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Oman Digital Government Alignments with the Sustainable Development Goals

WHEN	WHERE
21 November 2017 (Tuesday) 10:00h - 11:00h	UNU-EGOV, Campus de Couros, Rua de Vila Flor 166 4810-445 Guimarães, Portugal

SPEAKER	ABSTRACT

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Salma comes from the Sultanate of Oman and has 15 years' experience working in government in the field of Information Technology and Business. She is currently working for the Information Technology Authority of Oman and is also a Government Fellow at UNU-EGOV. She holds the position of Director of e-Transformation Project Management Office. Salma holds a Master's degree in Project Management, with specialization in Leadership, and is a certified project management professional (PMP).

Salma has worked in different national projects, including the UN eGovernment and Oman Government Alignment Program. In this project, she defined a program to align the government initiatives to the UN eGovernment best practices and defined assessment dashboards to report the alignment level of the government entities to decision makers. The main topics of the project were open data, e-Participation, digital government policies, and smart

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The Sultanate of Oman is located in the south-eastern part of the Arab semi-peninsula. It is open to three seas: Arab Gulf, Oman Sea, and Arab Sea. Oman has an advanced telecommunications infrastructure with a mobile penetration rate of 159.2%.

The Information Technology Authority (ITA) is the government entity overseeing Oman's e-Government initiatives. It is also responsible for the execution of the digital Oman strategy. The Oman government represented by ITA gives great focus to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). His Majesty Sultan Qaboos said: "Development is not an end in itself; it is for building human; its tool and its maker. Then, sustainable development should not stop on the concept of wealth and building the economy, it should go beyond that to accomplish human progress and to find the citizen who is capable to contribute greatly and consciously in constructing the country".

This seminar will present Oman's government experience in aligning its e-Government project with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The seminar will also present some national projects and how they are fulfilling the SDGs. Another point that is shared during the seminar is the reporting presentation of the 17 SDG by the Oman government portal.

initiatives. Also, she worked on how ICT initiatives can support in meeting the SDGs. Salma also took part in the Invest Easy Program, the one-stop shop for business registration, where she acted as project manager. The project is currently a show case and best practice reference for transformation projects in the region. It is recognised by UNCTAD as the best initiative providing single window for business information and is also recognised by WSIS.

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