



# A Minister for Artificial Intelligence

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## TITLE OF THIS SECTION

**“The UAE seeks to be a major hub for developing AI techniques and legislation”**

## A MINISTER FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

# The Minister

The UAE appointed **Omar Bin Sultan Al Olama (just 27 years old)** as the Minister of State for Artificial Intelligence Office. A few days earlier Sheikh Mohammed had launched the **UAE Strategy for Artificial Intelligence (AI)**, a key component of the goals set for the Centennial of the country's unification – [Vision 2071](#).

The UAE estimates that by 2030, AI will have a **global market value** of \$15.7 trillion, increasing the UAE's GDP by 35% and reducing government costs by 50%.

Sheikh Mohammed said: "**The new Government is a Government for the new Emirati percentage. To develop knowledge. Supporting science and research**".



## A MINISTER FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

# The Minister

**H.E. Omar bin Sultan Al Olama** has been appointed Minister of State for Artificial Intelligence, Digital Economy and Remote Work Applications since July 2020.

Al Olama is currently the **Director General of the [World Government Summit](#)** (the Emirates have been working hard to create an event equivalent to the World Economic Forum, which is why they have partnered with Publicis to bring the world's top officials to Dubai and increase the country's credibility - Omar was the project Leader of the event before becoming Minister)

Al Olama worked as Deputy Director of the Future Department at the Ministry of Cabinet Affairs. He contributed to the preparation of the UAE Centennial 2071 Strategy and the UAE Fourth Industrial Revolution Strategy.

H.E. Omar bin Sultan Al Olama holds a Diploma in Project Management and Excellence from the American University of Sharjah and a Bachelor of Business Administration from the American University of Dubai.

## THE STRATEGY

# National Program for Artificial Intelligence

## BRAIN – Building a Responsive Artificial Intelligence Nation

The UAE National Program for Artificial Intelligence – [BRAIN](#) – is a comprehensive and consolidated compilation of resources that highlight the **advances in AI and Robotics**, with special emphasis on the UAE's objective to become a leading participant in the **responsible use of AI and its tools**, globally.

It will define and highlight the various initiatives, collaborations, partnerships, and discoveries in the field of AI and their impact on humanity.



182

billion dollar  
economy boost

3

billion dollar  
government savings

96

billion dollar in UAE  
GDP

37

billion dollar impact  
on financial services

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# The National AI Strategy 2031

The UAE aims to become a **fast adopter of emerging AI technologies** across Government, as well as attract top AI talent to experiment with new technologies and work in a sophisticated, secure ecosystem to solve complex problems.

With this foundation of talent, as well as better governance of AI, UAE will have the right conditions to develop new AI solutions in the coming decade and beyond. These novel technologies have huge economic potential, including licensing and export overseas.

The UAE has a vision to become a world leader in AI by 2031, creating new economic and social opportunities for citizens, governments and businesses and generating up to AED 335bn in extra growth.

At the annual World Government Summit Meeting in February 2018, the UAE announced key elements of its strategy – a **welcoming destination for developing AI products, new education programs and championing good governance.**

## THE STRATEGY

# AI Retreats

The retreats are organized by ministries to facilitate brainstorming of the highest government officials, ministers and specialists on the future strategies of the department.

Last January 7, the latest AI Retreat was concluded, which was attended by H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, along with 350 AI experts from public and private sector entities.

The retreat discussed the challenges and opportunities related to AI in the UAE and its role in shaping the future of key sectors.

Source <https://ai.gov.ae/mohammed-bin-rashid-attends-ai-retreat/>

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# AI Retreats

Sheikh Mohammed said, **"We focus our efforts on building the UAE's future based on a forward-looking vision that adopts global trends and developments and supports the brightest young minds and encourages innovation and creativity. We want the UAE to be a preferred partner for technology companies and AI talent from around the world. We want the UAE to be the best in the world in developing this futuristic field and investing in it."**

Sheikh Mohammed also attended the signing of an agreement to launch the "AI Challenge Program" initiative, launched by the National AI Program and Microsoft. It aims to consolidate partnerships between the public and private sectors and international companies to accelerate the adoption of AI solutions and build national export.



## THE PROJECTS

# The museum of the Future

The 77m tall building features panels marked with **Arabic calligraphy, was created by an algorithm and produced using 3D technology.**

"The museum will explore future trends and opportunities in science, technology and innovation. By making Dubai a test bed for emerging technologies, our goal is not just to build another architectural marvel, but to build the foundation for tomorrow," explains Sheikh Mohammed.

**The museum, which is run by the Dubai Future Foundation, is dedicated to exploring the threats and opportunities of our future and will promote research to "conceive a better future for ourselves and our planet."**





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