

Speech at the Signing Ceremony for 13th Cycle of the Dubai International Awards for Best Practices

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Hon. Dawoud AbdulRahman Al Hajri, Director General Dubai Municipality,
Distinguished guests,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Salam Alaikum
A good morning to you all!

It is a great pleasure to be here at the signing of the 13th cycle of Dubai International Awards for Best Practices.

This award, established in 1995, is proof of our successful and longstanding partnership with our partner, Dubai Municipality, to acknowledge and support outstanding initiatives that are making valuable contributions to sustainable urban development and a better living environment.

Since its establishment, more than 5,000 initiatives, which document various ways of solving economic, social, and environmental issues from more than 150 countries, have been compiled and disseminated through the best practices database hosted at UN-Habitat.

The 13th cycle of the Dubai Award comes at an opportune time. Now more than ever, our world needs innovation, effective partnerships, and sharing knowledge and best practices to overcome persistent global challenges and recover from the consequences of the pandemic.

I would like to thank Dubai Municipality and the government of the United Arab Emirates for their support to this collaboration and for allowing us to recognize the efforts of different entities and acknowledge some of the world's best practices in creating better living conditions. As well as contributing to the localization of Sustainable Development Goals, leaving no one and no place behind.

We hope, with our partners, to continue to advocate, acknowledge and stand behind all efforts to create a better, more sustainable, and more inclusive future for all.

Thank you!