

THE
SULTANATE OF
OMAN



High Level Government
Meeting (HLGM) 2026

Amazing Destinations

Mountains

In the Sultanate's mountain ranges, travellers can explore ancient villages, high peaks and plateaus, gigantic cave systems, or set off on multiple-day treks through deep wadis that are home to crystal clear pools of water. There's the famously popular Al Jabal Al Akhdar and Al Jabal Al Shams, on which temperatures can be considerably lower than most of the country during summer; the sea cliffs and fjord-like khors of the Musandam Peninsula in the north; and the sprawling, vegetation-rich mountains of Dhofar.

Deserts

Travelers can head out to explore the vastness of Oman's Sharqiyah Sands desert on camelback or by four-wheel-drive, and discover the rich culture of Oman's nomadic Bedouin people. In the south-western part of the country, the Rub' al Khali "Empty Quarter" presents a truly massive area of desert wilderness to explore.

Seas

From Oman's beaches, islands, and rocky shorelines, travellers can dive into the crystal-clear waters of the Sea of Oman, and discover a world of tropical marine life, including turtles, dolphins, whales and whale-sharks – or set sail on a traditional dhow, and learn about Oman's legendary marine explorers and sailors.

Cultural Highlights

Many of Oman's cultural sites are in Muscat itself: The Royal Opera House Muscat, National Museum, Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, and Al Alam Palace ceremonial palace continue to enchant travellers. As do the popular Muttrah Souq, Muttrah Corniche and Muttrah Fort. But all of Oman's major cities and towns have cultural riches in abundance. Oman is also home to five UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Dhofar: Khareef Season

Salalah and Dhofar's Khareef monsoon season takes place from around mid-June to early September each year. Due to the unique local weather that the Khareef brings, the region experiences blissfully cool temperatures and constant light rain and mist. During this time, Dhofar's wadis come alive with flowing water, and the countryside and mountains become covered in lush green vegetation and colourful wild flowers.

Outdoor Adventure

Oman has begun to welcome a growing number of adventure enthusiasts to its mountains, deserts and seas – to enjoy diving and snorkelling, trekking, trail-running and triathlons, mountain-biking, off-road driving, camel safaris, rock-climbing and caving, kite-surfing, deep-sea fishing, and many other adventure activities. In addition, Oman is a renowned destination for landscape photography. Golfers can also tee-off at the five top-class golf courses located around the capital.

Malls and Shopping

Mixed in with Oman's more traditional-style souqs and marketplaces are its shopping centres, supermarkets, and modern malls. There are also countless fashion outlets, jewellery shops, perfume stores, and health and wellness shops etc. located around Oman's major centres.

Cuisine Culture and Dining Out

To a large extent, Omani food has been influenced by its illustrious history of trade with the Middle East, the Eastern Mediterranean, India, South East Asia, and Africa. Today, delicious traditional Omani food is readily served from the many restaurants and eateries throughout the country. Cardamon-infused Kahwa coffee remains a traditional welcoming beverage in Oman, and is often served with dates or sweet Omani Halwa. International-style cuisine is also available across the country.



Oman's International Events Portfolio

Oman's perks as an international platform for dialogue

- **Experience in hosting conferences:** Muscat has world-class facilities such as the "Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre".
- **Strategic geographical location:** Oman represents a meeting point between East and West, and is a global hub for submarine fiber optic cable connections, making it a "digital hub" linking the continents of Asia, Europe and Africa.
- **A safe and stable environment:** The Sultanate is consistently ranked as one of the safest and most stable countries in the world, a crucial factor for the success of meetings that bring together leading and influential global figures.

Oman's Record of Grand Conferences hosting:

Technology sector and Internet governance:

