

**International Conference on Education for Sustainable Development in Support of
Cultural Diversity & Biodiversity**

24-26 January 2011, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman

Program

Experts Closed Sessions: January 23, 2011:

8:30 -18:00 Arabian Peninsula Environment Networking Meeting (APEN)

Venue: Qurayyat Room

9:00 – 16:00 Middle East Botanic Garden Networking Meeting

Venue: Pearl Room

9:00 – 16:00 Euro-Arab Dialogue Work Team Meeting

Venue: Qantab Room

Day 1: January 24, 2011

8:00 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 10:30 Opening Ceremony

- National Anthem
- Holly Qur'an.
- Oman opening speech
- Director General of UNESCO opening speech
- Short Film
- Report on Connecting Cultures Expedition & Book launch
- Operetta performed by school students
- Exhibition opening

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break

Venue: Oman Auditorium

Day 1: January 24, 2011 - Continued

10:45 – 14:25	Plenary Sessions: Education for Sustainable Development
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10:45 – 12:30 **Sustainable Development & Youth**

Session 1	Venue: Oman Auditorium
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10:45 – 11:15 **First Topic: Increasing youth awareness and interaction with global environmental and cultural issues for Sustainable Development**

Keynote Speaker:

Ms. Pilar Álvarez-Laso, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO

Chairperson:

H.H Sayyid Faisal bin Turki Al Said, CEO of Oman Brand Management Unit.

Rapporteurs:

Mr. Naser Al Rawahi, National Commission, Oman

Mrs. Muna Al Sulaimani, Ministry of Education, Oman

11:15–11:30 **Paper 1: The role of youth in maintaining natural reserves**

Speaker: David Gritten, Forest Technology Centre of Catalonia. Spain

11:30 –11:45 **Paper 2: The role of youth in the Euro-Arab region in activating the UN Decade of Sustainable Development**

Speaker: Ms. Golda Al Khouri, Head of Youth & Sports Division, UNESCO

11:45 – 12:00 **Paper 3: Youth and Schools bridging cultures and introducing Sustainable Life – Style living**

Speaker: Dr. Hans Lavander, Chairperson- Life Link Friendship – Schools Programme, Sweden

12:00 – 12:30 Discussion
12:30 – 12:45 Coffee Break

Day 1: January 24, 2011 - Continued

12:45 – 13:30 **Sustainable Development & Education**

Session 2	Venue: Oman Auditorium
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12:45 – 13:15 **Second Topic: Promotion of biological and cultural diversities in Education**

Keynote Speaker:

Mr. Bernard Combes, Education for Sustainable Development Section (DESD), UNESCO

Chairperson: HE. Dr. Muna Al Jardani, Undersecretary for Education and Curriculums, Ministry of Education, Oman

Rapporteur: Mr. Khalid Al Abri - Mr. Sulaiman Al Jamodi, Ministry of Education, Oman

13:15 -13:30 **Paper 4: The role of museums and archeological and environmental sites on Education**

Speaker: Dr. Somlak Charoenpot, President of the Museums Association of Thailand.

13:30 – 13:45 **Paper 5: The impact of Education on flourishing cultural diversity**

Speaker: Dr. Abdullah Al Harrasi, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman

13:45 – 14:00 **Paper 6: Biodiversity & its impact on promoting Education**

Speaker: Dr. Nadia Al Saadi, Scientific Research Center

14:00 – 14:30 Discussion

14:30 – 15:30 **Lunch at Majan Ballroom**

Day 1: January 24, 2011 - Continued

Workshops

Venue: Qantab Room

15:30 - 17:30

A training workshop on the schools global “Earth Care Campaign 2010 – 2014” on Education for Sustainable Development and Life-Style

Speakers:

Ms. Monica Kleinberg, Educator, Heinberg-Gymnasium, Göttingen, UNESCO Associated School, Germany

Ms. Madeleine Mezagopain, Academic Researcher and Advisor in Conflict Resolution / Peace and Socio – Economic and Political Development, Jordan

Chairperson: Dr. Hans Lavender-Chairperson Life-Link Friendship - Schools Programme, Sweden

Rapporteur: Khadija Al Salami, Ministry of Education

19:00

Dinner at Shangri – La’s Barr Al Jissah Resort

Day 2: January 25, 2011

Venue: Qantab Room

9:00 – 16:00

A Workshop on Sustainable Tourism in UNESCO natural reserves, World Heritage Sites and Geoparks

Speakers:

- Dr. Beno Boer, Programme Adviser, UNESCO office in Doha
- Prof. Henning Schwarze. WHS, Schlangen

- National papers of GCC countries & Yemen.

