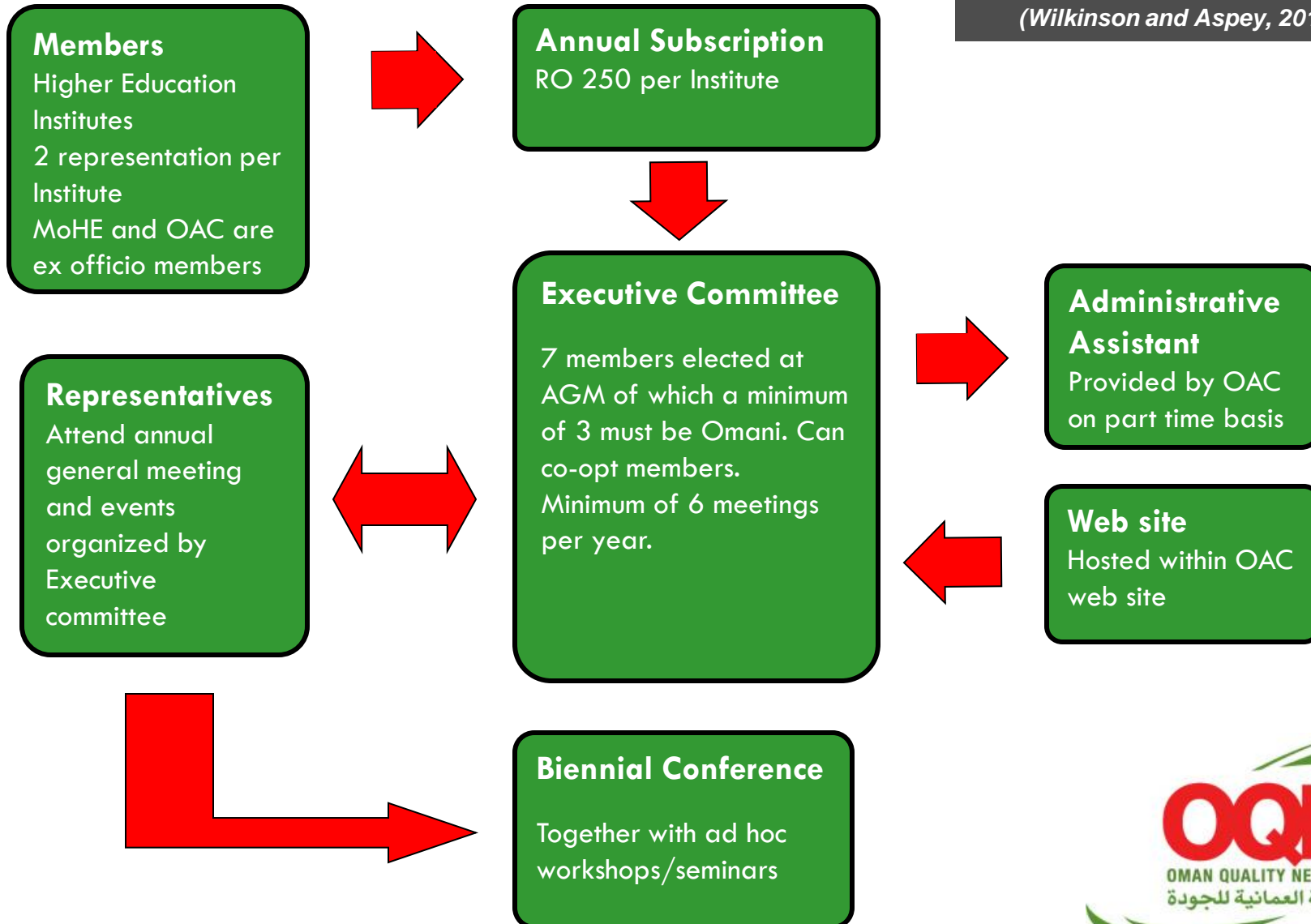
Quality assurance
and the OAC/OAAA

Quality enhancement
and the OQN



OQN current structure

(Wilkinson and Aspey, 2010:19)





