

United Arab Emirates



Capital: Abu Dhabi

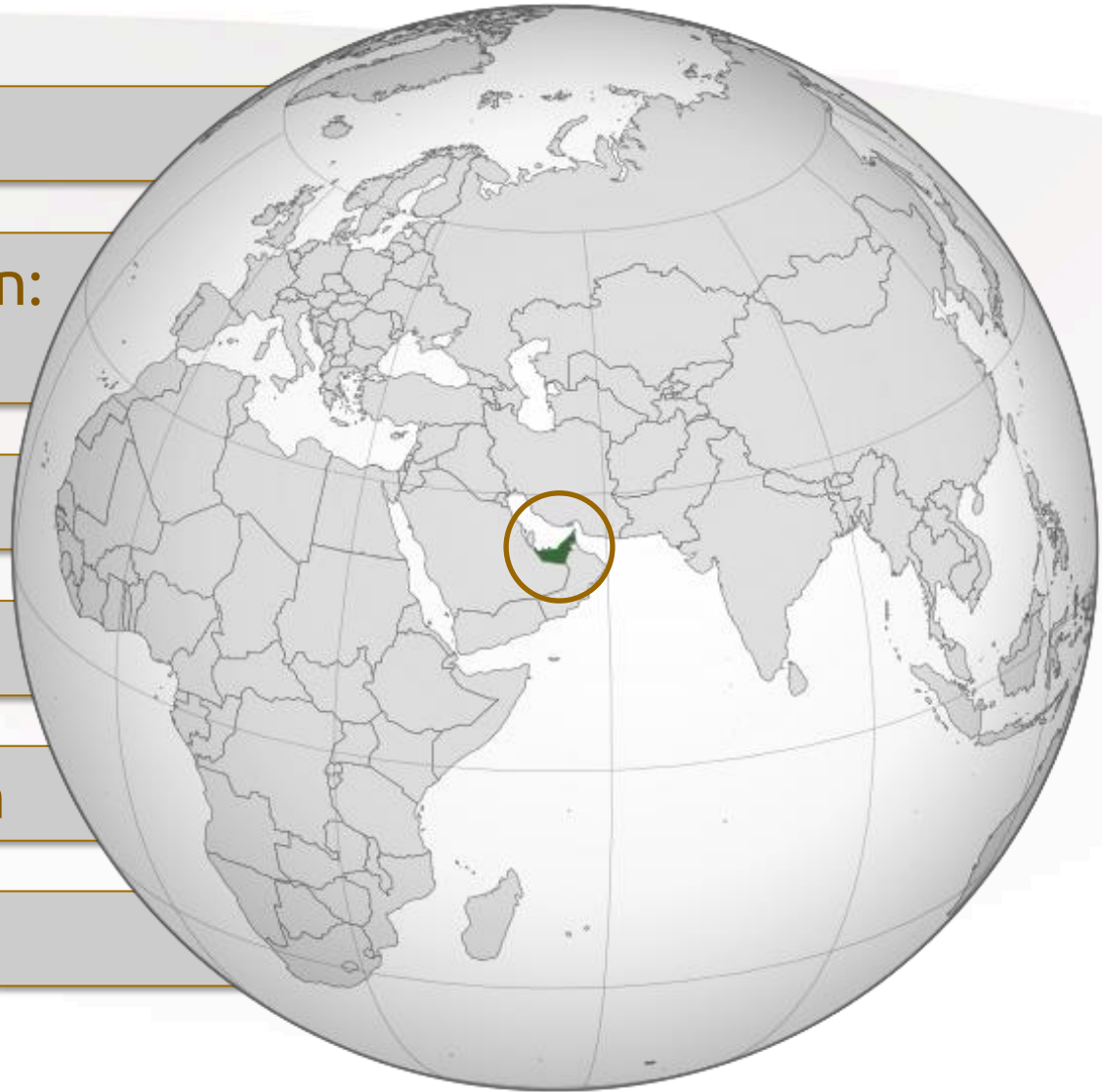
UAE's total population:
9.2 million (2013)

