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## Millennium Development Goals and the post-2015 development - Oman

Oman recommends the 8 MDGs should remain in place and the below topics to be considered for the post 2015 MDGs Agenda, accountability in public governance for development; creating an enabling environment.

**Economy:** Countries should focus on economic diversification and transforming from resources economy to knowledge and skills economy to create sustainable economy. Enhancing private sector should be at the top of priorities as it's the backbone of the economy which should focus on SMEs and enhancing women's ability to participate in SME development.

- **Security:** As the cyber security crimes increased, the countries should raise level of security in their transactions; educate citizens and businesses in cyberspace and working toward improving capability for dealing with cyber-attacks. Countries should enhance the cooperation levels between them to reduce cyber security crimes through improving interagency cooperation at national level.
- **Government Transparency and Accountability:** Increasing transparency and accountability will improve government functionality through ensuring that governments protect the rights of all people and are responsive to their needs. Developing effective systems of public accountability will ensure that government servants are responsible to the citizens. It has increasingly noticed that involving public in government decisions boost the development and enhance public satisfaction around the globe.
- **Environment:** Countries should promote environmental awareness and consolidate the concepts and requirements of dealing with environment and climate Affairs at all levels and to support the principles of sustainable development through climate Affairs follow-up to implementation and evaluation, and to ensure the safety of the environment and fight pollution and the preservation of the ecological balance. It is advised that environment should be put among the major concern issues in countries agendas.
- **ICT Network:** Connecting the local communities especially the rural areas to enhance the uptake of ICT and to cope with the fast digital evolution. Smart education and health



connectivity should be at the top of the agenda including the introduction of new e-services to citizens. The business sector will be also a priority as set in the countries vision to vary the countries income resources. At the top of the agenda, is the development of human resources and equipment of the citizens with the latest skills to ultimately benefit out of science and technology and enhance the productivity.

**Measurement:**

Measuring progress at different levels should be integrated within countries planning frame work. It is clear that comprehensive measurement and benchmarking of national development along with international comparisons enhance countries advancement. The Sultanate has been working on benchmarking and core indicators aiming at evaluating and developing strategies and action plans for continuous improvement to ensure proper monitoring and achieving Millennium Development Goals.