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Born in 1930 in Mecca, Sheikh Yamani received a degree in law from Cairo University followed by a doctorate from Harvard. In 1956 he established one of the first private legal practices in Saudi Arabia. From 1958 to 1960 he was Legal Advisor to the Council of Ministers. He was appointed to the Council of Ministers in 1960, and has been Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources since 1962. He served as the Secretary General of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) in 1968-69 and since 1962 has been the Chairman of the Board of Directors of a number of government-owned companies.

Sheikh Yamani has visited Canada several times.