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In October 2021, the UAE reaffirmed its climate leadership by launching the UAE Net Zero by 2050 Strategic Initiative as the first country in the MENA region to pursue a net-zero pathway. This momentous initiative is consistent with our national drive to diversify and build a knowledge-based economy, adopt the principles of a green and circular economy, protect the environment, and develop competencies in future growth areas.

The commitment to a net zero economy extends beyond the dedication of the public sector alone. Making the transition to a net zero economy will only be possible with huge financial support and multilateral cooperation. We at the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MOCCA) are keen to partner with the private sector in making decarbonization a common priority.

As the UAE economy looks towards further strengthening its commitment to climate action, we call upon businesses of all sizes and across all industries to join together in meeting this collective challenge and opportunity. We all have an integral role to play.

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Minister of Climate Change and Environment

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The 1st edition of the UAE Green Business Toolkit (2018) had been launched with the intent to inspire all types of businesses around the country to take the first step in becoming more eco-friendly and socially responsible.

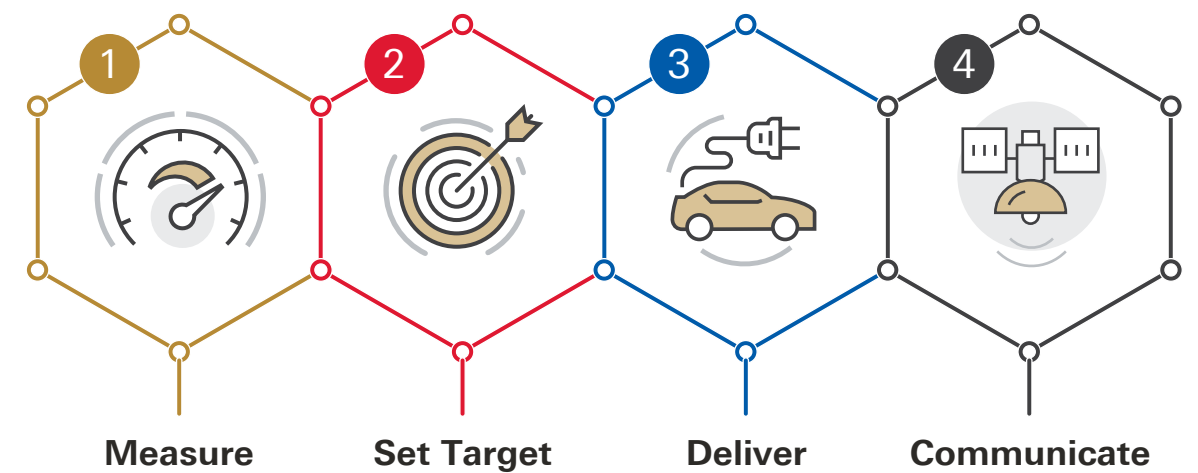
The 1st edition provided entry-level guidelines on greening existing businesses or establishing new green businesses as an entrepreneur, in three key areas: Green Office, Green Procurement, and Green Products.

In the four years since, public awareness of the critical need for sustainability has seen tremendous growth. Notwithstanding mounting adverse climate-related impacts, the need for prioritizing sustainable practices has only become more pronounced during the global COVID-19 pandemic.

In alignment with the latest climate science, this 2nd edition of the Toolkit (2022) aims to further build on the capacity of businesses to adapt to a global economy in transition and to mobilize the private sector to dedicate resources to contributing to the country's current climate targets. Central to the UAE's vision for sustainable recovery and development is its commitment to achieving net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2050.

With the objective of strengthening the enabling environment for sustainability-based practices and investments in the marketplace (Pillar 3 of the UAE Sustainable Finance Framework), this Toolkit sets out to galvanize UAE businesses to prioritize net-zero planning and to equip them with tools and know-how for embarking on this journey.

The entire business sector has a critical role to play in delivering greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets and contributing to UAE Net Zero 2050.



The guidance provided in this Toolkit is compatible with existing internationally recognized standards, such as the Greenhouse Gas Protocol and the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi).



UAE Net Zero 2050

The UAE Net Zero 2050 strategic initiative is a national drive to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050, making the Emirates the first MENA nation to do so.

Over its three decades of climate action, the UAE – owing to the vision of its wise leadership – has presented a leading model of tackling climate change through mitigation and adaptation.

Through an announcement made at Expo 2020 Dubai in October 2021, the UAE hit a significant milestone by becoming the first country in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region to commit to achieving net-zero emissions, targeted by 2050.

The initiative aligns with the Principles of the 50 - the UAE’s roadmap for accelerating national economic development to mark the country’s golden jubilee year, as nation

enters a new 50-year cycle of growth. The major economic opportunities offered by the path to Net Zero directly support a vision to develop the Emirates into the most dynamic economy in the world.

The UAE Net Zero 2050 strategic initiative aligns with the Paris Agreement, which calls on countries to prepare long-term strategies to reduce GHG emissions and limit the rise in global temperature to 1.5°C compared to pre-industrial levels.

The UAE is honored to have been selected as the host country for COP28 and looks forward to welcoming the world in 2023. Together, we will not only help mitigate the effects of climate change, but also unlock new opportunities to realize greater prosperity and a better life for future generations.



“We are committed to seize the opportunity to cement our leadership on climate change within our region and take this key economic opportunity to drive development, growth and new jobs as we pivot our economy and nation to net zero. With an investment of over AED600 billion in renewable energy, our vision for a clean future is clear.”

His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan,
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