United Arad Emirates Air Quality Policies

This document is based on research that UNEP conducted in 2015, in response to Resolution 7 of the UNEA 1. It describes country-level policies that impact air quality. Triple question marks (???) indicate that information for the section couldn't be found.

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<u>United Arad Emirates</u> Air Quality Policy Matrix			
Goals	Status	Current Policies & Programmes	
GENERAL	Overall situation with respect to air quality in	National Ambient air quality standards: ???	
OVERVIEW	the country, including key air quality challenges: ???	National Air Quality Policy: ???	
		Air Quality legislation / programmes: ???	
	Air quality monitoring system: ???	Other: ???	
	• WHO estimates that air pollution causes 200 premature deaths annually 1		
REDUCE	 Industries that have the potential to impact air quality: Air pollution from industrial installations emanates from the following: petroleum and petrochemicals, aluminium, cement, fertilizers, commercial ship repair, construction materials among others, with petroleum being the most important sources. 	Emission regulations for industries: ???	
EMISSIONS		Small installation's emissions regulated: (Yes/No) ???	
FROM INDUSTRIES		Renewable energy investment promoted: ???	
		Energy efficiency incentives: (ex: Subsidies, labelling, rebates etc)	
		■ The Emirates Authority for Standardization and Metrology (ESMA) is gradually introducing a mandatory efficiency rating and labelling system to help consumers make resource-efficient choices	
	GDP of country : USD 390B in 2013 ²	Incentives for clean production and installation of pollution prevention technologies: ???	
	Industries' share of GDP: 61.1%	Actions to ensure compliance with regulations: (monitoring, enforcement, fines etc) ???	
	Electricity sources:	Other actions at national, sub-national and / or local level to reduce industrial	

¹ WHO, 'WHO | Country Profiles of Environmental Burden of Disease', WHO, 2008 http://www.who.int/quantifying_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T.

² 'Countries of the World - 32 Years of CIA World Fact Books', 2015 http://www.theodora.com/wfb/#R>.

 The energy sector is the leading source of air pollutants
• 100% of the installed electricity generating capacity (23.25 million KW in 2010) is generated
from fossil fuel.

 The industrial sector contributes over half to the primary energy consumption.

Others

- Industrial emissions are the most important emission sources of PM, VOCs and SO2
- Industry contributes of GDP, which stood at
- The oil and gas industry accounts for more than 25% of the GDP
- Booming economic growth across the U.A.E. has led to massive increases in the demand for electricity. Current estimates suggest that the domestic demand will more than double by 2020.
- A study examined the impact of thermal bridging effect on the building's energy consumption, and found that appropriate external wall insulation strategies alone can save up to 30% of energy³.

emissions: (can include incentives to move industries to less populated areas here) ???

- The UAE has succeeded in radically reducing flaring of natural gas from the oil and gas industry since the 1990s and its policy is shifting from minimal flaring to zero-tolerance. The Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) group aims to eliminate routine flaring and had reduced flaring by 76.4% in 2013 compared to 1995 levels.
- Kuwait aims for 5% of total electricity supply from renewable energy by 2020.
- Dubai Aluminum (Dubal) and Emirates Aluminum (Emal), which were merged into Emirates Global Aluminum (EGA) in 2013, introduced a co-generation and combined cycle configuration in their power stations, achieving 46-48% thermal efficiency

REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM TRANSPORT

Key transport-related air quality challenges: (ex: vehicle growth, old fleet, dirty fuel, poor public transport etc)

- Transport in UAE relies heavily on roads, with use of private cars being the most dominant mode of transport.
- Vehicle exhaust emissions are the next biggest

Vehicle emission limit: (Euro rating) verify

- Vehicle emission standards exits
- Vehicle emission strictly enforced during licensing

Fuel Sulphur content: (in ppm):

• Diesel sulphur content is regulated at 5000ppm, but the dominant diesel in the market has a sulphur content of 50 and 350ppm⁶

Fuel Lead content: All vehicles use lead free gasoline.

³ 'Reegle - Clean Energy Information Gateway', Reegle - Clean Energy Information Gateway http://www.reegle.info [accessed 22 September 2015].

REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM OPEN BURNING: OUTDOOR	 contributor to the air emissions in the UAE Use of private cars is encouraged as demonstrated by the low fuel cost which stood at USD 0.58 per litre in 2015⁴. Public transport is dominated by bus routes and city trams. Plans exits to expand public transport to include, trams and city metros within and between the major cities. Private car ownership is high with 313 cars per 1000 individuals in 2007⁵ Outdoor, open burning: (ex: is it commonly done? burning what kinds of wastes? etc) ???? 	Restriction on used car importation: Actions to expand, improve and promote public transport and mass transit: ??? Actions to promote non-motorized transport: (ex: include sidewalks and bike lanes in new road projects, car-free areas etc) ??? Other transport-related actions: To cope with the ever-rising traffic volume and road congestion in Dubai, the Salik toll collection system was rolled out in 2007. In October 2013, car-pooling was legalized with conditions in Dubai to increase vehicle occupancy rates. Legal framework: (ex: is burning banned?) ??? Actions to prevent open burning of municipal waste and / or agricultural waste: ???
REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM OPEN BURNING: INDOOR	Dominant fuels used for cooking and space heating: ??? Impact: ???	Indoor air pollution regulated: (Yes/No)??? Promotion of non-grid / grid electrification: ??? Promotion of cleaner cooking fuels and clean cook stoves: ??? Other actions to reduce indoor biomass burning, or to reduce its emissions: ???

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