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## Laws



#### Law No. (29) of 2019

## Concerning the Establishment of Abu Dhabi Research and Development Authority

#### We, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler of Abu Dhabi

Having reviewed:

- Law No. (1) of 1974 concerning the reorganisation of the Governmental body in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments;
- Law No. (2) of 1971 concerning the National Advisory Council, and its amendments;
- Law No. (2) of 2000 concerning the Civil Retirement Pensions and Benefits in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, and its amendments;
- Law No. (6) of 2016 concerning the Human Resources in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, and its amendments;
- Law No. (1) of 2017 concerning the Financial System of Abu Dhabi Government;
- Law No. (9) of 2018 concerning the establishment of the Department of Education and Knowledge;
- Chairman of the Executive Council Resolution No. (24) of 2018 concerning the additional competencies of the Department of Education and Knowledge; and
- Based on what was presented to and approved by the Executive Council, Issued the following Law:

#### Article (1)

In the implementation of the provisions of this Law, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings corresponding thereto unless the context requires otherwise:

State: The United Arab Emirates
Emirate: The Emirate of Abu Dhabi
Government: Abu Dhabi Government

Executive Council: The Executive Council of the Emirate

Department: The Department of Education and Knowledge.

Authority: Abu Dhabi Research and Development Authority.

#### Article (2)

An authority shall be established pursuant to the provisions of this Law under the name of "Abu Dhabi Research and Development Authority". The Authority shall have an independent corporate personality, enjoy full legal capacity to act, and be affiliated to the Department.

The Executive Council may change the Authority's affiliation to any other entity determined thereby.

#### Article (3)

The main office of the Authority shall be located in Abu Dhabi City. Branches of the Authority may be established inside or outside the Emirate by a resolution of the Chairman of the Department following the approval of the Executive Council.

#### Article (4)

- The Authority shall assume the following competencies:
- 1. Propose general policies, strategic plans and initiatives related to the research and development system and submit them to the Department in preparation for approval by the Executive Council.
- 2. Determine the priorities of the research and development system in the Emirate in all fields in consistence with the overall directions and aspirations of the government.
- 3. Prepare the plans and programmes including the funding programmes aimed at expanding the research and development capabilities in the Emirate.
- 4. Lay down the controls and standards based on which the research and development contracts are approved, funded and concluded for individuals and institutions, and submit them to the Executive Council for approval.
- 5. Manage and Implement the programmes of academic research and development related to research funding of researches and academic institutions at the Emirate level to serve the vision and aspirations of the Emirate.

- 6. Launch, adopt and supervise the research and development initiatives funded by the Government.
- 7. Cooperate and coordinate with all the parties concerned with research and development for the enhancement of this field.
- 8. Study the funding grants applications of the academic institutions and individuals in the research and development field and approve their disbursement in accordance with the approved controls and standards.
- 9. Study the grants and funding applications submitted thereto by the governmental entities regarding non-academic institutions and corporations and express an opinion thereon.
- 10. Build and develop scientific and research partnerships with local and international funding institutions and exchange experiences in order to guarantee sustainable research and development growth.
- 11. Conclude agreements and memoranda of understanding with research and scientific institutions inside and outside the State for the purposes of cooperation in the research and development fields.
- 12. Provide advice and issue reports and studies in the research and development fields.
- 13. Hold and participate in local, regional and international conferences, seminars, meetings and workshops.
- 14. Implement strategies related to commercial activities and intellectual property resulting from researches funded by the Authority.
- The Executive Council may amend the competencies of the Authority occurring in this Law or any other legislation by deletion, addition or transfer.
- The Authority may delegate some of its competencies to any other governmental entity or outsource some of them to the private sector following the approval of the Executive Council thereon.

#### Article (5)

• The Authority may have a Chairman who shall be appointed by a Chairman of the Executive Council Resolution and shall supervise the competencies

and tasks of the Authority and its Director-General.

• The Executive Council may assign any other competencies or tasks to the Chairman of the Authority.

#### Article (6)

- The Authority shall have a Director-General who shall be appointed by an Executive Council resolution and shall assume the conduct and supervision of the Authority's functions. For this purpose, he shall:
- 1. Propose strategic and executive plans of the Authority and submit them for approval in accordance with applicable legislations.
- 2. Follow up on the implementation of the strategic and executive plans of the Authority as well as the programmes and projects managed, implemented or supervised thereby.
- 3. Manage, develop and implement all the strategic and executive functions delegated to the Authority, either directly or through the work teams appointed or entrusted thereby with tasks by him, consistently with the applicable legislations.
- 4. Propose the initiatives, programmes, projects, studies and recommendations related to the Authority's functions and activities and submit them for approval in accordance with the procedures followed by the Department.
- 5. Propose the annual draft budget of the Authority and submit it for approval in accordance with the applicable legislations.
- 6. Propose the organisational structure of the Authority and submit it for approval in accordance with the applicable legislations.
- 7. Appoint the experts, consultants and technicians temporarily or permanently, and determine their remuneration. He may seek the assistance of any experts and consulting offices and institutions he deems appropriate.
- 8. Open bank accounts in the name of the Authority in accordance with the applicable legislations.
- 9. Form internal committees and work teams from among the Authority's

