

Hamda Al Hajri

Regional & Urban Planner

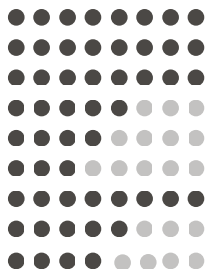
Personal Statement

After completing my Master's in Urban and Regional Planning at Aachen University in 2016, I had the opportunity to join the Supreme Council for Planning (SCP) in Oman from 2017-2020 to work to complete the Oman National Spatial Strategy (ONSS) in the project management team. My work in the ONSS involved planning for national, regional, and structural (city) levels each of which I helped to fine tune through integrative measures. In the SCP, I was placed on the project management team and some of my roles involved assisting senior urban planning experts, managing consultants, reviewing data analysis reports, developing land policies, conducting research on international practices and benchmarking, supervising and developing the stakeholder strategy, official document translation, and review of strategic tourism project applications in National and Regional levels. Working on this project collaboratively among government entities while coordinating with both multi-disciplinary experts helped me to develop the skills, experience, and leadership qualities necessary to deliver tasks and projects at high level of quality. After completing the ONSS in 2020, I was appointed by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning as Senior Planner and Project Manager in the ONSS Implementation office. My role involved managing various projects including the Oman National Planning Law Project, designing and leading workshops, conducting presentations, coordinating stakeholder engagement, promoting public participation in the planning process, and working on capacity building initiatives within the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning. In conjunction with my professional work, I am involved in various research projects one of which was recently published by UN Habitat. Also, I am currently conducting a Ph.D on Land Governance and Administration with the University of Stuttgart. Overall, I am a passionate, hard-working, and vision-minded person that always strives to take initiative. I hope that you will consider my work ethics and professional experience as a strong asset to your team.

Skills & Knowledge

Computer Skills

Adobe Photoshop
 Adobe Illustrator
 Adobe InDesign
 AutoCAD
 SketchUp
 Prezi
 Microsoft Office
 SPSS
 ARCGIS



Other Skills

Master planning
 Urban Analysis and City Visioning
 Mapping
 Urban Zoning
 Participatory Planning
 Research
 Qualitative Interviewing
 Quantitative Surveying
 Project Management
 Master Plan Reviewer
 Critical Thinking

Language Skills



Work Experience

(Approx. 13 years total)

Since Jun 2017- to Dec/2022

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Head of Policies and Planning Stanadrad Section
 Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning

- Reviewing Master Plans and Providing Comments
- Engagement with Various Government/Private Entities to solve

Conflicts and Ensure Synergies

- Reviewing and Approving Planning Applications
- Formulating Technical Reviews and Responses for National Land

Request Proposals

- Designing and Conducting Workshops
- Conducting Studies on Government Land
- Developing Technical Proposals for Exchange Programs
- Participating in Think-Tank Teams
- Developing and Producing RFPs
- Managing and Coordinating the Oman Urban Planning Law Project

- Training Interns and Capacity Building

- Attend Meetings and Contribute in Workshops

- Stakeholder Engagements & Coordination

- Project Management Team Member of the ONSS

- Developed Spatial Planning Policies on National & Regional Levels

From Oct 2018 - current

Co-Founder of the Sports Yard Company

Self Employed

- Managing the Initiative to improve Gender Equality in sports for Women through providing culturally suitable and professional learning programs in swimming, basketball, volleyball and general fitness.

From Oct 2016 - Oct 2017

Research on Mobility Patterns in Muscat

Employed at RWTH Aachen University, Germany

- Quantitative Surveys Data Entering in SPSS
- Qualitative Surveys and Interviewing
- Data Documentation and Analysis

From Sept 2012 - Apr 2013

Assistant Architect

At 23 'degrees North, Muscat

- Small Scale Landscaping
- Drawing Architectural Detailed plans
- Follow up with planning applications in Municipality

From Jul 2012 - Sep 2012

Urban Interventions at Muttrah Suq

At NorPlan, Muscat

- Site analysis & Mapping
- Redevelopment of public plazas in Muttrah Suq.
- Follow up with planning applications in Municipality
- Worked on recommendations & suggestion for a Master Plan

From Jul 2011- Aug 2011

Conducting Research on Transportation Intern at IJK Associates, Muscat

- Tracked written Data and Facts on transportation & mobility in muscat.
- Assisted on data preparation and create maps and a database

Education

Since Jan 2021- Current

PhD. Urban & Regional Planning
 Topic: Beyond Boundaries_ Land Governance
 University of Stuttgart Germany

From 2014 - Sept 2016

MSc. Urban Planning
 RWTH Aachen, Germany

From 2013-2014

Intensive German Language Skills_ DSH
 RWTH Aachen, Germany

From 2008 -2012

BSc. Urban Planning & Architectural Design
 German University of Technology, Oman

From 2007-2008

Foundation Year
 German University of Technology in Oman

Publications

THE LAND BEFORE LINES
 SOCIAL UNREST AND MODERN LAND MANAGEMENT IN
 FORMER TRIBAL TERRITORIES
 Published in 2023

https://arabstates.glt.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/The-land-before-lines-Social-unrest-in-former-tribal-territories_30Nov2022.pdf

Hobbies & Interests

Books



Origami



Coffee



Swimming

