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**Call for Chapters**

**Third Volume of Edited Book on**

**“Diversification of Oman Economy for Sustainable Development”**

**Introduction**

Economic diversification plays an important role in providing resilience and flexibility for Oman economy. Economic diversification has taken priority in the planning effort since the early 1970s as Oman has limited oil and gas reserves. Oman has a long tradition of economic planning through a series of five-year plans since 1976. Each five year plan is linked with long-term development strategy of Oman (Vision 2020, 2040 etc.). As a part of the diversification strategy, the government has encouraged to investment in income-generating projects in non-oil sector such as liquefied petroleum gas, tourism, mining, agriculture and fisheries, healthcare etc. In order to develop sustainable growth, government is enhancing the role of the private sector in the economy and developing human resources. The government has reformed the economic policies to improve investment environment as well as to enhance the competitiveness of the national economy in the global arena. In this backdrop, the Oman economy requires a sound understanding of sustainable strategies for economic diversification in order to meet the national goals and priorities. This book seeks to bring together contributions in the form of chapters from leading researchers, academics and practitioners to provide useful input to develop future plans and strategies for economic diversification for sustainable economic development in Oman.

**About the Book**

The book aims to explicitly explain achievements, strategic issues, trends, challenges and future scenario in the economic diversification in Oman. The book makes for an ideal vehicle for learning and can be used to bring relevance, depth and breadth to all critical aspects related to sustainable economic development in Oman. The book consists of insightful scientific essays authored by scholars and practitioners from business and economics area. The proposed publication shall contribute to business education by means of research, critical and theoretical reviews of issues in economic diversification in Oman. The book will be published with ISBN and chapters of the book will be indexed by EBSCO host database.

## Theme

The chapters of this book will be classified into following main themes. The topics are only indicative in nature and authors need not restrict to the below mentioned topics. Any topic which has connectivity and relevance that deals with main theme of this book can be written.

Sl. No.	Main Themes	Sub-Themes (Topics)
1	Economic Strategies	Oman Economic Planning, Macro Economy and Stability, Saving and Inflation, Income Improvement Strategy, Unemployment Reduction Strategy, Oil dependency reduction strategies, Fiscal and monetary reforms/easing, Sustainable Economic and Business Strategies.
2	Liberalization and Privatization	Foreign Direct/Indirect Investment Models, Special Economic Zones, Public-Private Participation (PPP), Privatization, Non-Governmental Organizations.
3	Sustainable Economic Diversification	Hospitality, Tourism & Entertainments, Utilities, Mining, Agriculture & Horticulture, Fisheries, Healthcare, Logistics, Manufacturing, Construction, Finance and Insurance, Real Estate, Waste Management, Educational Services, etc.
4	Regulatory Reforms	Institutional, Regulatory & Structural Reforms, Labor Regulations, Omanization, Governance for Sustainable Development
5	Human Capital Development	Skill Development, Talent Building, Education and Capacity Building, Employment opportunities,
6	Infrastructure Development	Airports, Roads, Seaports, Water, Housing, Information and Digital Technology, Access to Finance, Financial Inclusion, Economic Infrastructure, Social Infrastructure, Economic growth, environment and sustainability.
7	Entrepreneurship Development	Sustainable Entrepreneurship, Small and Medium Enterprises (SME), Family Business, Strategies for Creativity and Innovation, Trading and Service Avenues,
8	Miscellaneous Topics	Any other topics relevant to Omani Economic Diversification

## Target Group

- Policy makers
- Practitioners
- Academicians
- Researchers
- Advanced-level students

## Deadlines

Full Chapter Submission	October 31, 2018
Review Notification	November 20, 2018
Submission of Revised Paper	November 30, 2018
Decision on Acceptance	December 15, 2018
Edited Book in Existence	January 31, 2019

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