Introduction

The UAE and its leadership and people are a melting pot of tolerance, cohesion, respect and acceptance of others. Tolerance is one of the core values of the UAE society which derives it from the "middleness" of Islam, from the noble Arabian traditions and heritage and also from the wisdom and legacy of the late founding father, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan. The National Tolerance Program, led by the Minister of State for Tolerance will work to promote these values and develop the structures that ensure their sustainability under a wise leadership that believes in nurturing the human being and humanity at large.
Muslims and intolerant? This is quite strange! A good believer should be merciful and tolerant. Only the hard hearted can be ruthless.
The United Arab Emirates is based on well established, time-honored values that seek to promote the country’s relations on the bases of mutual respect, dialogue, cooperation and renouncing all forms of terrorism, violence and fanaticism.
There is no future for this region without intellectual restructuring that consolidates the values of tolerance, pluralism and acceptance of others intellectually, culturally and in terms of sect and religion.
"The UAE has always been, and still is, a proponent of peace and a symbol of tolerance among peoples."
The definition of tolerance as stated in the UN General Assembly Resolution No. 51/201 on the “Issues of Human Rights Including the Various Approaches to Improve the Actual Enjoyment of Human Rights and Basic Freedoms”:

- Tolerance is respect, acceptance and appreciation of the endless richness of our world’s cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human.
- Tolerance is harmony in difference. It is not only a moral duty, it is also a political and legal obligation.
- Tolerance is the virtue that makes peace possible and contributes to the replacement of the culture of war by a culture of peace.
- Tolerance is not concession, condescension or indulgence. Tolerance is, above all, recognizing the universal human rights and fundamental freedoms of others.
- The practice of tolerance does not mean abandonment or weakening of one’s convictions. It means that one is free to adhere to one’s own convictions and accepts that others adhere to theirs.
The Pillars of Tolerance Values

- Islam
- The UAE Constitution
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The Pillars of Tolerance Values

Islam
Evidence and examples that encourage commend tolerance and stories that reject fanaticism, extremism and racism are abundant in the Holy Quran, the Prophet's Sunna and the Islamic history.

The UAE Constitution
The UAE Constitution encourages equality, freedom, respect and indiscrimination, especially in Articles 25, 32 and 40.

Zayed's Legacy: UAE Ethics
The UAE society has been known for its genuine tradition in terms of tolerance, peace, cultural pluralism, openness and coexistence. This legacy was further nurtured by the late Sheikh Zayed and the founding fathers. The wise leadership is following in their footsteps.

International Conventions
The UAE is committed to the conventions of the United Nations which has proclaimed 1995 the Year for Tolerance and declared principles on tolerance in the same year. A special day, November 16, was set as the International Day for Tolerance.

Archeology and History
The UAE is rich in archeologies and testimonies and the collective memory of the UAE people is plentiful in historical stories that highlight tolerance as a genuine value of the people before and after the Federation.

Human Nature
It is a human common sense to get to know and accept and live with others without hate, malice or enmity. The Almighty says: (O mankind, Indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another.)

Common Values
Nations share many values, principles and interests that ensures understanding, cooperation, solidarity, respect and tolerance for all.
The Themes of the National Tolerance Program

Program's Themes

- Contributing to international efforts to promote tolerance and highlight the UAE role as a tolerant country
- Enriching the scientific and cultural content on tolerance
- Promoting tolerance among youth and protect them from fanaticism and extremism
- Consolidating the role of the cohesive family in building a tolerant society
- Strengthening the government role as an incubator of tolerance
• Kalna UAE Association
• Zayed National Museum
• The Armed Forces – National Service Program
• The Supreme Council for Motherhood and Childhood
• Sawwab Center
• Hedayah Center
• Emirates Foundation – Takatof - Sanad
• Al-Azhar Al -Sharif
• The Vatican
• UAE Students Union
• Students Clubs in Universities
• UAE Universities
• Education and Human Resources Council
• Emirates School Education Foundation
• Emirates Association of Lawyers and Legal
• Emirates Center for Strategic Studies & Research
• Al Mesbar Studies & Research Center
• Human Rights Organizations
• International Organizations
• Communities’ Clubs
• Embassies and Consulates
• Local, regional and international research centers
• Non-Muslim religious organizations in the UAE
• Prominent role models for the public

• Ministry of Interior
• Ministry of Presidential Affairs
• Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation
• Ministry of Culture and Knowledge Development
• Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratisation
• Ministry of Justice
• Ministry of Education
• Ministry of Community Development
• Office of the Minister of State for Happiness
• Office of the Minister of State for Youth
• The National Federal Council
• The National Media Council
• Emirates Identity Authority
• The General Authority for Youth and Sports Welfare
• The General Authority of Islamic Affairs & Endowments
• The Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Authority
• Emirates Scientists Council
• State Security Service
• Muslim Council of Elders
• Family Development Foundation
The Key Initiatives

Strengthening the government role as an incubator of tolerance

The Main Initiatives:

- International Day for Tolerance: Organizing events and activities with different bodies to celebrate the International Day for Tolerance.

