

Executive Council Resolution No. (15) of 2022
Concerning the Information and Communications Technology
Policies of Government Entities in the Emirate of Dubai¹

**We, Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai,
Chairman of the Executive Council,**

After perusal of:

Law No. (3) of 2003 Establishing the Executive Council of the Emirate of Dubai;

Law No. (1) of 2021 Establishing the Dubai Digital Authority;

Law No. (5) of 2021 Concerning the Dubai International Financial Centre;

Decree No. (22) of 2009 Concerning Special Development Zones in the Emirate of Dubai;
and

The Legislation establishing and regulating free zones in the Emirate of Dubai,

Do hereby issue this Resolution.

Definitions
Article (1)

The following words and expressions, wherever mentioned in this Resolution, will have the meaning indicated opposite each of them unless the context implies otherwise:

Emirate:	The Emirate of Dubai.
Government:	The Government of Dubai.
Executive Council:	The Executive Council of the Emirate of Dubai.
DDA:	The Dubai Digital Authority.

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¹Every effort has been made to produce an accurate and complete English version of this legislation. However, for the purpose of its interpretation and application, reference must be made to the original Arabic text. In case of conflict, the Arabic text will prevail.

Director General:	The director general of the DDA.
Government Entity:	Any of the Government departments, public agencies or corporations, councils, authorities, or other public entities affiliated to the Government, including the authorities supervising Special Development Zones and free zones, such as the Dubai International Financial Centre.
Digital Transformation:	All means supporting the transformation of the Emirate into a digital city, including technical infrastructure; smart services and applications; smart Data platforms; and information technology and Data protection policies and strategies.
Policies:	The information and communications technology policies of Government Entities.

Objectives of this Resolution

Article (2)

This Resolution aims to:

1. align the information and communications technology strategies of the Government Entities and the direction and strategic priorities of the Government in respect of Digital Transformation;
2. achieve governance of Public Expenditure for the development of information and communications technology of Government Entities;
3. develop the processes and rules required for minimising the risks that may result from the Digital Transformation initiatives of the Government;
4. optimise the use of available resources, such as infrastructures, systems, Data, and services; and develop the relevant Government procedures to ensure that they are properly aligned and integrated across the Government by setting the standards for the general frameworks of information and communications technology; and
5. enhance cost-efficiency across the Government through information and communications technology; and make the services provided by the Government Entities accessible through the digital platforms shared by them.

Development and Areas of Policies

Article (3)

The DDA may, in coordination with the concerned Government Entities, develop the required Policies in all areas related to the implementation of the Government strategic plans aimed at achieving Digital Transformation, particularly the following:

1. the annual budgets of Government Entities for information and communications technology;
2. information and communications technology projects;
3. the structural standards and digital infrastructure of the information and communications technology;
4. the digital services shared by Government Entities;
5. supply of information and communications technology services;
6. the Data centres of Government Entities;
7. Government cloud computing; and
8. the information and communications technology services shared by Government Entities.

Approval and Publication of Policies

Article (4)

- a. The Director General is hereby vested with the power to approve the Policies, and approve any amendment thereto upon review and update of the same.
- b. All Policies, and any amendments thereto, approved by the Director General must be published on the DDA website.

Functions of the DDA

Article (5)

For the purposes of this Resolution, the DDA will have the duties and powers to:

1. supervise, and follow up all phases of implementation of the Policies;

2. communicate the Policies approved by the Director General to Government Entities, and publish the same on the DDA website;
3. provide technical support to Government Entities to enable them to implement the Policies; and
4. submit periodic reports on the compliance by Government Entities with the Policies to the Executive Council to issue the relevant directives as it deems appropriate.

Implementation Phases of Policies Article (6)

The phases of implementation of the Policies by Government Entities will be determined pursuant to a resolution issued by the Director General. This resolution must provide for:

1. the commencement date for each phase;
2. the Government Entities that must implement each of the Policies in each phase; and
3. the rules and procedures for the implementation of each phase.

Obligations of Government Entities Article (7)

A Government Entity must:

1. implement, and fully comply with, the Policies in accordance with the time frames of the phases approved by the Director General; and
2. provide the DDA, in the form and within the deadlines prescribed by it, with the Data it requires and with periodic reports on the implementation of the Policies.

Exemption from Implementing Policies Article (8)

A Government Entity may, based on valid reasons, be exempted from the obligation to implement all or any of the Policies, pursuant to a resolution issued by the Director General upon the Government Entity's request.

**Repeals
Article (9)**

Any provision in any other resolution is hereby repealed to the extent that it contradicts this Resolution.

**Commencement and Publication
Article (10)**

This Resolution comes into force on the day on which it is issued, and will be published in the Official Gazette.

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