

Women of Oman: Changing Roles & Transnational Influence

YEAR OF ARABIAN PENINSULA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Sponsored by the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center (SQCC)

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The 2014 Year of the Arabian Peninsula Conference, titled *Women of Oman: Changing Roles and Transnational Influence*, will address how the participation of women in public life contributes to positive social change in Oman. Oman has achieved significant progress in education, health, and economic development. Today, women in Oman are free to drive, work, and vote, and their participation enhances educational achievement and economic productivity, reduces infant mortality, and improves health and nutrition. The organizers of the 2014 conference hold that increasing the role of women in decision making is crucial to advancing human development.

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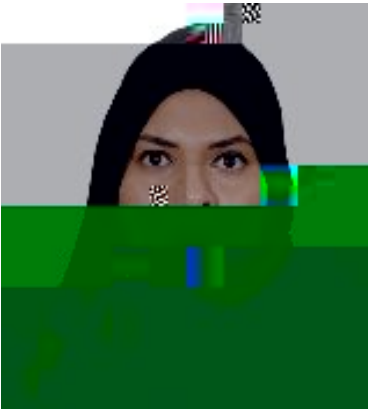
in the GCC region where she is leading a project to develop common standards for the professions, as well as a regional Quality Assurance network.

Her Highness Dr. Mona bint Fahad Al Said, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman

H.H. Dr. Mona bint Fahad Al Said, Assistant Vice Chancellor of International Cooperation at Sultan Qaboos University (SQU), is in charge of all internationally related activities at the university.

Her mission is to initiate and build solid collaborations with top educational institutions around the world and thus help position SQU among the elite ranked universities. She graduated from the College of Education in the English Department at SQU in 1993, followed by a Master's degree in Curriculum and Teaching methods at the same university. H.H. Dr. Al Said completed her Ph.D. at Kings College, London in 2005 in Special Education Needs and Policy.

H.H. Dr. Al Said developed a wide network of international links with various universities around the world, by means of joint conferences, research initiatives, and student exchanges. She is very active in the field of cultural rapprochement and interrelations between different spectrums of societies both on national and international levels. H.H. Dr. Al Said is the patron of several social initiatives in the Sultanate, including the Children's Public Library, the Children's Association, and the National Association for Cancer. She is a big supporter of issues related to education, woman, and ch4l, atioaa3(s v)13(erin)2(s)((a)-29(i)-5



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FEATURED PERFORMANCE:

Oud Hobbyists Association and Al Najoom Dance Troupe, LOCATION: Bailey Performance Center, 7:00 PM

The **Oud Hobbyists Association** promotes the musical heritage