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<td>07:30-09:00</td>
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| 09:00-09:30   | Opening Ceremony  
Venue: Al Sindbad Ballroom                                                                                                                                 |
| 09:30-10:30   | Keynote Address 1: H.E. Dr. Jawaher Al Mudhahki  
Topic: Quality assurance in GCC higher education sectors: realities, obstacles and priorities  
Venue: Al Sindbad Ballroom  
Session Chair: Dr. Yaseen Al Lawati |
| 10:30-11:00   | Coffee Break                                                                                                                                 |
| 11:00-11:30   | Invited talk: Dr. Adam Biscoe  
Topic: General Foundation Programs  
Venue: Al Sindbad Ballroom  
Session Chair: Fakhriya Al Habsi |
| 11:35-12:00   | Session 1  
Quality Enhancement  
Venue: Al Sindbad Ballroom  
Chair: Ms. Amal Al Aamri  

   | Session 2  
Quality issues in Learning & Teaching  
Venue: Al Maha Hall  
Chair: Prof. Basim Muftin Badr Al-Shammary                                        |
| 11:35-12:50   | Title: Quality Assurance – a Key Driver of Change in Higher Education  
Author: Lena Adamson, Stockholm University, Sweden.  

   | Title: Teaching and Learning Quality Enhancement through Social Media  
Authors: Dr. Manishankar Chakraborty, Dr. Azzah Al Maskeri, Dr. Srinivasan Ramamoorthy & Majid Al-Rashdi, Ibra College of Technology, Sultanate of Oman. |
| 12:00-12:25   | Title: The Impact of the GFP National Standards on Language Assessment in Omani Higher Education Institutions: College of Applied Sciences Case  
Author: Dr. Fatma Al Hajri, Ministry of Higher Education, Sultanate of Oman.  

   | Title: How Do We Know We Are Doing Well? Quality assurance – looking beyond formal course/teacher evaluation towards a culture of quality. A good practice example.  
Author: Dr. Nicola Huson, German Jordanian University, Jordan. |
| 12:25-12:50   | Title: Induction Programming for Quality Enhancement at the Sultan Qaboos University Language Centre: Challenges and Opportunities  
Authors: Daniel Stead & Dr. Victoria Tuzlukova, Sultan Qaboos University, Sultanate of Oman.  

   | Title: Impact of Work Culture and Management on Quality of Learning and Teaching in Oman  
Authors: Ms. Tamanna Dalwai & Dr. Menila James, Muscat College, Sultanate of Oman. |
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| 13:50-15:05 | Session 3 Quality Management Systems  
Venue: Al Sindbad Ballroom  
Chair: Ms. Hannah Manogaran |
| 13:50-15:05 | Session 4 Role of Technology  
Venue: Al Maha Hall  
Chair: Dr. Nasser Al-Hinai |
| 13:50-15:05 | Workshop 1 (13:50-14:40)  
Venue: Al Mandaloon Hall  
Chair: Mr. Mohammad Al-Azawi |
| 13:50-14:15 | Title: QMS in Higher Colleges of Technology - Abu Dhabi Men's College  
UAE: Developing and Implementing  
Authors: Dr. Imre Reczey,  
Dr. Roudaina Houjeir, Dr. Mojgan Hajebi & Dr. Mohamad Al Sakka, Abu Dhabi Men's College, HCT, Abu Dhabi, UAE. |
| 13:50-14:15 | Title: Quality Improvement in Health Professions Education at the Future College of Health Sciences  
Authors: Dr. Nada Hussain Al Moosa, Ministry of Health, Sultanate of Oman. |
| 13:50-14:40 | Topic: Better Enhancing of Learning Outcomes Using Advance Grading Tool in Moodle 2.6 “Rubrics”  
Resource Person: Mr. Malik Hamoud Said Al Noumani, Sultan Qaboos University. |
| 13:50-14:15 | Title: Towards Building Sustainable Quality Management Systems as an Outcome of an Institutional Self-Evaluation Processes - A Case Study from Bahrain  
Author: Dr. Andrew Thomas, Bahrain Polytechnic, Kingdom of Bahrain. |
| 13:50-14:15 | Title: Quality Research in HEIs in Oman: Some Views of Teacher Researchers  
| 14:15-14:40 | Title: Adopting ISO Standards to Enhance And Sustain Quality In Education And Training - an IMCO QMS experience  
Author: Mr. Shanama Halmuthur Devara Bhatta, International Maritime College, Sultanate of Oman. |
