

Bridging the Gulf: Learning Across Organizations, Sectors, and Cultures

APRIL 13–16, 2008; MUSCAT, OMAN

The Society for Organizational Learning invites you to join the 3rd SoL Global Forum, to be held in Muscat, Oman - April 13-16, 2008.

The theme of the Forum is “*Bridging the Gulf*” - reaching across boundaries, creating new connections, collaborations, and strengthening community.

Oman, a fitting backdrop for our theme, served as the crossroads for the silk and spice trade, linking the Far East, Africa, and Europe in a network of economic and cultural exchange. Modern Oman reflects this through broad diversity of its heritage and profound hospitality of its people

Sessions will explore issues of:

- 1. How can we promote inclusiveness and exchange in bridging growing cultural and social divides?**
- 2. What is the role of the corporation in building sustainable, local solutions to problems of globalization?**
- 3. How can we, as a SoL community, engage our collective intelligence to address today’s challenging issues?**

The Forum will be highly interactive combining a global focus and local orientation to create a powerful learning experience.

WHAT IS THE DESIGN OF THE FORUM?

The Forum will create a unique learning experience by leveraging the specific strengths of the SoL community; the shared tools and methods of our practice, the quality of relationships among our members, our diversity, and our common interest in issues of deep importance.

Each morning begins with an interactive plenary session with outstanding men and women sharing how their work addresses one of the core questions of the forum. Several well known thought leaders are expected to contribute their perspectives in these plenary sessions including: *Peter Senge*, Founding Chair of SoL, *Mohammed Yunus*, Founder of the

Grameen Bank and Nobel Laureate, *Adam Kahane*, *Catherine Bateson*, *Otto Scharmer*, and *Nicanos Perlas*.

The agenda will be a mix of whole group and small group sessions, encouraging interaction among all participants. Other design elements are likely to include: a learning souq where contributors bring items to exchange (knowledge) with participants; concurrent sessions where smaller groups explore experiences and lessons learned; and pre or post conference workshops or gatherings to learn more about common areas of interests.

REGISTRATION & MORE INFORMATION

You may register through the Global Forum website opening in October: www.solonline.org/events/GlobalForum2008Public/ Early registration will be available October through December. Forum fees, requests for papers, conference hotel and travel information will also be available.

The Global Forum Design Team & Gulf SoL look forward to welcoming you to Muscat, April 13-16, 2008.

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