United Arab Emirates

Capital: Abu Dhabi

UAE’s total population: 9.2 million (2013)

Area: 83,600 km$^2$

Religion: Islam

Currency: UAE dirham

7 emirates
FOCUS Abu Dhabi – Vision 2021

- Outlines country goals leading up to 2021 (golden jubilee celebration)
- Guided by the National Work Program launched by the President
- Analyzes national identity and internal challenges
- Examines emerging regional and international changes

We want to be among the best countries in the world by 2021
FOCUS Abu Dhabi – Vision 2021

Vision Summary: In a strong and safe union, knowledgeable and innovative Emiratis will confidently build a competitive and resilient economy. They will thrive as a cohesive society bonded to its identity, and enjoy the highest standards of living within a nurturing and sustainable environment.

- United in Responsibility
  - People, Families, Communities, and Culture

- United in Destiny
  - Social and economic development, safety and security, economic stability, welfare for all, regional and international standing

- United in Knowledge
  - Human capital, diversified, competitive and sustainable economy

- United in Prosperity
  - Investment in healthcare, infrastructure, culture and recreation; first-rate progressive education (full integration of people with special needs), environmental sustainability
UAE’s seven emirates

- Abū Ṭabī (Abu Dhabi)
- ‘Ajmān (Ajman)
- Al-Fujayrah (Fujairah)
- Ash-Shāriqah (Sharjah)
- Dubayy (Dubai)
- Ra’s al-Khaymah (Ras al-Khaimah)
- Umm al-Qaywayn (Umm al-Quwain)

Areas under joint control:
- Fujairah and Sharjah
- Oman and Ajman

Disputed areas (under Iranian administration):
- claimed by Sharjah
- claimed by Ras al-Khaimah

Political & industrial center
Government

Supreme Council
(7 rulers of 7 emirates)

President & Ruler of Abu Dhabi
Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

Prime Minister & Vice President & Ruler of Dubai
Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Est in 1971

His Highness Sheikh
Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi
Cultural Awareness

• **Attire**
  - More conservative attire (avoid “revealing”, extremely short or sheer clothing)
  - Most meetings with LOC counterparts are “nice casual” (but check attire for external meetings or events)
  - Women do not need to cover head (unless visiting a religious site) and encouraged to avoid or cover bare shoulders
  - Outside will be hot, inside will be cool (bring layers!)

• **Handshakes:**
  - **Men:** When greeting a man in a professional setting, handshakes are always used and can last a long time. Be sure to only use the right hand as Muslims reserve the left hand for bodily hygiene and consider it unclean.
  - **Women:** If you’re being introduced to a Muslim man, wait to see if he extends his hand. If not, refrain from initiating a handshake.

• **Photography:** Normal tourist photography is acceptable but it is considered offensive to photograph Muslim women. It is also courteous to ask permission before photographing men.

• **Meetings & Negotiations:** Middle Easterners often have a relaxed attitude when it comes to business meetings and may arrive late. It’s important not to follow suit as punctuality is expected of Westerners. Refreshments are commonly served at meetings – it is proper etiquette to accept what you’re offered and to compliment your host on the food and his hospitality.
SOI General Information
2019 Games
Updates
2019 World Games Key Facts

- March 14 - 21, 2019: Mar 8 – 11 Host Town, Mar 12 – 13 Divisioning
- 7 days of competition
- 7,000 athletes from more than 170 countries
- 24 Olympic-type sports
- Host Town Program involving all 7 Emirates
- Opening Ceremony in Zayed Sports City Stadium
- Closing Ceremony in Hazza bin Zayed Stadium Al Ain (TBC)
- Numbers:
  - 9,600 Delegates
  - 4,000 Honored Guests
  - 6,000 Families
  - 2,000 Media
  - 20,000 Volunteers
  - 120 – 150 Youth
  - 150 LEfTR
  - 500 Staff
- Worldwide coverage and distribution will be provided by Abu Dhabi Media as the Official Host Broadcaster and ESPN as the Official Global Broadcast Partner of SOI.
Highlights

• National strategy launched by HE the Prime Minister and HE the Minister of Community Development – “disability” replaced with “determination”

• Strong leadership and support from the Government – Ministers of State, Community Development, Youth as well as the Abu Dhabi Director General on Higher Committee and actively led Board Committees – and mostly women in leadership roles

• LOC Office Space operational

• Key Performance Indicators established in Leadership, Media/Marketing, Commercial Operations, Technology, Events and Legacy

• Etihad partnership signed, contributing to the $40M to be raised
Sports Venue Vision

(Please note following information in process of being updated as they increased the number of zones – January 2018)
Sports: ADNEC ZONE

Sports:
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Judo
- Rollerskating
- Table Tennis
- Volleyball
Sports: ZAYED SPORTS CITY

Sports:
- Bocce
- Bowling
- Football 11-a-side
- Football 7-a-side
- Football - futsal
- Gymnastics – Artistic
- Gymnastics - Rhythmic
- Swimming
- Tennis
Sports: CORNICHE/ DOWNTOWN ZONE

Sports:
- Beach Volleyball
- Equestrian
- Handball
- Kayaking
- Open Water Swimming
- Sailing
Sports: YAS/SAADIYAT ZONE

Sports:
- Athletics
- Cycling
- Golf
- ½ Marathon/10k
- Powerlifting
- Triathlon
Sport Specific Venues Highlights

New York University (Athletics & Powerlifting)
Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club (Equestrian)
YASLINKS/Saadiyat Golf Club (Golf)
Yas Marina Circuit (Cycling)
Khalifa bin Zayed Bowling Center (bowling)
Al Jazira Club Hall- (handball)
Zayed Sports City – International Tennis Center (tennis)
Armed Forces Club – Officers’ Club (bocce)