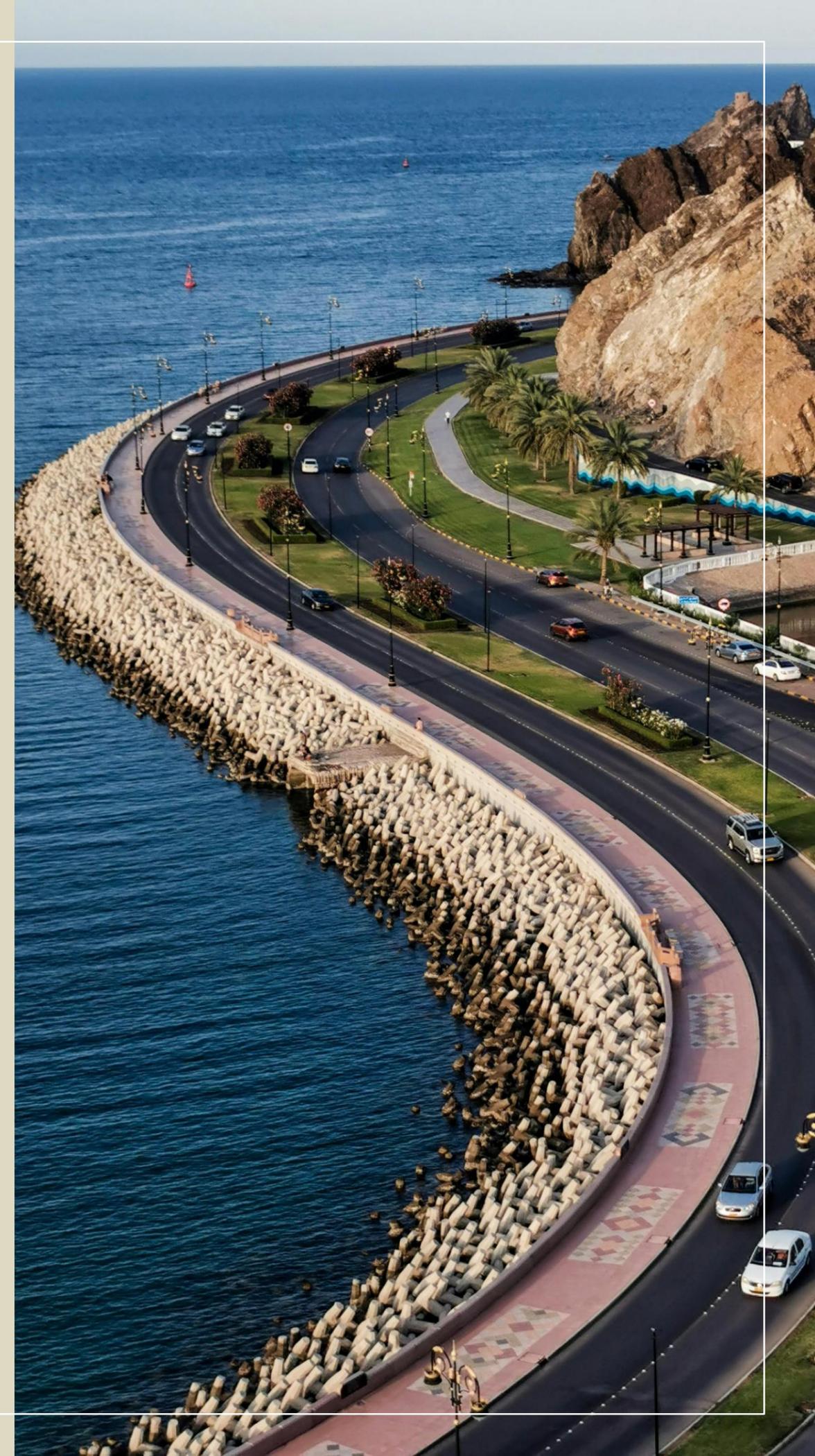
- COMEX Exhibition and Conference: being the largest technology event in Oman. achieving record numbers of visitors and international participation, with a particular focus on artificial intelligence and digital transformation.
- Middle East Space Conference: The center hosted its first edition in January 2024, to enhance the Sultanate's position in the space science and satellite communications sector.

Energy and Sustainability Sector

- The Oman Green Hydrogen Summit (GHSO): is one of the largest summits in the region for discussing the future of clean energy, attracting billions of dollars in global investment.
- Oman Sustainability Week: A major event focusing on energy, water, and the environment.
- Oman Oil & Energy Exhibition and Conference (OPES): One of the largest international events in the conventional and sustainable energy sector, bringing together thousands of specialists from around the world.

Culture, Education and Health Sector

- Higher Education Exhibition (GHEDEX): The region's largest event for students and educational institutions showcasing the latest trends in education and innovation.
- International Oncology Conference (2025): A high-level global medical gathering to discuss the latest research and innovations in cancer treatment.
- International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) Congress (31st): A historic event that brought together hundreds of journalists from around the world to discuss the future of the profession.





The Sultanate of Oman stands ready to provide all of the requirements to host a successful **HLGM**



