



**WELCOME TO THE UAE**



# THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Values carrying the legacy of the Founding Father



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## Leadership



“Building the human being is the ultimate goal we make every effort to achieve it”



“Access to social development to the fullest extent on the path of community development as an integrated system remains a key policy objective of the country”



“Our goal to be one of the best countries in the world will only be achieved with cohesion of the nucleus of society “family”

# UAE VISION 2021

## National Policy to Empower People with Determination



Health and rehabilitation



Education



Vocational rehabilitation and  
Employment



Accessibility



Social protection  
Family empowerment



Public life  
Culture and sport

# NATIONAL POLICY TO EMPOWER PEOPLE WITH DETERMINATION



People of Determination

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Assigning an official at every government institution **'the Service Officer for the Determined Ones'**



**An advisory council** which will consist of federal and local government entities and members of society



**Recruitment Platform for People of Determination (Disabled)**



**UAE First Sign Language Dictionary**

# THE WORLD GAMES MISSION



**SHIFT  
PERCEPTIONS**



**UNIFY**



**HOST A WORLD  
CLASS EVENT**

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**PROMOTE ABU  
DHABI**



**CREATE A  
LEGACY**

We want to deliver a lasting legacy in the UAE by challenging and changing perceptions to create a Unified UAE.

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We want this to be most Unified Games ever, engaging every country in the world.





# ENGAGED LEADERSHIP TO DELIVER A TRANSFORMATIONAL GAMES





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HH Sheikh Mohamed bin  
Zayed Al Nahyan



HH Sheikh Mohammed bin  
Rashid Al Maktoum



HH Sheikh Nahyan Bin  
Zayed Al Nahyan

## Higher Committee Members and Chairmen/ Chairwomen of Special Olympics Committees



HE Mohamed Al  
Junaibi



HE Reem Al Hashimy



HE Noura Al Kaabi



H.E. Mohamed  
Mubarak Al Mazrouei



HE Dr. Sultan Jaber



HE Ohood Al Rumi



HE Hessa Bint  
Essa Buhumad



HE Khaldoun Al  
Mubarak



HE Shamma Al  
Mazrui



HE Saif Ghobash



HE Jaber Mohammed  
Al Suwaidi



HE Dr. Maha Barakat



HE Sana Suhail



HE Reem Al Shemari



HE Maryam Al Meheiri



HE Aref Al Awani



HE Dr. Fahad Al Niyadi



HE Dr. Ali Bin Tamim



THE STORIES **WE'RE**  
TELLING

# People First

- We shine the spotlight on people of determination with intellectual disabilities
- We want to create meaningful engagement between people with intellectual disabilities and those without, championing a more inclusive, unified world
- Our focus is on sharing the stories of the people at the heart of Special Olympics
  - Athletes
  - Coaches
  - Volunteers
  - Ambassadors
  - People of determination



# Inclusive UAE

- The UAE has made inclusivity a priority within National Vision 2021
- Federal and local government entities across the emirates are implementing new policies that set the standard for inclusivity
- In 2017, HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum declared that 'people of determination' would be the official term used in the UAE
- The UAE is committed to building a diverse and tolerant society
- Through year-round programs like Cycle Unified™ and Walk Unified™, World Games Abu Dhabi 2019 is bringing together the community to celebrate inclusion



كلنا معا  
**BE UNIFIED™**

## Key Voices for Inclusion Are...

- UAE Leadership
- Ministry of Youth
- Ministry of Community Development
- Special Olympics UAE
- Special Olympics World Games Abu Dhabi 2019 Sponsors and Partners
- Special Olympics World Games Abu Dhabi 2019 Ambassadors



# Legacy: An Inclusive Future

- We are focused on building a lasting legacy for the Games that sets the foundations for a positive and inclusive future for generations to come
- This vision is backed by strong support from UAE leadership and numerous UAE government entities
- A large-scale event of this nature is an opportunity to leave a lasting impact, and the Local Organizing Committee for the World Games is focused on ensuring that the message of the Games translates into long-term change



## Key Legacy Programs are...

- the first real comprehensive study of people with intellectual disabilities
- public art commissions that champion inclusion
- a social enterprise project to help expand career options for people with intellectual disabilities
- a target of engaging 100,000 youth through Special Olympics, working in partnership with education organizations

# Changing Perceptions

- World Games 2019 is part of the broader movement to change perceptions about intellectual disabilities, smashing the myths and celebrating the achievements of people of determination
- Through participation in sports training and competitions, many athletes build the confidence to take on leadership roles, becoming coaches, officials, and public speakers
- Stephanie Handojo of Indonesia competed in breast stroke as a Special Olympics athlete, and is now a Sargent Shriver International Global Messenger for Special Olympics
- Butti Al Shezawi is a basketball player for Special Olympics UAE and serves on the Board of Directors for Special Olympics World Games Abu Dhabi 2019

