



GGGI UAE: Fact Sheet

Green Growth Initiative

Challenges

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) achieved federation in 1971, and since then has effectively utilized abundant oil resources to drive development and become one of the region's most dynamic emerging economies. Rapid economic development and population growth, however, has come at the cost of increased environmental pressures and challenges, which include:

- Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions
- Extreme weather conditions
- Water scarcity
- Habitat destruction

Activities

Addressing these environmental challenges in a balanced approach that takes into account the needs of development is a top priority for the UAE. GGGI is supporting the UAE in these efforts and to help the government strengthen the resilience of its economy against fluctuations in the global hydrocarbon market, and to further reduce oil-based growth and prioritize economic diversification. GGGI has partnered with key UAE ministries to implement the Green Growth Initiative project, which is:

- Supporting the development of the Nation Green Growth Strategy (NGGS)
- Strengthening economic diversification into green technologies and industries as new growth engines

Overall Objectives

- Support the UAE's economic diversification and transition to green growth through the development and implementation of the National Green Growth Strategy
- Facilitate the implementation of the NGGS as the framework for integrated, cross-sectoral green growth for all the seven emirates to be aligned under

Implementing Partners

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Environment and Water
- Prime Minister's Office

Results to Date

- Establishment of a GGGI office in Masdar City, Abu Dhabi
- Finalization and approval of the NGGS by the UAE government
- Delivery of green growth training and knowledge sharing workshops for government officials