United Arab Emirates and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Excellence in Implementation

Voluntary National Review
UN High Level Political Forum

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UAE’s Institutional Structure

The UAE is a federation of seven emirates – Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Um Al Quwain, Ras Al Khaima and Fujairah.

**Key institutions of federal government:**
- Federal Supreme Council
- President and Vice President
- The Cabinet
- Federal National Council
- Federal Judicial Authority

Federal government authorities handle core policy and service delivery portfolios.

Local governments are responsible for the delivery of municipal services.

However each Emirate has considerable autonomy to shape their development trajectories using UAE’s national vision, Vision 2021, as a template for forward planning.
Agenda 2030

DOMESTIC IMPLEMENTATION
The SDGs serve as a complimentary framework to the National Agenda to guide policy at the federal level.
UAE’s Cabinet formed the National Committee on SDGs in January 2017 which is led by FCSA and includes federal government entities. 15 members in 2017, Expanded to 17 members in 2018.
UAE Government’s Performance Management Framework

This framework is flexible and adaptable enough to align and incorporate the SDGs into UAE’s national development priorities.
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT
The UAE National Communication Strategy for SDGs targets multiple stakeholders.

Main Stakeholders of the National Communication Strategy:
- International community
- Local entities
- Private sector
- Civil society, youth & children
- Research & academic institutions

National Communication Strategy for SDGs is based on three pillars:
- Aware
- Engage
- Maintain

Leave No One Behind
Youth engagement – The Future Policy Depot invites Emirati youth to be involved in the policy process for the SDGs.

- Participants work to outline policies.
- Participants are considered advocates for the implementation of the SDGs.

Future Policy Depot

The winning projects are presented to Cabinet officials by H.E Reem bint Ebrahim AlHashimi and H.E Shamma bint Suhail AlMazrouei.

National Committee on SDGs

Process

Awareness & Brainstorming Sessions

Individual Studies

Initiatives support SDGs

18 - 30 years old Emirati Youth
International (1/3) - The UAE’s foreign assistance revitalizes global efforts to implement the SDGs

1st in terms of ODA relative to GNI with 1.31% of ODA/GNI in 2017

Top United Arab Emirates Donors

- ADFD
- Emirates Red Crescent
- KBZ Al Nahyan Foundation
- Dar Al Ber Society
- UAE Government

Donations by SDGs – Top 5

- 43% (Desert, Peace, Economic Growth)
- 17% (Water, Human Rights, for the Goals)
- 8% (Health, Housing, and Communities)
- 7% (Nations, Sustain, and Prosper)
- 6% (Food, Health, Income)

USD 6.05 billion

Source: UAE Foreign Aid Report 2016, MOFAIC
International (2/3) - UAE donations cover 6 continents with the largest amount (57%) going to Africa

Source: UAE Foreign Aid 2016, MOFAIC
International (3/3) - The UAE’s World Government Summit is a pre-eminent platform for global dialogue on SDGs.

Outcome of the 2018 WGS

Themes

2016 Monitoring, Reporting & Financing

2017 Science, Technology & Innovation

2018 Global Partnerships

Chairpersons: SDGs Global Councils

President

UAE Minister of State for International Cooperation

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Sustainable Development Goals