

# Public Participation in Environmental Decision Making

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# Women's Environmental Education and Empowerment

- ESO in coordination with the Omani Women's Association in 8 regions

## ***Objectives***

- Raise the awareness on environmental issues
- Equip women with basic data collection, research analysis and communication tools
- Empower women to approach decision makers (Majlis Ash' Shura representatives of their regions)
- Develop a community-led action plan to mitigate the environmental problems
- Training of the trainers – shared experiences with neighboring regions

# Women's Empowerment

- 2 phases targeting 8 OWA's
- >200 women trained on how to conduct background research, data collection, documentation.
- Developed and submitted essays addressing environmental issues and mitigation plans
- 8 winners met with their regional Majlis Ash'shura representatives and developed a report with recommendations addressed to the President of Majlis As'Shura
- Empowered women and gave them the confidence to approach decision makers – TOT to other regions

# Women's Empowerment

- Phase 1 (2010-2011)
  - Muscat, Nizwa, Sohar and Salalah
- Phase 2 (2011-2012)
  - Sur, Ibri, Khasab, Yankul
- Phase 3 (2013)
  - Implementation of mitigation measures for 2 projects
    - Environmental and Health Impacts of the Waste Generated from the Gold and Copper Mine in Yankul.
    - Environmental and Health issues from Industries in Sohar

## Phase 3 (2013)

- Develop survey and advocacy tools further
- Research Assistants – public participation sessions, focus groups
- Communication skills, confidence
- Create partnerships among stakeholders to enhance collaboration between civil society organisations, public authorities and the private sector in Oman.