| 14:15-14:40 | Title: The Reality of Faculties' Usage of Learning Management Systems in CAS- Sohar and its impact in Enhancing Teaching Quality from their Perspectives  
Authors: Dr. Rima Al Balushi & Ms. Yasmeen Al Shehhi, Sohar College of Applied Sciences, Sultanate of Oman. |
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<td><strong>Session 5</strong>&lt;br&gt;Quality issues in Classroom Management&lt;br&gt;<strong>Venue:</strong> Al Sindbad Ballroom&lt;br&gt;<strong>Chair:</strong> Dr. Huda Abu Hamda</td>
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<td><strong>Session 6</strong>&lt;br&gt;Quality issues in Academic Practices&lt;br&gt;<strong>Venue:</strong> Al Maha Hall&lt;br&gt;<strong>Chair:</strong> Dr. Hanaa Mahmoud Sid Ahmed</td>
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<td><strong>Workshop 2</strong>&lt;br&gt;(15:20-16:10)&lt;br&gt;<strong>Venue:</strong> Al Mandaloon Hall&lt;br&gt;<strong>Chair:</strong> Dr. Venkat Ram Raj</td>
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<td>15:20-15:45</td>
<td><strong>Title:</strong> Mapping Course Learning Outcomes using the Rasch Model Approach: A Framework for Academic Early Warning System&lt;br&gt;<strong>Authors:</strong> Dr. Khalfan Al-Asmi, Abdellah Belhadia, Modern College of Business &amp; Science, Sultanate of Oman.</td>
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<td><strong>Title:</strong> Quality Assurance of Learning through Standard Curriculum Templates&lt;br&gt;<strong>Author:</strong> Louay A. Hussein Al-Nuamy, Department of Computer Science, Oman College of Management and Technology, Sultanate of Oman.</td>
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<td><strong>Topic:</strong> How assessment technologies can provide meaningful data for OAAA Accreditation Standard 2&lt;br&gt;<strong>Resource Person:</strong> Stuart Blacklock, LiveText</td>
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<td><strong>Title:</strong> Moving toward Continuous Quality Improvement: Implementing Quality Audit for Higher Education Institutions in the Sultanate of Oman&lt;br&gt;<strong>Author:</strong> Dr. Mohammed Ali Al Aufi, College of Applied Sciences-Sohar, Sultanate of Oman.</td>
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<td><strong>Title:</strong> Concepts and Linkages to Enhance Academic Practice in Educating Engineers&lt;br&gt;<strong>Authors:</strong> V Dhanalakshmi, Syed Thoufeeq Ahmed, Shariefa Sulieman Said Al- Yahyaei, Middle East College, Sultanate of Oman. A M Saravanan, C V Sudhir, Anna Jesil &amp; Ghassan M. Tashtoush, Caledonian College of Engineering, Sultanate of Oman.</td>
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| 09:00-10:00      | **Keynote Address 2: Professor LEE Keng-mun, William**  
Topic: Quality assurance for institutional effectiveness: challenges, opportunities and pitfalls  
Venue: Al Sindbad Ballroom  
Session Chair: Prof. P Mani Joseph |
| 10:00-10:50      | **Session 7**  
Topic: Quality Management: Developing and Sustaining Quality Management Systems  
Venue: Al Sindbad Ballroom  
Chair: Prof. Taki Al Abduwani |
| 10:00-10:25      | **Title: Transition from Quality Audit to Standards Assessment: How OAAA Activities Meet Stakeholder Expectations**  
Authors: Dr. Salim Radhawi, Dr. Tess Goodliffe & Fakhriya Al Habsi  
Oman Academic Accreditation Authority, Sultanate of Oman. |
| 10:25-10:50      | **Title: The Case for National Program Accreditation in the Sultanate of Oman**  
Authors: Dr. Janice Ross & Susan Trevor-Roper  
Oman Academic Accreditation Authority, Sultanate of Oman. |
| 10:50-11:15      | **Coffee Break**                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 11:15-12:30      | **Session 8**  
Monitoring & Measuring Quality  
Venue: Al Sindbad Ballroom  
Chair: Dr. Ammar Al-Ojaili  
**Session 9**  
Quality issues in Higher Education  
Venue: Al Maha Hall  
Chair: Dr. Binu James Mathew |
| 11:15-11:40      | **Title: Quality Assurance through Analyzing “Closing the Loop” Actions**  
Authors: Kevin Schoepp & Scott Benson, Zayed University, UAE.  
