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## Oman's Minister of Commerce & Industry to present private sector vision

*Outlook for Oman: Minister of Commerce & Industry to announce strategic vision to create and promote investment opportunities in oil and non-oil sectors*

**Muscat, Oman, October 19, 2016:** Oman's Minister of Commerce and Industry, H.E Dr. Ali Al-Sunaidy is set to outline the Sultanate's strategic economic plan in an influential gathering of business leaders and government officials on 24 October 2016 with over a 100 companies confirmed to participate.

In giving the keynote address at MEED's Outlook Oman Forum at the Shangri-La Hotel in Muscat, H.E Dr. Al-Sunaidy will outline the sectors where the government are prioritising for investment opportunities through public-private-partnerships (PPP) and finance raised from the local and international banking market.

"This is timely conference that will bring together key stakeholders in the public and private sector to discuss and facilitate investment opportunities that will progress the Sultanate from an infrastructure and economic development point of view" says H.E Dr. Ali Al-Sunaidy.

He will be supported by Central Bank of Oman's Executive President H.E. Hamood Al Zadjali and more than 25 other speakers and panellists representing the government and business sector.

As Oman enters its ninth five-year plan, a key indicator of the Vision 2020 programme's achievement will be the launch of projects prioritised to achieve the goal of economic diversification. With several projects in the pipeline, Muscat is

focused on establishing the public-private-partnership (PPP) framework to solve the funding challenge and attract much-needed investment.

The Outlook Oman Forum will discuss these seminal developments in detail and examine plans for further expansions in Oman's power and water production capacity and its domestic transport and telecommunications infrastructure. The one-day programme will also take a look at initiatives to boost tourism, including the opening of the new terminal at Muscat International Airport this year and the expansion of Oman Air's global network.

Packed into a single day, the forum has designed an agenda to provide a complete outlook of the \$209bn projects market with speakers lined up to discuss Oman's progress and plans for its non-oil manufacturing and service industries, housing and real estate projects and further expansions in education and healthcare.

"This is one of the most important conferences MEED has ever held" says Richard Thompson, Editorial Director at MEED. "In common with all oil producing countries, Oman is facing major economic challenges. H.E Dr. Al-Sunaidy is driving an ambitious economic reform programme in response. It will touch every aspect of business in the Sultanate and we are honored and privileged to have his support in this important event."

The forum is sponsored by Parsons (Networking Sponsor), Trowers & Hamlin (Bronze Sponsor).

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## About 2016 Outlook Oman Forum

With ongoing changes to the new legislation and privatisation initiatives being brought about by the Omani government, it has become hard to identify the opportunities created in the **\$209bn market** due to inaccurate information and lack of time.

Overcome these challenges by hearing about PPP and project plans directly from **Central Bank of Oman's Hamood Al-Zadjali** and more than 25 other speakers from Oman's oil and gas, healthcare, education, transportation and

utilities sectors, and economic development zones at the **Outlook Oman Forum on 24 October 2016**.

Held under the patronage of **His Excellency Dr. Ali Masoud Al Sunaidy, Minister of Commerce & Industry**, the agenda is designed to help you discuss challenges with senior government representatives and decision makers, and identify the opportunities being created through the economic reforms in Oman's \$209bn market.

Date: 24 October 2016

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel, Muscat, Oman

Website: <https://outlookoman.meed.com/>

Timings: 8am -5:30pm

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Registrations for the forum ends on 23 October 2016.

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