



General Policy for the Environment in the United Arab Emirates

The Importance of the Policy



- 1 Transforming the existing work to serve as a road map that ensures the country’s leadership in all environmental fields at the national and global levels
- 2 Enhancing the current and future environmental situation

The Objectives of the Policy



- 1 Improving the quality of life in the UAE, now and in the future
- 2 Preserving the ecosystems in the UAE and sustaining their ecological resources and services
- 3 Promoting diversification and economic prosperity
- 4 Integrating climate change and biodiversity considerations into the sectors and individuals relationships with the environment of the UAE
- 5 Supporting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030

Main Environmental Priorities of the Policy



Integrated Waste Management

Main Directions

- Raising awareness of the importance of minimizing waste from its sources
- Developing and implementing projects to increase the percentage of waste treatment and recycling, including converting it into energy.
- Promoting partnership initiatives between the public and private sectors
- Attracting more investments in the waste management sector in the country
- Developing an integrated system to ensure business continuity in the waste sector



Promoting environmentally sound management of chemicals

Main Directions

- Raising awareness of the importance of reducing the negative effects of the inappropriate and unsafe use of chemicals
- Preparing and updating legislations related to the sound management of chemicals in accordance with international trends and agreements in this regard
- Promoting investment in green industries
- Applying the sound management of chemicals throughout their life cycle
- Monitoring chemical circulation
- Promoting scientific research and studies related to chemicals and their alternatives



Mitigating the effects of climate change to support the country’s economic development priorities

Main Directions

- Managing emissions in the country and supporting projects that contribute to reducing carbon emissions
- Developing programs and plans to build resilience, and enhance resilience and capacity of ecosystems, economic sectors and society to adapt to the effects of climate change
- Enhancing the country's position within the global competitiveness indicators, and supporting sustainable development and green economy efforts



Promoting and ensuring the safety of food products and diversifying their sources

Main Directions

- Strengthening the country’s position as a leading and international center for food trade
- Developing the legislative and supervisory system for imported and local food
- Diversifying food products sources to meet the needs and requirements of the local consumer
- Providing safe and sound food to the consumer
- Promoting community awareness of food safety



Preserving natural environment

Main Directions

- Reducing loss of native species
- Preserving natural systems and the services they provide
- Protecting natural habitats and sustaining their resources
- Governance of marine and coastal environment management
- Monitoring and controlling marine and coastal environment
- Protecting, developing and regulating the exploitation of living aquatic resources



Sustaining local livestock production and optimizing local natural resource

Main Directions

- Enhancing the productivity of the livestock sector
- Integrated Livestock Management
- The quality, safety and diversity of local production while ensuring the sustainable use of resources
- Boosting Biosecurity



Enhancing Air Quality

Main Directions

- Improve ambient air quality
- Improve indoor air quality
- Reduce ambient noise
- Reduce odors



Sustaining local agricultural production and preserving its resources

Main Directions

- Sustainable agricultural production
- Preserving plant production