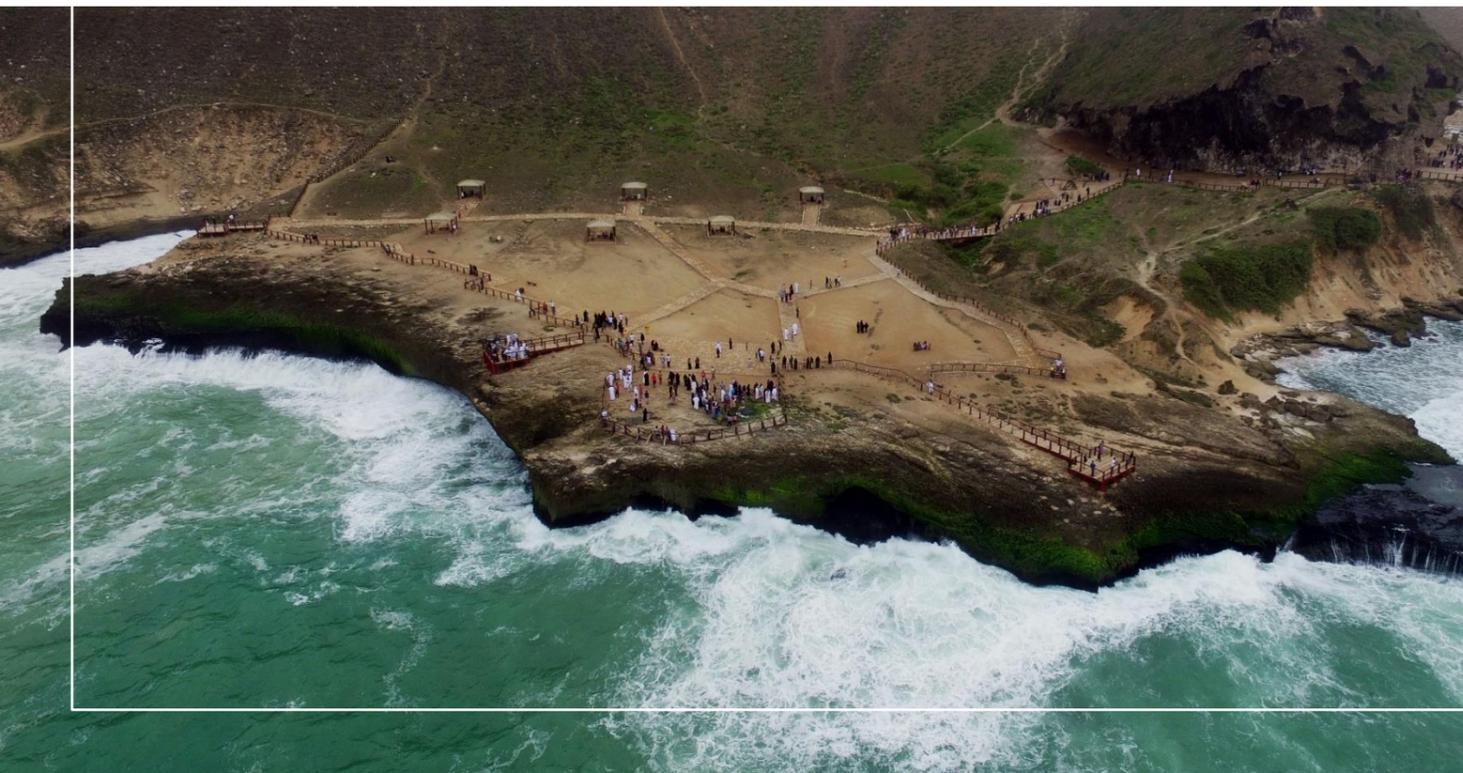
Agenda

Day1:

Attend the High Level Government Meeting which will discuss topics such as Internet Governance and Internet Resilience as agreed between Oman and ICANN HLGM team

Day2:

1. Attend at the Opening Ceremony of ICANN87 Annual General Meeting
2. Guided city tour of Muscat; showcasing the capital's unique harmony of heritage, architecture and natural beauty
3. Lunch at a distinguished Omani landmark, offering an authentic taste of local cuisine in a culturally significant setting
4. Omani Cultural Night; featuring live performances and immersive cultural activities that reflect the rich identity of Oman







Main Objectives for the Sultanate of Oman to host the HLGGM

Enhancing the ICANN's regional presence

The meeting aims to strengthen ICANN's engagement within the region by fostering closer collaboration with governments, regulators, and regional stakeholders. By aligning regional priorities with ICANN's global mandate, the event supports more inclusive participation in Internet governance and ensures that regional perspectives are effectively reflected in ICANN's policy development processes.

Promoting Internet access

A key objective of the meeting is to advance discussions on expanding affordable, secure, and resilient Internet access. By bringing together high-level decision-makers, the event provides a platform to address digital divides, share best practices, and explore policy and infrastructure solutions that support universal connectivity and sustainable digital growth.

Finding suitable solutions for the internet of the future.

The meeting will facilitate strategic dialogue on emerging challenges and opportunities shaping the future of the Internet, including digital trust, cybersecurity, innovation, and evolving technologies. Through collaboration between governments and the ICANN community, the event seeks to identify forward-looking, multistakeholder solutions that preserve the stability, security, and openness of the global Internet.

Elevating Oman's on the international stage

Hosting this high-level meeting alongside ICANN underscores Oman's growing role in global digital and Internet governance discussions. The event highlights Oman's commitment to international cooperation, innovation, and digital transformation, while positioning the country as a regional hub for constructive dialogue on Internet policy and the future digital economy.

