

sultanate of Oman Comments on

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**Children's rights and the environment with as special focus on climate change**

Actually, most of points and comments mentioned are related to international environmental principles and laws and comply with international conventions related to climate change, desertification and land degradation. Additionally, they are mostly reflected in the national environmental laws and regulations beside other related laws.

In fact, the sultanate of Oman has paid a great consideration to the protection of human environment law by issuing the Law on Conservation of the Environment and Prevention of Pollution 114/2001, which replaced the law 10/82 and guide the development activities on scientific and practical basis to ensure a responsible economic and social development while sustaining the environment protection on the base of sustainable development principles.

Oman has joined the convention on climate change, the 1997 Kyoto protocol and Paris agreement build on the convention. Accordingly, Oman has announced 2050 as a target to achieve net zero emissions.

Precautionary principle is a base for environmental decision making process. For example, an environmental impact assessment studies is a pre-requirement for any project(s) with possible harm to people or the natural environment. In addition, all industrial and free zone areas are planned and localized far away from residential areas to ensure enough distance from any plausible pollution.

To ensure clean and healthy water for all on the basis of sustainable development objectives, the Water Resources Protection Law was issued in 1988 (82/88).

Although the point F. regarding the right of indigenous children (art. 30) is not applicable in Sultanate Oman, the sultanate of Oman has established laws and regulations for all aspects of pollutants and wastes; ambient air quality stations for monitoring air pollution, monitoring water and soil pollution, hazardous and domestic waste management system and regulations, radiation monitoring network, and precaution measures with regard to greenhouse emissions. All these measures are set to ensure the right of people, communities including the right of children live peacefully in clean environment.