



Oman's Second Voluntary National Review

Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

Key Messages

- Oman is actively working towards achieving SDGs and has presented its second voluntary national review. This Review coincides with the third anniversary of Oman Vision 2040 launch, which serves as **the country's gateway towards sustainable development**, economic competitiveness, social welfare, and environmental sustainability. Vision 2040 aims to achieve comprehensive, balanced, and sustainable development in line with the values of Omani society, such as peace, coexistence, sustainability, and justice.
- **To support the achievement of the SDGs by 2030**, Oman is focused on developing its administrative apparatus, upgrading government work, establishing institutions to improve decision-making processes, and measuring institutional performance. Oman is also committed to integrating sustainable development into its decision-making system, programs, projects, and initiatives and collaborating with the private sector and civil society to enhance their contribution to SDGs.
- Oman implemented **an integrated governance system** to institutionalize work, improve efficiency, and facilitate coordination. Stakeholder engagement is emphasized to increase opportunities for community involvement in achieving the SDGs. Oman launched Laboratories for Sustainable Development Sectors (SDGs in Focus) to develop practical, sustainable, and innovative solutions. The





establishment of the Youth Centre aims to integrate youth initiatives and aspirations into sustainable development efforts. To monitor progress and raise community awareness about SDGs, the National Committee to Follow Up the Achievement of the SDGs is actively involved. This Follow Up the Achievement of the SDGs is actively involved. This Committee utilizes integrated system based on measurement indicators, including dashboards, to monitor and track progress toward the goals.

- Oman adopted **decentralization** and localization of development, recognizing the crucial role of local communities in achieving balanced development. This approach stimulates the local economy and leverages the comparative advantages of different governorates and aligns with the fundamental principle of sustainable development, which is to leave no one or no place behind.
- In terms of **financial sustainability**, Oman launched several initiatives. The **Oman Future Fund** aims to boost economic activity and encourage private sector partnerships and venture investment in medium, small, and emerging enterprises. **The Social Protection Fund** was established to ensure the sustainability of public finances. Furthermore, government investments have been consolidated under **Oman Investment Authority (OIA)** to enhance efficiency, **support diversification prospects, and expand the role of the private sector**. Oman is also the first Gulf country to issue a Sustainable Sovereign Finance Framework to achieve national strategies for financial, economic, environmental, and social sustainability.
- Oman is actively working towards **addressing climate change, reducing emissions, and promoting renewable energy sources** and implemented various





plans and programs aimed at fostering a circular, green, and blue economy while improving resource efficiency. There is a strong focus on stimulating investment in renewable energy projects, in line with the Zero Carbon Strategy 2050. The **Sustainable City - Yeti and Sultan Haitham City (SHC)** are exemplary models of future cities.

- Oman adopts **an integrated system of social protection** that includes benefits for women, children, the elderly, and people with disabilities, social insurance programs, and job security to achieve social justice, welfare, and improve the quality of life. Oman also considered providing the support needed for women's empowerment, by fostering women participation in public and political life. Omani women who occupy many leading positions, play an active role in voluntary work.
- Regarding **food security**, Oman attaches great importance to ensuring a stable food supply, supporting modern technologies to rationalize water use, promoting artificial rain, and sustainable agriculture. Oman also developed a multi-sectoral contingency plan to secure safe and healthy food.
- **Education and health** - being two main pillars of development - the Sultanate of Oman has made them a right for everyone, and has considered them, alongside **digital transformation**, as a basis for advancing development, and part of its national strategies and legislation to ensure keeping pace with global developments in research, innovation and advanced technologies, including artificial intelligence. This makes the digital economy a priority and a source of





the national economy, and ensures readiness to transform into the era of knowledge and innovation.

- Being a major pillar of development, Oman made education a right for every citizen. Education, alongside with digital transformation, is key to driving development, and part of its national strategies and legislation to ensure that it keeps pace with global developments. The digital economy is a priority and tributary to the national economy, with emphasis on readiness for the transition into the knowledge and the era innovation.
- Oman's second Voluntarily Review at the 2024 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development documents the progress made in implementing the UN 2030 Agenda and outlines the sustainability blueprint for the future. It affirms Oman's **commitment to achieving the SDGs within the specified time frame and documents the steady progress made to achieve the goals, guided by a sustainable development approach that meets the needs of the present and the aspirations of the future.**