Area: 83,600 km²

Religion: Islam

Currency: UAE dirham

7 emirates



FOCUS Abu Dhabi – Vision 2021



UNITED IN AMBITION
AND DETERMINATION

**We want to be among the
best countries in the world
by 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

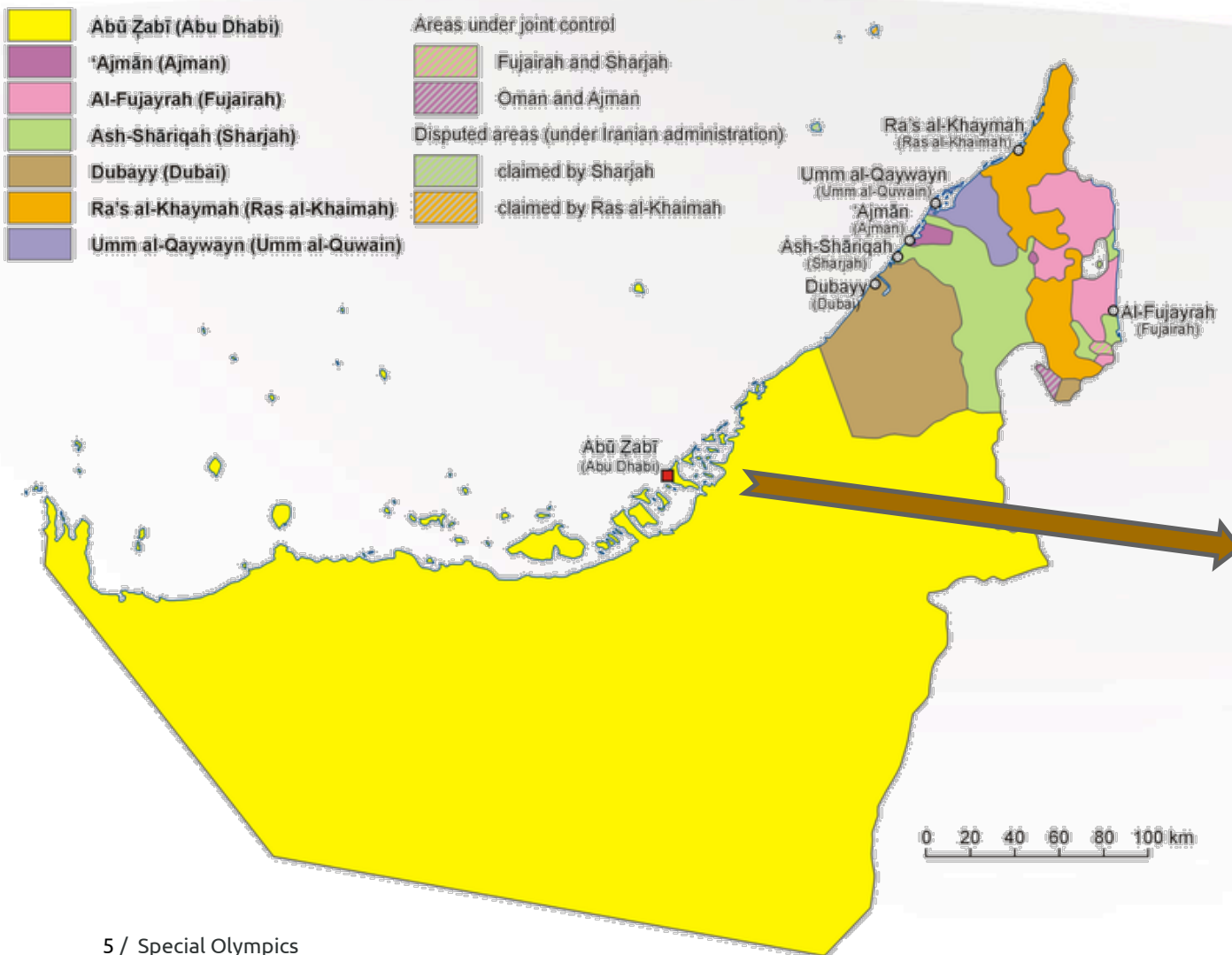


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Vision Summary: In a **strong** and **safe** union, **knowledgeable** and **innovative** Emiratis will confidently build a **competitive** and **resilient** economy. They will thrive as a **cohesive society** bonded to its identity, and enjoy the highest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



Political &
industrial center



Government



Supreme Council

(7 rulers of 7 emirates)

Elects President
& Vice President



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

Special Olympics





SPECIAL OLYMPICS
**WORLD
GAMES**
ABU DHABI 2019

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:

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| 9,600 Delegates | 20,000 Volunteers |
| 4,000 Honored Guests | 120 – 150 Youth |
| 6,000 Families | 150 LETR |
| 2,000 Media | 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)