

Trust to Conserve Ground Water and Oases

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ABU DHABI — The Plan Al Ain 2030 envisages the formation of a trust which will regulate the use of ground water and preserve the oases in this garden city.

“Al Ain’s oases are more than just palm plantations. They are cultural landscapes and marvels of ancient hydrology. They are living museums providing insight into the past and also to the future,” says the Plan Al Ain 2030 which was released at a news conference here on Wednesday. Al Ain’s ancestors had devised a unique indigenous system called ‘falaj’ to bring mountain water down to the oases.

But water, particularly ground water is severely constrained in Al Ain now and needs new conservation measures to regulate its use.

The Plan also emphasises the need for taking measures to get Al Ain designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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