Day 2: January 25, 2011 - Continued

Cultural Diversity	
Session 1	Venue: Oman Auditorium

9:00 – 9:30

First Topic: Investing in cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue

Keynote Speaker: Mrs. Françoise Rivière- Former Assistant Director General for Culture, UNESCO

Chairperson: H.E Habib Al Riyami, Secretary General of Sultan Qaboos Center for Islamic Culture

Rapporteurs: Mr. Khamis Al Shamakhi, Ministry of Heritage and Culture

Mrs. Siham Ahmad Al Riyami, Ministry of Education

9:30 –9:45

Paper 1: Preserving the cultural identity and promoting intercultural dialogue

Speaker: H.E. Prof. Dr. Hamid AL-Rifaie , Assistant Secretary, World Muslim Congress and President of Islamic-Arabic Forum for Dialogue

9:45 – 10:00

Paper 2: Protection of the diversity of cultural expressions and its role in the rapprochement of cultures

Speaker: Ms. Katerina Stenou, Director of Division of Cultural Policies and Intercultural Dialogue, UNESCO

10:00 – 10:15

Paper 3: Cultural diversity and its impact on humanity (Oman as an example)

Speaker: Mr. Mohammad bin Said Al Maamri, Consultant in the Ministry of Awqaf and Religious Affairs

10:15 – 10:45 Discussion
10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break

Day 2: January 25, 2011 – Continued

Cultural Diversity	
Session 2	Venue: Oman Auditorium

11:00 – 11:30 **Second Topic:** The role of means of communication, organizations and civil society authorities in support of cultural rapprochement.

Keynote Speaker:

Mr. Eric Falt, Assistant Director General for External Relations and Information, UNESCO

Chairperson: H.E. Salim Mohammad Al Mahrooqi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Heritage for Heritage Affairs

Rapporteurs: Mr. Omar Ali Mahroos, Ministry of Information
Mr. Waleed Talib Al Hashmi, Ministry of Education

11:30 – 11:45 **Paper 4:** Means of communication and its role in promoting cultural diversity

Speaker: Dr. Abdullah Al Kindi, Associate Prof, Information Dept, Collage of Art, Sultan Qaboos University (SQU)

11:45 – 12:00 **Paper 5:** The role of communication in supporting rapprochement of cultures and a culture of peace

Speaker: Mr. Lim Ming Kuok- Division for Freedom of Expression, Democracy and Peace- UNESCO

12:00 – 12:15 **Paper 6:** Cooperation between civil society authorities and its impact in promoting the culture of dialogue

Speaker: Dr. Asia Al Buali, Cultural and Humanities
Advisor, Scientific Research Center

- 12:15 – 12:45** Discussion
- 12:45 – 14:00** Closed Session for Drafting Committee.
- 14:00 – 15:30** [Lunch at Majan Ballroom](#)

[Day 2: January 25, 2011 – Continued](#)

<u>Parallel Workshops</u>
Venue: Pearl Room

15:30 – 17:30 **A discussion panel on the role of heritage in supporting cultural diversity**

Speakers:

- Dr. Maho Sebiane, Expert in Intangible Heritage, UNESCO
- Eng. Saif Al Amri, Expert in Tangible Heritage, MRMWR
- Mr. Abdulaziz Al Kharousi, Expert in Documents & Archives

Chairperson: Mr. Hassan Al Lawati, Ministry of Heritage & Culture

Rapporteur: Dr. Asia Al Bu'ali, Cultural and Humanities
Advisor, Scientific Research Center

Venue: Qurayyat Room

15:30 – 17:30 **A discussion panel on pioneering experiences in the area of cultural diversity in ASP schools activities**

Speakers:

- Dr.Hadeel Al.Talli (ASP Regional Coordinator- UNESCO Office - Amman)
 - Mrs. Amna Al.Balushi (ASP National Coordinator- Oman)
 - Ms.Christiane Jeitani (ASP National Coordinator-Lebanon)
 - Mr. Malak Tazi (ASP National Coordinator-Morocco)
 - Mr.Volker Hoerold (ASP National Coordinator- Germany)
 - Mr.Poul Erik Christoffersen (ASP National Coordinator-Denmark)

Chairperson:Ms. Siham bint Ahmed Al.Riyami

Rapporteur: Ms. Muna Al Guraibi, Ministry of Education

17:30 - 21:30 **Recreational trips around Muscat**

Day 3: January 26, 2011

Biodiversity	
Session 1	Venue: Oman Auditorium

9:00 – 09:30

First Topic: Factors affecting biodiversity

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Salvatore Arico, Programme Specialist
Ecological Sciences and Biodiversity Section,
UNESCO

Chairperson:

H.E. Mohammed bin Khamis Al- Orami, Undersecretary of the
Ministry of Environment & Climate Affairs.

Rapporteurs:

Dr. Hamad Al-Busaidi- Ministry of Education

Dr. Khalifa Al Azri, National Commission, Oman

9:30 – 09:45

Paper 1: Innovative solutions to reduce threats affecting
biodiversity

- 9:45 – 10:00** **Speaker:** Dr. Dawud Al-Eisawi, University of Jordan
Paper 2: Terrestrial Biodiversity (botanic gardens as an example of biodiversity conservation)
Speaker: Dr. Beno Boer, Programme. Adviser, UNESCO Doha Office.
- 10:00 – 10:15** **Paper 3: Biodiversity in the Sultanate of Oman**
Speakers: Dr. Roberto P. Rubio, Natural Reserves Expert, Ministry Environment and Climate Affairs
- 10:15 – 10:45** Discussion
- 10:45 – 11:00** Coffee Break

Day 3: January 26, 2011 – Continued

Biodiversity	
Session 2	Venue: Oman Auditorium

- 11:00 – 11:30** **Second Topic: Investing in the area of biodiversity**
Keynote Speaker:
 Prof. Dr. Walter R. Erdelen, former Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, UNESCO
Chairperson: H.E. Dr. Hamad Said Al Afi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Fisheries
Rapporteurs:
 Ms.Laila Humoud Al-Hadabi, Higher College of Technology
 Dr. Majid Al Ruqaishi, National Commission, Oman
- 11:30 – 11:45** **Paper 4: Environmentally friendly tourism, Interpretation centers & entrepreneurship related to**

biodiversity

- 11:45 – 12:00** **Speaker:** Mr. Henning Schwarze. WHS, Schlangen, Germany
Paper 5: Utilization of saline resources to reduce pressure on good quality water
Speaker: Prof. Mohammed Ajmal Khan, Professor & Director at University of Karachi
- 12:00 – 12:15** **Paper 6: Investment of marine biodiversity in the Sultanate of Oman**
Speaker: Prof. Dr. Bassam Sussy, President of the UNESCO Chair for Marine Biotechnology
- 12:15 – 12:45** Discussion
- 12:45 – 14:00** Lunch at Majan Ballroom

Day 3: January 26, 2011 – Continued

Biodiversity Workshop
Venue: Qantab

- 14:00 – 15:30** **Workshop on successful experiences in biodiversity and the role of media in this area**
- Speakers:**
- Dr. Salim Al Rawahi, Biology Dept, College of Science, SQU
 - Dr. Jasim Al Awadi, Kuwait University
 - Abdeslam Abuomalik , AL JAZEERA Channel
- Chairperson:**
- Dr. Lubna Al Kharousi, Head of Marine Science Center, Ministry of Fisheries

Rapporteur: Eng. Ahmad Said Al Shukaili, the Wildlife Rehabilitation and Breeding Centre, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Affairs

Closing
Venue: Oman Auditorium

14:00 – 16:00

Closed Session for Drafting Committee

16:30 – 17:30

Closing ceremony and announcing the Conference's recommendations.

- Muscat Declaration.
- UNESCO Closing Speech.
- Oman Closing Speech.