- employees and others, and determine their tasks and work procedures.
- 10. Propose the legislations, organizational and executive regulations, rules, policies, resolutions and circulars related to the Authority's competencies and submit them for approval according to the applicable legislations.
- 11. Propose the fees, tariffs and prices related to the Authority's competencies and submit them for approval in accordance with the applicable legislations.
- 12. Represent the Authority before the courts and third parites.
- 13. Any other competencies or tasks assigned thereto by the Executive Council.
- The Director-General may delegate some of his competencies to any senior employee of the Authority, provided that the delegation is made in writing.
- The Executive Council may delegate any of the competencies of the Director-General to any committees or work teams appointed from among the employees of the Authority or others.

#### Article (7)

- The Authority may have a Board of Trustees consisting of at least five members including the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, to be appointed by an Executive Council resolution.
- The Board of Trustees shall provide advice and consultancy to the Department and Authority in relation to all or some of the Authority's competencies, and shall provide recommendations and suggestions regarding the plans, programmes, projects and activities supervised, managed or implemented thereby.
- The Board of Trustees shall hold its meetings in accordance with the rules and regulations approved by the Chairman of the Department.
- The Chairman of the Department may delegate the Board of Trustees to follow up on the works of the Director-General, if necessary.

#### Article (8)

The Authority shall submit to the Department every six months or whenever requested, a report on its works, achievements, budget and administrative and financial affairs, the phases of progress made in the implementation of the competencies and tasks delegated thereto.

#### Article (9)

The Department may, by a resolution of the Chairman, provide logistic support and assume all operational works related to support services including Human Recources and financial affairs, procurement, electronic systems and other works and services related to the corporate affairs of the Authority.

#### Article (10)

The financial resources of the Authority shall consist of the following:

- 1. The annual appropriations allocated thereto by the Government.
- 2. The grants and donations offered thereto following the approval of the Executive Council.
- 3. The financial support offered by both the private and public sectors as well as various individuals and institutions funding scientific research, allocated for funding particular researches or activities and to be disbursed in accordance with the disbursement purposes designated thereto, and that outside the budget approved for the Authority.
- 4. Any other revenues approved by the Executive Council.

#### Article (11)

The fiscal year of the Authority shall start on the first of January and end on the last day of December of each year, except for the first fiscal year which shall start from the effective date of this Law and end on the last day of December of the following year.

#### Article (12)

The Authority shall have one or more external certified auditors to verify its

financial accounts and statements. They shall be appointed by a resolution of the Depatment that also determines their remuneration, in accordance with the legislations applicable in the Emirate.

#### Article (13)

- The Authority shall be subject to the financial laws and regulations applicable in the Emirate except for the contracts related to scientific research.
- The Human Recources rules and regulations applicable in the Emirate shall apply to the Authority's employees.
- The Nationals among them shall be subject to the civil retirement pensions and benefits applicable in the Emirate.

#### Article (14)

Any provision contrary to the provisions of this Law shall be repealed.

#### Article (15)

This Law shall be effective from the date of its issuance and published in the Official Gazette.

Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan Ruler of Abu Dhabi

Issued by us in Abu Dhabi
On: 30 October 2019

Corresponding to: 2 Rabi' Al Awwal 1441 Hijri



### Decrees



# Amiri Decree No. (15) of 2019 Concerning the Appointment of the Chairman of Abu Dhabi Executive Office

#### We, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler of Abu Dhabi

Having reviewed:

- Law No. (1) of 1974 concerning the reorganisation of the Governmental body in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments;
- Law No. (18) of 2019 concerning Abu Dhabi Executive Office;
- Amiri Decree No. (1) of 2019 concerning the reformation of the Executive Council of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi; and
- Based on what was presented by the Chairman of the Executive Council; Issued the following Decree:

#### Article (1)

His Highness Sheikh Khalid bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Member of the Executive Council, shall be appointed as Chairman of Abu Dhabi Executive Office.

#### Article (2)

This Decree shall be effective from the date of its issuance and published in the Official Gazette.

Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan Ruler of Abu Dhabi

> Issued by us in Abu Dhabi On: 7 October 2019

# Amiri Decree No. (16) of 2019 Concerning the Appointment of the Chairman of the Crown Prince Court

#### We, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler of Abu Dhabi

Having reviewed:

- Law No. (1) of 1974 concerning the reorganisation of the Governmental body in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments;
- Law No. (4) of 2007 concerning the reorganisation of the Crown Prince Court;
- Amiri Decree No. (1) of 2019 concerning the reformation of the Executive Council of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi; and
- Based on what was presented by the Chairman of the Executive Council; Issued the following Decree:

#### Article (1)

His Highness Sheikh Thiab bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Member of the Executive Council, shall be appointed as Chairman of the Crown Prince Court.

#### Article (2)

This Decree shall be effective from the date of its issuance and published in the Official Gazette.

Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan Ruler of Abu Dhabi

> Issued by us in Abu Dhabi On: 7 October 2019

# Amiri Decree No. (18) of 2019 Concerning the Appointment of the Chairman of the Office of the Chairman of the Executive Council

#### We, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler of Abu Dhabi

Having reviewed:

- Law No. (1) of 1974 concerning the reorganisation of the Governmental body in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments;
- Law No. (28) of 2019 concerning the establishment of the Office of the Chairman of the Executive Council;
- Amiri Decree No. (1) of 2019 concerning the reformation of the Executive Council of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi; and
- Based on what was presented by the Chairman of the Executive Council; Issued the following Decree:

#### Article (1)

His Excellency Dr. Ahmed Mubarak Ali Al Mazrouei, Member of the Executive Council, shall be appointed as Chairman of the Office of the Chairman of the Executive Council.

#### Article (2)

This Decree shall be effective from the date of its issuance and published in the Official Gazette.

Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan Ruler of Abu Dhabi

> Issued by us in Abu Dhabi On: 7 October 2019

#### Amiri Decree No. (19) of 2019 Concerning the Department of Government Support

#### We, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler of Abu Dhabi

Having reviewed:

- Law No. (1) of 1974 concerning the reorganisation of the Governmental body in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments;
- Amiri Decree No. (1) of 2019 concerning the reformation of the Executive Council of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi; and
- Based on what was presented by the Chairman of the Executive Council; Issued the following Decree:

#### Article (1)

A department shall be established under the name of "Department of Government Support". The Chairman of the Department shall assume the supervision of the preparation of the legislations required to this effect.

#### Article (2)

His Excellency Ali Rashed Qannas Al-Ketbi shall be appointed as the Chairman of the Department of Government Support and shall be a Member of the Executive Council.

#### Article (3)

The following entities shall be affiliated to the Department of Government Support:

- 1. Statistics Centre Abu Dhabi;
- 2. Human Resources Authority in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi;
- 3. Abu Dhabi School of Government;
- 4. Abu Dhabi Digital Authority.

#### Article (4)

This Decree shall be effective from the date of its issuance and published in the Official Gazette.

Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan Ruler of Abu Dhabi

> Issued by us in Abu Dhabi On: 7 October 2019

# Amiri Decree No. (20) of 2019 Concerning the Assignment of Duties of Chairman of the Department of Transport

#### We, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler of Abu Dhabi

Having reviewed:

- Law No. (1) of 1974 concerning the reorganisation of the Governmental body in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments;
- Law No. (5) of 2018 concerning the establishment of the Department of Urban Planning and Municipalities;
- Law No. (6) of 2018 concerning the establishment of the Department of Transport;
- Amiri Decree No. (1) of 2019 concerning the reformation of the Executive Council of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi; and
- Based on what was presented by the Chairman of the Executive Council; Issued the following Decree:

#### Article (1)

His Excellency Falah Mohammed Al-Ahbabi shall be assigned with the duties of Chairman of the Department of Transport in addition to his work.

#### Article (2)

This Decree shall be effective from the date of its issuance and published in the Official Gazette.

Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan Ruler of Abu Dhabi

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# Crown Prince Chairman of the Executive Council Resolutions



## Chairman of the Executive Council Resolution No. (41) of 2019

Concerning the Formation of the Board of Trustees of Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence

## We, Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince, Chairman of the Executive Council,

Having reviewed:

- Law No. (1) of 1974 concerning the Reorganisation of the Governmental Body in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments;
- Law No. (25) of 2019 concerning the establishment of Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence; and
- Based on what was presented to and approved by the Executive Council; Issued the following Resolution:

#### Article (1)

The Board of Trustees of Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence shall be formed under the chairmanship of His Excellency Dr. Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber and the membership of:

- 1. Peng Xiao;
- 2. Dr. Sir Michael Brady;
- 3. Dr. Daniela Rus;
- 4. Dr. Anil Jain;
- 5. Dr. Andrew Yao;
- 6. Dr. Kai-Fu Lee.

#### Article (2)

The term of the Board's membership shall be three renewable years.

#### Article (3)

This Resolution shall be effective from the date of its issuance and published in the Official Gazette.

Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

Crown Prince

Chairman of the Executive Council

Issued by us in Abu Dhabi On 2 October 2019 Corresponding to 3 Safar 1441 Hijri

# Executive Council Resolutions



# Executive Council Resolution No. (203) of 2019 Concerning the Formation of the Board of Trustees of Abu Dhabi Early Childhood Authority

#### The Executive Council has decided the following:

- 1. The Board of Trustees of Abu Dhabi Early Childhood Authority shall be formed under the chairmanship of His Highness Sheikh Thiab bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and the membership of:
  - 1. H.H Sheikha Maryam bint Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan;
  - 2. H.H Sheikha Shamsa bint Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan;
  - 3. H.E Chairman of the Department of Health;
  - 4. H.E Chairman of the Department of Community Development;
  - 5. H.E Chairman of the Department of Education and Knowledge;
  - 6. Prosecutor General of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi;
  - 7. Secretary-General of the Supreme Council for Motherhood and Childhood.
- 2. This Resolution shall be effective from the date of its issuance.

## Dr. Mohammed Rashid Al Hamli Secretary-General

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