- Voice of Tolerance: These are the people who will undertake the UAE’s mission in spreading tolerance locally and globally.

- Tolerance Thinkers Council: A group of distinguished people of thought and expertise who approve and adopt initiatives and activities that promote tolerance and help set tolerance policies and strategies.

- Revising UAE laws and regulations to promote tolerance and renounce violence, extremism and fanaticism.

- Setting national indexes and consolidating the UAE’s position in global competitiveness indexes.
• Launching the Corporate Tolerance Responsibility (CTR) program for public and private organizations as an index and indication to estimate organizations' commitment to and support of tolerance

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
Corporate Tolerance Responsibility (CTR)

• Launching the Tolerance, Co-existence and Peace Charter in government organizations and for individuals in society (Teacher's Charter, Student's Charter, Citizen's Charter, Expat's Charter, Employee's Charter, etc.

• Specialized workshops: which aim to develop participants' skills and awareness on the concepts of tolerance and rejection of racism and fanaticism, targeting stakeholders like media staff, sects, etc.
Consolidating the role of the cohesive family in building a tolerant society

- Launching mutual initiatives with the Ministry of Interior addressing various segments of society, especially convicted people.

- Launching mutual initiatives with the Ministry of Community Development addressing various segments of society, especially married people.

- Launching mutual initiatives with the Ministry of Culture and Knowledge Development addressing various segments of society.

- Launching mutual initiatives with the Family Development Foundation addressing various segments of society, especially mothers.

- Launching mutual initiatives with the Ministry of Education addressing teachers and students.

- Launching mutual initiatives with the General Authority of Islamic Affairs and Endowments addressing various segments of society.
Promoting tolerance among youth and protect them from fanaticism and extremism

- Reviewing curricula in cooperation with competent bodies and following up on the preparation of subjects that promote tolerance and instil the right values of Islam among the youth.

- Tolerance Leaders' Summit: a summit that brings together the leaders of the social media sector and distinguished youth, column writers and those who will help spread the values of tolerance.

- A cartoon character: developing an effective cartoon character that represents the values of tolerance in TV cartoon series targeting children and in printed children literature.

- Introducing the principles of tolerance to sports clubs and student clubs in universities, colleges and schools to promote the values of tolerance in theory and practice in cooperation with the concerned bodies.

- A Tolerance Volunteer Association: to cooperate with the Emirates Foundation to set up an association that focus on promoting communication among the various communities in the UAE on the basis of tolerance.

- Launching initiatives to consolidate the culture of tolerance among youth in cooperation with other stakeholders.
Enriching the scientific and cultural content on tolerance

- The UAE Guide to Tolerance: a publication that include relevant key terms and local and international laws, so it can be a local and international reference for researchers in this field.

- Cultural and Media Stuff: Launching a campaign to compile and publish a book, a research paper, a story, and to produce a TV program, a radio program and a short movie as means to spread and promote the values of tolerance.

- Develop a website for trustful references on tolerance.

- Launching a TV program on tolerance quoting the UAE history before and after the Federation and related impacts.

- Launching a TV program that showcases stories of tolerance from the Islamic history.

- Launching the UAE Principles Charter.
Contributing to international efforts to promote tolerance and highlight the UAE role as a tolerant country

- **International Award for Tolerance**: A global initiative to encourage tolerance, and to honour champions of tolerance around the world.

- **International Institute for Tolerance**: To offer advice and expert views of policies for promoting values of tolerance among nations, to publish studies and research reports on Tolerance, to work with relevant authorities to instil principles of tolerance in the younger generations.

- **Tolerance International Conference**: an annual international conference that addresses countries’ policies on tolerance and comes up with recommendations to address the challenges of each phase.

- Participating in the international events, activities and meetings related to tolerance and combating racism, extremism and discrimination.

- **Launching the World Charter for Tolerance, Co-existence and Peace.**

- **Launching common regional and international initiatives to promote tolerance in cooperation with global partners.**
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