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Presentation on 'Oasis of Oman' tomorrow

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MUSCAT | The Sultanate has hundreds of plain, foothill and mountain oases that are increasingly transformed by socio-economic developments. "Several millennia ago, oasis agriculture was introduced into Oman from the Near East and Eastern Mediterranean area with crop species such as wheat, barley, date palm, chickpea and lentil," said Professor Dr Andreas Bürkert, head of the Department of Organic Plant Production and

Agroeconsystems Research at the University of Kassel.

Professor Burkert will hold together with Professor Dr Eva Schlecht, a public presentation on 'Oasis of Oman — livelihood systems at the crossroads' tomorrow at 7.30pm at the German University of Technology in Oman (GUtech) in Athaiba (Beach road). Entry is free.

Professor Schlecht emphasises on conservation efforts will require that oasis agriculture is fostered to survive

as a livelihood system rather than an assembly of preserved physical infrastructure.