

Climate Change Policy Due This Month

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ABU DHABI - The final version of the Climate Change Policy for the Emirate of Abu Dhabi is expected to be ready this month, according to the Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi (EAD) which is preparing the policy.

The final document will be submitted to the Abu Dhabi Executive Council for approval.

The final draft of the policy, which has been amended based on the federal and local stakeholders' observations, was reviewed at a workshop in the capital.

The policy was prepared under the supervision of the Agency's Environmental Policy Sector in co-operation with international expert Dr Bill Dougherty of the Stockholm Environment Institute, who specialises in the development of policies and programmes for climate change.

The general framework of the policy focused on the key objectives and the necessary measures needed to be taken in the sectors that have an impact on climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in those sectors. These include 13 sectors such as coastal zones, environmental regulations for dry land, water sources, energy sector, transport, waste management, food security, agriculture, industry and the residential sector.

Dr Jaber Al Jaber, Director, Environmental Policy Sector, speaking at the opening of the workshop said that the policy reflects the principle of partnership in local and national issues and aims at discussing and examining the general framework of the final draft of the policy, which was prepared after taking into account other stakeholders' observations and remarks.

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