



Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Issues Resolution to Restructure Abu Dhabi Quality and Conformity Council Board of Directors

His Highness Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Executive Council, has issued a resolution to restructure Abu Dhabi Quality and Conformity Council's Board of Directors, appointing

Source: WAM

His Excellency Ahmed Jasim Al Zaabi as Chairman.

The board further comprises the Undersecretary of the Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development, Undersecretary of the Department of Energy – Abu Dhabi, Undersecretary of the Department of

Health – Abu Dhabi, Undersecretary of the Department of Municipalities and Transport, Secretary General of Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi, Director General of Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority, Director General of General Administration of

Abu Dhabi Customs, Director General of Abu Dhabi Hazardous Materials Management Centre, and Assistant Undersecretary for the Standards and Regulations Sector at the Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology.

Abu Dhabi's Population Reaches Almost 3.8 million, Census Shows

"This is an important step towards strengthening national efforts to improve the quality of services and support comprehensive development plans in the emirate of Abu Dhabi," said Ahmed Tamim Hisham Al Kuttab, chairman of the Department of Government Enablement – Abu Dhabi, and chairman of the Higher Census Committee. "The census' output support the decision-making process and monitoring of variables and trends that government entities rely on in formulating economic and social programmes and policies, as well as supporting the private sector and investors with accurate data that enhances investment in the emirate."

The Abu Dhabi region,

with a population of 2,495,925 people, was the largest in terms of population, 66% of the total population of the emirate.

This was followed by the Al Ain region, with a population of 1,009,735 people, 27% of the total population of Abu Dhabi, while the Al Dhafra region, had 284,205 inhabitants, 7% of the total population, the media office reported.

These numbers represent an 82% increase in the employed population since 2011, bringing the total employment to 2,522,390 individuals.

The employed workforce is divided into 46% white-collar workers, a category that has seen a 109% surge since 2011, and 54% blue-collar workers, a group that has experienced 65% growth compared to 2011.

- ▶ The population in Abu Dhabi has risen to just under 3.8 million – with twice as many males as females, according to the latest figures.
- ▶ Findings were based on data from the Abu Dhabi census last year.
- ▶ Data from the Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi showed that 3,789,860 people were living in the emirate, 67% of whom were male.
- ▶ The median age of Abu Dhabi's population was 33, according to Abu Dhabi Media Office.

"This data highlights the dynamic expansion and diversity of the workforce in Abu Dhabi," read a statement from the emirate's media office.

Abu Dhabi also witnessed a 66% increase in the number of residential and non-residential units since 2011, totalling 754,555 units.

Of these, residential units account for 58% with 441,410 units, while non-residential

units make up the remaining 42% with 313,145 units.

"This growth is a testament to the positive effects of the continuous infrastructure developments undertaken by the emirate in recent years," the media office said.

The 2023 census was the first of its kind since 2011, when the population of the emirate was 2,073,307. In 1995, the population of Abu Dhabi was 942,463.



GCL Tech, Mubadala to Open Polysilicon Factory in UAE



Chinese polysilicon maker GCL Tech says it is partnering with Emirati state-owned

Mubadala Investment Co. to build the Middle East's first polysilicon factory in the United Arab Emirates.

GCL Tech said it has signed a strategic cooperation agreement with MDC Power, a unit of UAE-based Mubadala Investment Co. to build a polysilicon manufacturing facility in the United Arab Emirates.

GCL Tech did not disclose the location of the factory, which will be the Middle East's first polysilicon manufacturing facility.

"The company expects to continually develop its collaboration with Mubadala with a view to entering into legally binding investment agreements in relation to the Collaboration Project," GCL Tech said, without providing additional details about the project.

GCL Tech said it currently has 12 GW of ingot capacity and 58.5 GW of wafer capacity in China. It is working on perovskite tandem technology, with reported efficiencies of 19.04% for a single-junction module and 26.34% for a tandem module.

Mubadala acts as one of the sovereign wealth funds of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Source: PV Magazine

How Abu Dhabi Entity's CSR Approach is Creating a Sustainable Impact

The Authority of Social Contribution – Ma'an, Abu Dhabi Government's official channel to receive social contributions, has been striving to promote a culture of sustainable social responsibility impact among corporate and private sector companies in the emirate. Through dedicated programmes and initiatives that support social enterprise start-ups, promote outcome-focused projects, provide sustainable funding mechanisms, and engage community members, the Authority of Social Contribu-

tion - Ma'an aims to foster a culture of collaborative social responsibility.

As developing the capabilities and growth of Abu Dhabi's expanding network of non-government and non-profit organisations is one of the Authority of Social Contribution - Ma'an's key priorities, it has been playing a crucial role in enabling businesses to simplify their corporate social responsibility (CSR) planning and execution by offering impactful projects that addresses key social priorities, identified by the Department

of Community Development (DCD) in Abu Dhabi, and aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, a top official said.

Khaled Saleh Alameri, Social Responsibility Division Director at the Authority of Social Contribution - Ma'an, noted that social impact requires a long-term perspective.

"The Authority of Social Contribution - Ma'an enable companies to go beyond short-term projects and initiatives and strive for long-lasting impact.

Source: Khaleej Times

Species Conservation Could be the Key to a Sustainable Future

The Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund, a major philanthropic endowment from Abu Dhabi, is set to reach a significant milestone later this year as we celebrate 15 years of global species conservation. Our journey began in 2008, with the view of establishing a small grants programme to position ourselves as a new global conservation funder, and a year later we successfully awarded our first grant. Since then, we've supported over 2,800 projects across more than 170 countries and building partnerships with 1,500 conservation allies. Species conservation is vital for maintaining the balance of our ecosystems and securing a sustainable future. By protecting biodiversity, we preserve essential services like pollination and nutrient cycling, ensuring the well-being of both nature and humanity.

Source: www.speciesconservation.org/

Through our small grants, we've protected 1,709 species and subspecies, rescuing many from the brink of extinction while discovering new populations and habitats. Our focus on threatened species makes the Fund unique and highly impactful on a global scale. We prioritise critically endangered, endangered, and lesser-known species in need with an aim of "reversing the red" of the IUCN Red list. Recently, we've embraced partner projects that offer opportunities for corporations to make a tangible impact on biodiversity. Our original funder, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, wisely remarked, "We each have a part to play in protecting our planet." Several conscientious corporations have taken his words to heart, joining us in the global effort to conserve species. Mubadala

was the first to step up, investing in conservation projects in Thailand, Guinea, Colombia, and Indonesia to protect a diverse range of species. Their impact on conservation has been nothing short of remarkable. Beyond this, the importance of Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance (ESG) is growing rapidly, with ESG playing a major role in shaping our future. The Abu Dhabi Global Market recognised Sustainable Finance as a strategic priority and became the first International Financial Centre globally to achieve carbon neutrality. MBZF Managing Director Razan Al Mubarak echoes this movement, "In terms of business, 'the 'E' in ESG is largely defined by and limited to a climate change narrative, and not an overall nature narrative that includes the protection of habitat and biodiversity and the

restoration of ecosystems. What many of us are pushing for is an expansion of the meaning of the "Environment" in the ESG framework." Ultimately, at the Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund, we invest in people, as they are the driving force behind every successful conservation effort. Over the years, 75% of our grantees have been first-time recipients, representing the next generation of conservationists. In the last two years, we've supported over 80 women as project leaders, investing approximately \$800,000 in their impactful conservation efforts in developing countries. Our work is far from over, we're dedicated to creating a sustainable future for all species and the communities they sustain. Join us on this journey as we continue our mission to make a meaningful impact worldwide.