**Title: Mobile Learning: A Technology Diffusion to Enhance Teaching Quality and Empower Learning Outcomes**  
Authors: Syeda Kanwal Zaidi & Mohaned Al Obaidy, Gulf College, Sultanate of Oman. |
| 11:40-12:05      | **Title: Measurement Tools used in Quality Assurance in Higher Education Institutions**  
Author: Amal Said Al-Amri, Rohana Jani & Yong Zulina Zubairi, University of Malaya, Malaysia.  
**Title: The Role of Open Educational Resources (OER) in Enhancing Teaching and Learning Quality at the Colleges of Technology, Sultanate of Oman**  
Authors: Dr. Huda Al Shuaily, Higher College of Technology Dr. Maria Elisa Linda T. Cruz, University of Nizwa & Dr. Khalaf Altell, Ministry of Manpower, Sultanate of Oman. |
| 11:15-12:05      | **Workshops 3 & 4**  
Venue: Al Mandaloon Hall  
Chair: Dr. Nasir Ahmed Khan  
**Workshop 3**  
(11:15-12:05)  
Resource Person: Mr. Prasanth Nair, Sital Administrative Consultancy. |
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            Authors: Dr. Khalfan Al-Asmi, Dr. Joseph Mani & Dr. Venkat Ram Raj, Modern College of Business & Science, Sultanate of Oman.  
            **Title:** Oman Medical College experiences on the Strategic Planning: A restatement on model building  
            Authors: Dr. P.M. Mubarak Pasha & Dr. Vinod Nambiar, Oman Medical College, Sultanate of Oman.  
            Resource Persons: Dr. Imre Reczey, Dr. Roudaina Houjeir, Dr. Mojgan Hajebi & Dr. Mohamad Al Sakka, Abu Dhabi Men’s College, HCT, Abu Dhabi, UAE. |
| 12:30-13:00| Lunch Break                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 13:30-14:20| **Session 10 Quality Assurance in teaching & evaluation**  
            Venue: Al Sindbad Ballroom  
            Chair: Mr. Shanama Halmuthur Devara Bhatta  
            **Workshop 5**  
            Venue: Al Maha Hall  
            Chair: Mr. AbdulKader Ben Rhit  
            **Workshop 6**  
            Venue: Al Mandaloon Hall  
            Chair: Dr. Harini Methuku |
| 13:30-13:55| **Title:** Comparison between Continuous Assessment and Final Examination Scores  
            Author: Dr. Azzah Al-Maskari, Ibra College of Technology, Sultanate of Oman.  
            **Topic:** The Use of Table of Specifications as a Test Construction Tool: A Practical Outcomes-Based Approach  
            Resource Persons: Maria Elisa Linda T. Cruz, University of Nizwa & Amando P. Singun, Jr., Higher College of Technology, Sultanate of Oman.  
            **Topic:** Matching Learning Styles to Teaching Methods For Quality Enhancement  
            Resource Person: Dr. Casimir Ignatius, Nizwa College of Technology, Sultanate of Oman. |
| 13:55-14:20| **Title:** Student engagement in the Omani higher education sector: A step forward  
            Author: Dr. Ahmed Al Bulushi & Dr. Brian Poole, Caledonian College of Engineering, Sultanate of Oman.  
            **Closing Session**  
            Venue: Al Sindbad Ballroom |
| 14:20-15:00|                                                                                                                                                                                                         |