

**General Policy for the
Telecommunications Sector
in the State
of the United Arab Emirates
(2006-2010)**

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1 Introduction

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financial services, technology-based services, tourism, media, education, manufacturing, transportation and health services. To reinforce the utilization of advanced technology.

- To support and promote economic growth while maintaining economic and social stability.
- To increase the participation of UAE nationals in the economy.
- To catalyze the policies that lead to building a comprehensive strategy aimed at developing a diverse economic infrastructure.

3 The General Policies

In order to help achieve the above-mentioned objectives, the Government has outlined the following policies for the telecommunications sector:

3.1 Establish Policies and Regulatory Framework

The Government will establish a regulatory and policy framework that facilitates the development of the country's telecommunications and ICT infrastructure and services in order to meet national, regional and international objectives through:

1. Gradually introducing competition in the telecommunications sector to achieve

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• لدعم وتعزيز النمو الاقتصادي مع الحفاظ على الاستقرار الاقتصادي والاجتماعي.

• لزيادة مشاركة المواطنين في الاقتصاد.

• لتحفيز السياسات التي تؤدي إلى بناء استراتيجية شاملة تهدف إلى تطوير بنية تحتية اقتصادية متنوعة.

3 :السياسات العامة

في إطار المساعدة على تحقيق الأهداف المذكورة أعلاه، حددت الحكومة السياسات التالية للقطاع الاتصالي:

3.1 :إطار السياسات والتنظيمي 1.3

تستهدف الحكومة إنشاء إطار تنظيمي وسياسي يسهل تطوير البنية التحتية للاتصالات وتكنولوجيا المعلومات والخدمات في البلاد، وذلك من أجل تلبية الأهداف الوطنية والإقليمية والدولية من خلال:

1. تحقيق التنافس في القطاع الاتصالي من أجل

utilizing an advanced telecommunications infrastructure.

3. Encouraging the development and deployment of infrastructure taking advantage of the convergence of information technology, media, and telecommunication.

3.3 Become the Regional ICT Hub

The Government will support the development of the UAE as a regional ICT and telecommunications hub by:

1. Encouraging the establishment and growth of competitive ICT based enterprises.
2. Encouraging the development of value-added and enhanced services that make use of broadband, wireless and other innovative technologies.
3. Ensuring a secure environment in telecommunication applications and usage, including information security and network security, authentication, privacy and consumer protection by developing Policies and Regulatory Framework for this subject.

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3.4 Develop the Country's Human Capital

The Government will facilitate the development of human capital in the telecommunications and ICT sector to meet the demands of the economy, serving both local and regional requirements by:

1. Investing in national capability development in order to improve the demand-supply of telecommunications and ICT national human resources and build national capabilities in emerging areas of growth in this sector.
2. Promoting the use of ICT in all stages of education, training and human resource development.
3. Encouraging content creators, publishers, producers, teachers, trainers, archivists, librarians and learners to play an active role in promoting ICT.

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3.5 Encourage Research and Development

The Government will encourage research and development activities within an integrated complex, and establish relationships with international academic institutions.

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