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

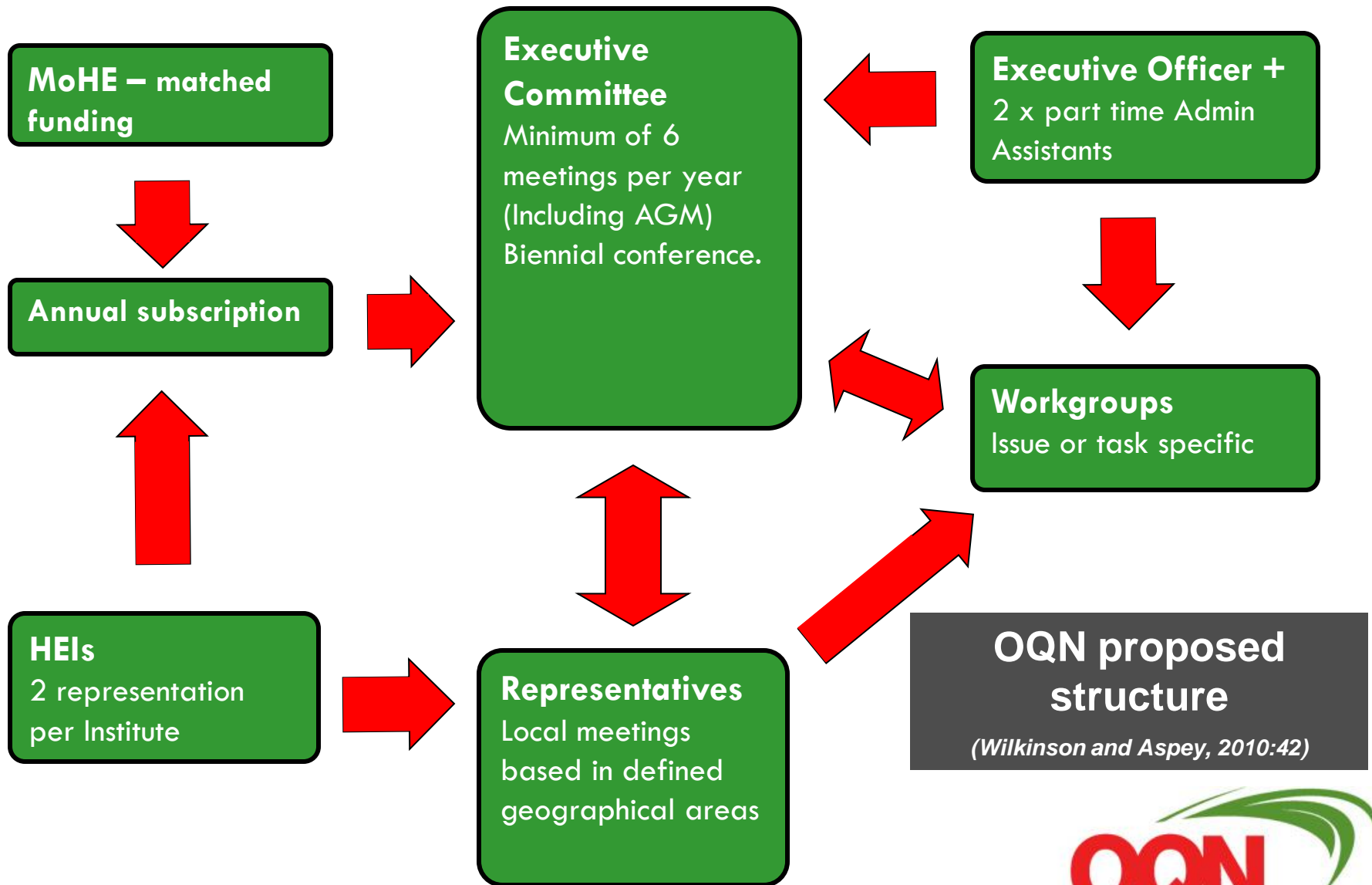
Representation

Leadership

Knowledge assets

Website





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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