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TDRA, a Leading Partner of the World Government Summit 2024

TDRA participated in the 2024 World Government Summit, themed "Shaping Future Governments" from 12–14 February 2024, featuring the participation of over 80 international, regional, and governmental organizations. The event hosted more than 200 speakers, including decision-makers, experts, and officials, and included over 110 sessions covering various topics aimed at contributing to humanity's pursuit of shaping a better future, foremost among which are government performance and the nature of the relationship between government and society in the future.

TDRA engaged in a number of activities and events during the World Government Summit - notably, its hosting of a forum in collaboration with the OECD, centered around leveraging artificial intelligence to strengthen government responses in the Arab region. The forum addresses the findings of OECD's Working Group II: Open & Innovative Government, focusing on establishing an enabling environment for the responsible deployment of artificial intelligence, while prioritizing humanity's interests and well-being.

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TDRA Launches the 7th Edition of UAE Hackathon

TDRA announced the launch of activities of Edition 7 of UAE Hackathon, the largest annual event designed to foster innovation and promote entrepreneurship in the UAE, under the slogan "Today's Challenges.. Tomorrow's Solutions."

Main themes:

Delivering practical, realistic, and sustainable solutions and ideas to address governmental challenges, supporting the transition towards smart cities and digital societies, and enhancing collaboration among stakeholders within the development ecosystem, spanning government, academia, and the business sectors. Additionally, it promotes the use of data and modern technology as indispensable tools in drawing up future solutions and ideas.

3 key tracks:

- "Idea Hackathon," welcomes students from all participating emirates to showcase their ideas,
- "Solution Hackathon," invites government employees, innovators, and entrepreneurs to develop practical solutions for challenges,
- "Gov Innovators," is exclusively designed for federal government employees, aiming to share their impressions about enhancing government services and apps.

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Science, Technology and Innovation Higher Policy

The Policy aims to set the national directives for research and development, and identify areas dealing with national challenges. The Policy encompasses 6 national priorities and areas for R&D, namely:

- energy transition
- health and human prosperity
- food security
- water security
- digital technology and cybersecurity
- advanced materials and manufacturing

RZAM cybersecurity app

RZAM app is a browser extension that continually assesses each webpage for malicious content. The app basically adds a network that detects harmful sites, unsafe browsing addresses (URLs), and online phishing sites by quickly scanning website links and promptly flagging them, in order to take the necessary actions, such as sending warnings to users and blocking suspicious sites.

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“UAE Legislation” platform

A unified platform of all federal legislation comprising federal laws and decrees, executive regulations and regulatory decisions since the inception/foundation of the federation/union in 1971, in both Arabic and English.

The platform contains an electronic database of more than 1000 laws, executive regulations and regulatory decisions, and serves as an official platform associated with all local legislative platforms. Featuring an advanced search engine, the platform enables the public to access legislation smoothly, flexibly, and promptly. It also allows tracking amendments to laws and enacted legislation.

National R&D Leadership Programme

The Programme aims to further UAE’s efforts in building a diversified, flexible economy based on innovation and knowledge. It seeks to qualify a generation of R&D leaders by focusing on best practices in R&D management and leadership skills development in line with national R&D priorities, thereby contributing to strengthening the UAE's position as a global center for innovation.

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Digital terminology and concepts

This page provides an explanation for the terminologies used in the context of digital government, data glossaries, AI, ICT, science & technology, including:

- Cloud Computing
- 3D Printing
- Machine Learning (ML)
- Augmented Reality (AR) Technology
- Digital inclusion, and many more

Hamdan bin Mohammed Academic Scholarship Programme

As a part of the Dubai Social Agenda 33, the Hamdan bin Mohammed Academic Scholarship Programme allocated AED 1.1 billion to support the higher education of meritorious Emirati school graduates in the emirate of Dubai. The programme will fund 100 scholarships annually for Dubai-based Emirati students graduating from public and private schools of different educational curricula.

Global TradeTech Sandbox

The Global TradeTech Sandbox aims to spark innovation in trade technology and establish best practices for its global adoption. It will achieve this by implementing flexible and forward-looking regulatory frameworks that unlock the potential of these technologies.

The sandbox operates under four core themes, including: development of regulatory framework, testing environment, and innovation center, policy & legislation support and dissemination. Over the course of three years, it will produce three sets of globally relevant, specialized regulations.

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