

Government of Dubai
Decree No. (23) of 2013
The Formation of
Dubai Design and Fashion Council

We, Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Ruler of Dubai

After perusal of the Dubai Technology and Media Free Zone Authority Law No. (1) of 2000, as amended,

Law No. (3) of 2003 regarding the establishment of the Executive Council of Dubai,

And Decree No. (22) of 2013 annexing a plot in Dubai Technology and Media Free Zone Authority,

We hereby issue the following:

Definitions
Article (1)

The following words and terms, wherever used in this Decree, shall have the meanings set forth against each of them, unless the context requires otherwise:

Country:	United Arab Emirates
Emirate:	Emirate of Dubai.
Executive Council:	The Executive Council of the Emirate.
Authority:	Dubai Technology and Media Free Zone Authority
Council:	Dubai Design and Fashion Council

The Formation of the Council
Article (2)

- a) A council shall be formed by virtue of this Decree and shall be called "**Dubai Design and Fashion Council**", and shall be affiliated to the Authority as one of its subsidiaries.
- b) The Council shall consist of the **Chairman, Vice-Chairman** and Members of not less than (5), including the Chairman and Vice Chairman and shall be appointed by a resolution issued by the Chairman of the Executive Council for a period of three years subject to renewal.

Objectives of the Council

Article (3)

The Council aims to achieve the following:

1. Raise the profile of the Emirate as a regional and global destination for fashion and design and foster the international developments in this field.
2. Promote the Emirate of Dubai as a central hub for Fashion and design, and attract the companies and establishments operating in this field to start their businesses in the Emirate.
3. Ensure the contribution of Fashion and Design industry sector in achieving the sustainable development in the Emirate and to ensure its positive contribution in stimulating the movements of tourism and commercial therein in line with the Emirate's strategy.
4. Develop the locally based talents in Fashion and Design Industry.

Powers of the Council

Article (4)

The Council, in order to achieve its goals, shall have the following functions and powers:

- 1) To develop the general policy and adopt the strategic plans to promote the emirate as a distinguished hub for the fashion and design industry.
- 2) To attract local and international companies and establishments specialized in the field of fashion and design as an effective means for marketing and trade promotion, and focus on targeted local, regional and international markets through creating a stimulating environment for the companies and establishments operating in this field.
- 3) To develop, implement and sponsor activities related to the contribution of fashion and design industry in the tourism and commercial movement in the Emirate.
- 4) To conduct studies and researches related to the industry of fashion and design and measure its impact on the economic and social aspects in Emirate of Dubai.
- 5) To develop, attract and train the human resources required for the fashion and design sector, especially UAE nationals through training programs and other methods.
- 6) To support companies and establishment operating in the field of fashion and design related to the national heritage of the State.

- 7) To encourage and develop the new companies and establishments operating in the field of fashion and design to arrive at universality
- 8) To adopt regulations, rules and resolutions required to achieve the objectives of the Council.
- 9) To form the necessary committees and work teams and determine the functions and specializations of the same and seek the advice and recommendation from any competent party, as it deems appropriate.
- 10) To participate in local, regional and international fairs and festivals specialized in the field of design and fashion.
- 11) Any other relevant tasks that will enable the council to achieve the objectives set forth in this decree.

Council's Meetings

Article (5)

- a) The Council meets at the invitation of the Chairman at least once every three months and whenever the need arises, in the place and time prescribed by the Chairman.
- b) The Vice Chairman Replaces the Chairman in case of absence or vacancy of his position.
- c) Meetings of the Council shall be valid if attended by a majority of its members provided that the Chairman or Vice-Chairman is among them.
- d) The Council shall issue its decisions and recommendations by majority votes of the members present, and in case of a tie, the Chairman shall have casting vote.
- e) Resolutions and recommendations of the Council shall be recorded in the minutes of meeting to be signed by the Chairman and the present members of the Council.

Council's Rapporteur

Article (6)

The Chairman of the Council appoints a rapporteur that shall call for meetings, record minutes of meetings, follow up the implementation of resolutions and recommendations and any other tasks that may be assigned by the Chairman.

Bylaw of the Council

Article (7)

The Council shall develop a bylaw, specifying the mechanism of its sessions, and how its members shall participate in the discussions, and their functions and duties.

The Executive Body of the Council

Article (8)

- a) The Council shall have an executive body consisting of a number of specialized staffs.
- b) The functions and specializations of the executive body of the Council shall be determined in accordance with the bylaw that shall be set by the Council for this purpose.
- c) The rights and duties of the Council's employees and the manner of their appointment shall be determined by virtue of a resolution issued by the Council.

Cooperation with the Council Article (9)

All government entities in the Emirate should fully cooperate with the Council and provide all aspects of support, and to prepare all documents, data and information, statistics and studies requested by the council, and which it deems necessary to accomplish the tasks assigned by virtue of this Decree.

Financial Resources of the Council Article (10)

The financial resources of the Council consist of the following:

- 1) The funds allocated to it by the Authority.
- 2) Returns earned due to the Council performance of the tasks assigned to it by virtue of this Decree.
- 3) Endowments and donations approved by the Council.
- 4) Any other resources approved by the Council.

Publication and Effectivity

Article (11)

This Decree shall be published in the Official Gazette, and shall take effect from the date of publication.

(signed)
Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum
Ruler of Dubai

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