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Oman Water Society

The Role of Oman Water Society in Water Resources Conservation

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Introduction

- 💧 The Oman Water Society (OWS) was established on 29th Rabi' al Thani 1431 (14th April 2010).
- 💧 It is the first Omani Society in the Sultanate to specialise in water.
- 💧 OWS has more than 200 members as individuals and organisations.
- 💧 The membership does not require academic qualifications as water is every one business.
- 💧 The OWS revenues comes from members' contributions and private sectors support.

OWS Goals

- 💧 Contributing to the country's development in collaboration with the competent authorities.
- 💧 Encouraging scientific research, studies and training programs and developing local potential in the various water sciences-related fields.
- 💧 Collaborating with universities and scientific research centres.
- 💧 Fostering co-operation between bodies, institutions and individuals involved in the water sector.
- 💧 Encouraging and providing studies, data and statistics on water-related matters and publishing them in the media.

OWS Goals continue...

- 💧 Promote awareness about rationalizing water consumption and making the best possible use of available water resources.
- 💧 Working with authorities to draw up and develop the best possible specifications and standards for the water sector.
- 💧 Collaborating with concerned authorities to conserve ground and surface water stocks from depletion and pollution.
- 💧 Encouraging the use of scientific methods for developing water sources such as desalination, waste water treatment and recycling.
- 💧 Providing technical, scientific, economic and legal consultation services on water-related matters to such bodies as request it.

Society Activities

- 💧 Through implementation of symposiums and workshops in the Sultanate's multiple governorates.
- 💧 Launching of specialized awareness campaigns (schools, farmers and universities).
- 💧 Participation in festivals, scientific and commercial exhibitions.
- 💧 Participation in local and international conferences.
- 💧 Participation in government committees and specialized working groups.
- 💧 Production of documentaries and cultural films (e.g. water in the leader's vision and film on man and water).

OWS Symposiums & Workshops



Awareness Programs - Schools



Awareness Programs - Farmers



Research and Innovation support



Meeting with Researchers



Participation in Conferences







Summary

Within a short time since its establishment in 2010, Oman water society has achieved most part of its goals and developed its business plan in a very systematic approach which included:

- 💧 Organized a series of Seminars and workshops that were conducted by Experts and invited speakers from within Oman and also abroad in the Water Sector.
- 💧 Conducted Training Programs to the young Engineers in the on-going projects.
- 💧 Public sector such as farmers and school students are very well addressed and have been encouraged to take part in such activities.
- 💧 Country related topics has taken priority in water seminars and events.
- 💧 OWS has been targeting new/young professionals by introducing the society to them.



Recommendations

-  Continue its efforts on its short and long plan on water conservations.
-  Encourage the public especially those who have water expertise, as well as water users to join the society.
-  Further encourage OWS members to be very active in the society activities in the future.
-  Extend public participation and capacity building in water resources conservation and involve all the water stakeholders.

Thank You

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