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Environment

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## **Report Highlights:**

On July 5, 2020 the UAE announced Dr. Abdullah Mohammad Bel Haif Al Nuaimi as the new UAE Minister of Climate Change and Environment. This move came as part of a broad reshuffle of UAE Cabinet Ministers in an effort to create a more agile government.



## **Report Summary:**

On July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Dubai, announced new appointed ministers including Dr. Abdullah Mohammad Bel Haif Al Nuaimi, as the new Minister of Climate Change and Environment.

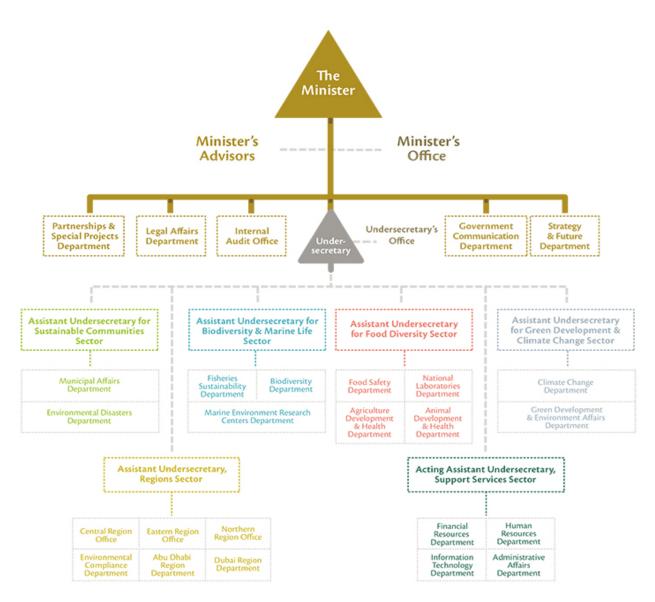
Dr. Al Nuaimi has served as Minister of Infrastructure Development and Minister since March 2013. He served as an Undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Works where he played a key role in the development of many infrastructure projects and strategic projects in the country, and also contributed to the development of mechanisms of communication with the public and beneficiaries from projects undertaken by the ministry. He holds a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Wisconsin University, USA. Dr Al Nuaimi continued his postgraduate studies and higher education in the UK and earned a PhD in Engineering Project Management from the University of Reading.

*Note:* The UAE Ministry of Climate Change and Environment is the federal level counterpart to the United States Department of Agriculture.

## **UAE Ministry of Climate Change and Environment Duties and Responsibilities include:**

- 1. Develop plans, strategies and policies related to the environment, agriculture, animal husbandry and fisheries in addition to combating desertification and preserving biodiversity.
- 2. Increase the contribution of environmental, agricultural, animal husbandry and fisheries sectors to the GDP to ensure food security and biosafety in the country through the implementation of safety measures and the prevention of epidemics and other diseases.
- 3. Integrate environmental protection in socio-economic development plans and promote sustainable use of vital resources.
- 4. Enhance the quality of agricultural, livestock and fisheries production.
- 5. Establish laboratories and centers for research and applied studies to support the objectives of the Ministry.
- 6. Propose legislation and formulate plans, strategies, policies, programs and initiatives that mitigate the impact of climate change in the country.
- 7. Monitor climate change issues at the regional and global level in collaboration with the concerned authorities.
- 8. Join relevant international treaties and conventions and propose partnership agreements with regional and global organizations in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and other concerned authorities.

- 9. Represent the country in relevant international organizations and at appropriate international events in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and other concerned bodies.
- 10. Any other functions assigned to the Ministry by law or decision of the UAE Cabinet.



## **Attachments:**

No Attachments.