## **Oman Air Quality Policies**

This document is based on research that UNEP conducted in 2015, in response to Resolution 7 of the UNEA 1. It describes country-level policies that impact air quality. Triple question marks (???) indicate that information for the section couldn't be found.

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Oman Air Quality Policy Matrix			
Goals	Status	Current Policies & Programmes	
GENERAL OVERVIEW	Overall situation with respect to air quality in	National Ambient air quality standards: ???	
	the country, including key air quality challenges: ???	National Air Quality Policy: ???	
	• WHO estimates that outdoor air pollution causes 300 premature deaths annually 1	Air Quality legislation / programmes: ???	
		Other: ???	
	Air quality monitoring system: ???		
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REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM INDUSTRIES	Industries that have the potential to impact air	Emission regulations for industries:	
	quality:	• Ministerial Decision No. 118/04 on the Control of Air Pollution from Stationary Sources	
	• Air pollution from industrial installations	stipulates that owners must employ scientific methods specified by the ministry for the	
	emanates from the following: crude oil production and refining, natural and liquefied natural gas (LNG) production; construction, cement, copper, steel, chemicals, optic fiber among others  GDP of country: USD 81.95B in 2013 <sup>2</sup> Industries' share of GDP: 64.4% <sup>3</sup>	prevention of the emission of pollutants, and for their treatment and disposal.	
		Small installation's emissions regulated: (Yes/No) ???	
		Renewable energy investment promoted: ???	
		Energy efficiency incentives: (ex: Subsidies, labelling, rebates etc)	
		• The price of energy in Oman is generally subsidised, reducing the incentive on individuals	
		and industry to make energy efficiency a priority	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> WHO, 'WHO | Country Profiles of Environmental Burden of Disease', WHO, 2008 <a href="http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T></a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 'Countries of the World - 32 Years of CIA World Fact Books', 2015 <a href="http://www.theodora.com/wfb/#R">http://www.theodora.com/wfb/#R>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 'Countries of the World - 32 Years of CIA World Fact Books'.

	Electricity sources:  • 100% of the installed electricity generating capacity (4.265 million KW in 2010) is generated from fossil fuel <sup>4</sup> Others	Incentives for clean production and installation of pollution prevention technologies:  ???  Actions to ensure compliance with regulations: (monitoring, enforcement, fines etc) ???  • Other actions at national, sub-national and / or local level to reduce industrial emissions: (can include incentives to move industries to less populated areas here) ???
REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM TRANSPORT	<ul> <li>Key transport-related air quality challenges:         <ul> <li>(ex: vehicle growth, old fleet, dirty fuel, poor public transport etc)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Vehicle emissions are a major source of PM, NO2 and CO</li> <li>Public transport is dominated by state owned busses</li> <li>Private car ownership is low with 215 car per 1000 individuals in 2007<sup>5</sup></li> </ul>	Vehicle emission limit: (Euro rating)  Fuel Sulphur content: (in ppm)  Fuel Lead content: All vehicles use lead free gasoline Restriction on used car importation: ???  Actions to expand, improve and promote public transport and mass transit: ???  Actions to promote non-motorized transport: (ex: include sidewalks and bike lanes in new road projects, car-free areas etc) ???
REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM OPEN BURNING: OUTDOOR	Outdoor, open burning: (ex: is it commonly done? burning what kinds of wastes? etc) ???	<ul> <li>Legal framework: (ex: is burning banned?)</li> <li>Ministerial Decision No. 118/04 prohibits the emission of smoke over a specified density, and burning of organic or agricultural waste in the open. Approval must be obtained before installing a chimney, which must conform to the height specifications stipulated depending on its intended use.</li> <li>Actions to prevent open burning of municipal waste and / or agricultural waste: ???</li> </ul>
REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM OPEN BURNING: INDOOR	Dominant fuels used for cooking and space heating: ??? Impact: ???	Indoor air pollution regulated: (Yes / No)???  Promotion of non-grid / grid electrification:  • Electrification across Oman is approaching 100%, however there are still rural and remote areas that are not electrified

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 'Countries of the World - 32 Years of CIA World Fact Books'.

<sup>5</sup> World Bank, Worldwide Total Motor Vehicles (per 1,000 People), 2011 <a href="http://chartsbin.com/view/1114">http://chartsbin.com/view/1114</a>> [accessed 30 June 2015].

	Promotion of cleaner cooking fuels and clean cook stoves: ???
	Other actions to reduce indoor biomass burning, or to reduce its emissions: ???

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