



# 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