



National Workshop

Developing debt optimization strategies to enhance fiscal space and provide financing for the SDGs in Oman

Grand Millennium Hotel, Muscat, Oman, 21 December 2023

AGENDA

21 December 2023	
8:30–9:00	REGISTRATION
9:00-9:30	<p>Opening remarks and agenda of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Mohamed El Moctar Mohamed El Hacene, Leader of the Shared Economic Prosperity Cluster, ESCWA Ms. Aseel Hassan, Head of Debt Management Office <p><i>Presentation of agenda and workshop objectives, tour de table, and group photo</i></p>
9:30-11:00	<p>Session I: Public debt and sustainable debt financing strategy in Oman: Challenges and options</p> <p><i>The session will provide an overview of the macroeconomic and public debt situation in Oman vis-à-vis global and regional situation. The session will discuss the evolution of debt financing strategies over the past period including the debt structure and debt instruments related to medium-term debt sustainability.</i></p> <p>Chair/Moderator: Mr. Niranjan Sarangi, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Lead Economist on Debt and Fiscal Policy, ESCWA</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macroeconomic situation and overview of sustainable financing framework of Oman: needs and challenges by DMO The sustainability-linked bonds and green and social bond issuance process and requirements: The case for Oman by Ms. Jill Dauchy, Founder and CEO, Potomac Group LLC Pathways to scaling sustainability-linked bonds by Mr. Arend Kulenkampff, Director, Sustainability- Linked Sovereign Debt Hub <p><i>Open Discussion</i></p>
11:00-11:20	COFFEE BREAK
11:20-13:00	<p>Session II: Developing debt optimization strategy: Exploring new frontiers of analysis for market-debt instruments</p> <p><i>This session will showcase techniques for debt optimization, medium term debt stabilization, and alternative policy options for reducing costs and risks of debt finance. The session will discuss means of measuring costs and risks, as well as initial results of debt optimization in the medium-term perspective toward enhancing fiscal space to finance the SDGs, which links to designing 'sustainable financing framework' for Oman.</i></p> <p>Chair/Moderator: Ms. Aseel Mohamed Redha Hassan, Head of DMO, Oman</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Niranjan Sarangi, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Lead Economist on Debt and Fiscal Policy, ESCWA Mr. Jan Gaska, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCWA Mr. Ahmed Al-Awah, Chief Technology Officer, ESCWA <p><i>Open Discussion</i></p>
13:00-13:30	<p>Summary of discussions, next steps and closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Mohamed El Moctar Mohamed El Hacene, Leader of the Shared Economic Prosperity Cluster, ESCWA Ms. Aseel Hassan, Head of Debt Management Office