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Personal Data

Date & place of birth 01.10.1956 in Sharjah
Nationality Emirati



Executive Summary

Senior Public Sector Official with a PhD in Engineering and an extensive political, academic and professional career. Results-oriented, decisive leader with proven, successful track record in heading the development of environmental and infrastructural projects across the country. Excels in dynamic, demanding environments while remaining pragmatic and focused.

Political Career in the public sector

- 07.2020 – 10.2021 Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, United Arab Emirates
UAE Minister of Climate Change and Environment
- Leading environmental pioneering for sustainable development
 - Management of all aspects related to international and domestic climate change affairs
 - Monitor climate change issues in collaboration with the concerned authorities, followed by the development and implementation of comprehensive plans, strategies, policies, and initiatives to mitigate and adapt to climate change and protect the UAE's unique environmental system.
 - Establishing laboratories and centres for research and applied studies to support the objectives of the Ministry.

In addition to his ministerial responsibilities:

Head of the UAE Council for Climate Change and Environment
Head of the National Biosecurity Committee
Chairman of the Circular Economy Council

- 05.2013 – 07.2020 Ministry of Infrastructure Development, United Arab Emirates
UAE Minister of Infrastructure Development
- Played a key role in developing federal infrastructure, such as inter-emirate highways and federal government buildings.
 - Launch of 36 projects worth \$ 2.7bn in the 2017-'21 plan
 - Construction and maintenance of federal roads worth \$ 920.3m (2019)
 - Housing support for citizens (UAE's Sheikh Zayed Housing Programme - SZHP) worth \$ 182.4m (2017)
 - UAE infrastructure ministry portfolio worth \$ 389m (2017)
 - Sheikh Zayed Housing Programme approves \$ 79m housing aid for citizens (2016)
 - Construction of homes in Umm Al Quwain worth \$ 88.2m (2016)
 - Housing and infrastructure projects worth \$ 1.7bn (2016)

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Chairman of the Sheikh Zayed Housing Programme

Chairman of the Federal Transport Authority – Land & Maritime

- Led efforts in the UAEs candidacy in the international maritime organization in 2017 and 2019

03.2003 – 04.2013 Ministry of Infrastructure Development (formerly known as Ministry of Public Works), United Arab Emirates

Undersecretary

- Cabinet led by Prime Minister Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum
- Played a key role in the development of many infrastructure projects and strategic projects in the UAE
- Contribution to the development of mechanism of communication with the public and beneficiaries from projects undertaken by the ministry

Professional Career in the public as well as private sector

07.1993 – 02.2003 Department of Civil Aviation Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Engineering Manager

- Improvement of the Abu Dhabi Airport and its extensions

03.1981 – 06.1993 Ministry of Water and Electricity, United Arab Emirates

Director of the Water Distribution Department

Academic Career

09.2019 – today Heriot-Watt University Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Board Chair of CESC (Centre of Excellence in Smart Construction)

1990 – 1996 Higher College of Technology Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Visiting Professor

Board Memberships

8 years Federal Electricity and Water Authority, United Arab Emirates

Board Member

10 years Union Railway Company, United Arab Emirates

Board Member

8 years Tennis Emirates, United Arab Emirates

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Awards & Certificates

- 2019 London Institute of Civil Engineers (ICE), United Kingdom
Fellowship Certificate
- The certificate, which is the highest membership degree in civil engineering practice, is granted to engineers based on their experience and achievements in the civil engineering, as well as their degree of professionalism, leadership, and professional excellence.
- 2018 15th Seatrade Maritime Awards Middle East, Indian Subcontinent and Africa, United Arab Emirates
Winner of the Global Maritime Community Award

Academic Education

- 1990 University of Reading, United Kingdom
PhD in Engineering Project Management
- 1980 University of Wisconsin-Madison, United States of America
Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering

Additional Skills & Engagements

- Languages Arabic, native
English, fluent
- Engagements Passionate poet with four published poetry books (belhaif.com)