

## Developing Advanced Manufacturing in Oman - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

Oman has outlined, in its vision 2040, clear aspirations to develop its in-country value chains to diversify the economy from dependence on exporting crude oil and gas. One of the key sectors identified in the current development plan is manufacturing. Sohar University is hosting an event on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 to bring together government agencies, academic institutions, manufacturing industries and international industrial partners to support the development of advanced manufacturing.

### The Objectives for this Event are:

- Provide a step-change in technology transfer by demonstrating the capability and capacity of the Intaj project.
- Partner international agencies with Oman academia and industry sectors.
- Formulate a national-leading cluster in manufacturing technologies in collaboration with international partners.
- Explore the development of knowledge-based industries and foster an innovative ecosystem.
- Scrutinize the mechanisms of partnership with industries and research institutes to test and develop technology.
- Consider pathways to commercialization of products.

The event will provide opportunities of engagement with high ranked governmental officials and decision makers, Oman HEIs, CEOs and key staff from the Oman industry. The format for the event will be a series of keynote talks, presentations, panel discussions and workshops from key Oman and international stakeholders together with a walk through of the Intaj Sohar facilities.

### International Academic Contributors include:

- Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC), University of Sheffield
- Polymer Processing Research Centre, Queen's University of Belfast
- Department of Mechanical, Aerospace and Civil Engineering, The University of Manchester
- Institute for Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering (IFTC), Coventry University
- UK Science and Innovation Network (Gulf)
- The British Council

### International Business Contributors include:

- DMG MORI
- Sandvik

The event will also provide a showcase on how international agencies support and invest in manufacturing research to promote commercialization, with a view to supporting Oman to develop and improve its in-country value chain, SME supply chain and help establish the conditions to develop a cadre of entrepreneurs

