

**Decree No. (4) of 2021**  
**Concerning the Supreme Committee of Emergency,**  
**Crisis, and Disaster Management in the Emirate of Dubai<sup>1</sup>**

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

After perusal of:

Federal Law by Decree No. (2) of 2011 Establishing the National Emergency, Crisis, and Disasters Management Authority, and its amendments;

Law No. (5) of 1995 Establishing the Department of Finance;

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

Law No. (1) of 2016 Concerning the Financial Regulations of the Government of Dubai;

Decree No. (22) of 2006 Establishing the Crisis and Disaster Management Team;

Decree No. (28) of 2015 Concerning Governance of the Boards and Committees Affiliated to the Government of Dubai;

Executive Council Resolution No. (14) of 2006 Forming the Crisis and Disaster Management Team;

Executive Council Resolution No. (6) of 2007 Appointing a Member to the Crisis and Disaster Management Team;

Executive Council Resolution No. (7) of 2014 Appointing Members to the Crisis and Disaster Management Team; and

Executive Council Resolution No. (19) of 2014 Appointing Members to the Crisis and Disaster Management Team,

**Do hereby issue this Decree.**

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*<sup>1</sup>Every 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.*

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## **Definitions**

### **Article (1)**

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

UAE:	The United Arab Emirates.
Emirate:	The Emirate of Dubai.
Ruler:	His Highness the Ruler of Dubai.
Government:	The Government of Dubai.
Executive Council:	The Executive Council of the Emirate of Dubai.
NCEMA:	The National Emergency, Crisis, and Disasters Management Authority established pursuant to the above-mentioned Federal Law by Decree No. (2) of 2011.
SCCDM:	The Supreme Committee of Emergency, Crisis, and Disaster Management.
Chairman:	The chairman of the SCCDM.
Risk:	An incident or series of incidents which can occur naturally or which are man-made, whether caused by mistake; as a result of negligence or failure to follow proper procedures; or due to the existence of gaps which lead to the occurrence of an Emergency, Crisis, or Disaster, causing material or moral damage to members of the community, including injuries, deaths, loss of property, or environmental, economic, social, and health damage.
Emergency:	A major event or series of events which cause significant damage to life or property; which compromise public order, the continuity of government work, human health, the

environment, or the economy; and which require special mobilisation in coordination with the Concerned Entities.

**Crisis:** An incident or series of incidents which are more complicated than an Emergency; which compromise the stability of a large segment of society; and which undermine the ability of the Government to perform its duties.

**Disaster:** An incident or series of incidents which have occurred and caused significant damage, and from which recovery requires the cooperation of the Government, Government Entities, and individuals.

### **Scope of Application Article (2)**

- a. The provisions of this Law apply to the Crisis and Disaster Management Team established pursuant to above-mentioned Decree No. (22) of 2006.
- b. The name "Crisis and Disaster Management Team" is hereby replaced by the "Supreme Committee of Emergency, Crisis, and Disaster Management", wherever mentioned in any local legislation in the Emirate.
- c. The SCCDM is hereby affiliated to the Executive Council.

### **Head Office of the SCCDM Article (3)**

The head office of the SCCDM will be located in the Emirate.

### **Objectives of the Decree Article (4)**

This Decree aims to:

1. establish the SCCDM as the highest reference authority in the Emirate in charge of determining the ways to deal with Risks, Emergencies, Crises, and Disasters;
2. manage Risks, Emergencies, Crises, and Disasters that occur in the Emirate to prevent them from developing or exacerbating; and mitigate their impacts;
3. consolidate the efforts exerted in the Emirate by Government Entities and by the private sector in response to Risks, Emergencies, Crises, and Disasters;
4. determine frameworks for cooperation and coordination among the Concerned Entities to preserve lives and property before, during, and after the occurrence of Risks, Emergencies, Crises, or Disasters; and
5. ensure effective implementation of the Risk, Emergency, Crisis, and Disaster management system in accordance with the relevant international best practices.

### **Functions of the SCCDM**

#### **Article (5)**

- a. For the purpose of achieving the objectives of this Decree, the SCCDM will have the duties and powers to:
  1. develop, and supervise the implementation of, the general policy and strategic plans for management of Risks, Emergencies, Crises, and Disasters;
  2. adopt various plans and scenarios to deal with Risks, Emergencies, Crises, and Disasters which may compromise public health and safety, and the environment; protect lives and property; and determine the role of the Concerned Entities in implementing the same and ensure their commitment to implementing plans for training on these scenarios;
  3. consider all options and methodologies required to manage Risks, Emergencies, Crises, and Disasters; and adopt the best available methods in this regard;
  4. determine the roles of the entities responsible for managing Risks, Emergencies, Crises, and Disasters in the Emirate, based on the nature of

each Risk, Emergency, Crisis, or Disaster; determine the levels of escalation and warning required to deal with each Risk, Emergency, Crisis, or Disaster; and verify compliance by the Concerned Entities with these escalation and warning levels;

5. coordinate and cooperate with NCEMA on the identification and classification of Risk, Emergency, Crisis, and Disaster management levels as well as the Preventive Measures and Preparedness for Risks, Emergencies, Crises, and Disasters, in accordance with the mechanisms and procedures applicable in this regard;
6. verify, in coordination with the Concerned Entities, that the infrastructure and various facilities in the Emirate are compliant with the requirements, and prepared, for dealing with various Risks, Emergencies, Crises, and Disasters;
7. assess the situation in the Emirate during Risks, Emergencies, Crises, and Disasters; determine the appropriate course of action to deal with the same; take all the appropriate measures and precautions; and issue the necessary decisions in this regard;
8. review the periodic reports submitted to it by the Concerned Entities in respect of the obstacles hindering the optimal response to Risks, Emergencies, Crises, and Disasters; and find the appropriate solutions to overcome these obstacles;
9. identify the needs of the Emirate for resources, facilities, machinery, equipment, and other requirements and means for management of Risks, Emergencies, Crises, and Disasters;
10. maintain a register containing the Risks and Threats that the Emirate may face and the mechanism to deal with them before, during, and after their occurrence; and determine the form of this register and the data that must be recorded therein;
11. supervise community awareness plans and programmes in respect of Risks, Emergencies, Crises, and Disasters;

12. supervise the key processes and procedures implemented at the Emirate's central operations rooms for the management of Risks, Emergencies, Crises, and Disasters; and distribute, through these rooms, the responsibilities and roles among the Concerned Entities;
  13. propose legislation related to dealing with Risks, Emergencies, Crises, and Disasters;
  14. approve the bylaws, resolutions, and regulations governing the work of the SCCDM and its sub-committees and work teams;
  15. form permanent or temporary executive committees, sub-committees, and work teams to assist it in performing its duties; determine the duties, powers, and tenures of these committees and work teams; and approve the recommendations and proposals submitted to it by them on matters related to dealing with Risks, Emergencies, Crises, and Disasters;
  16. seek, as it deems appropriate, the assistance of experts and specialists in areas related to Risk, Emergency, Crisis, and Disaster management, whether from the Government Entities within or outside of the Emirate or from the private sector; and
  17. exercise any other duties or powers assigned to it by the Ruler or the Chairman of the Executive Council.
- b. The SCCDM may delegate any of its duties and powers under paragraph (a) of this Article to any committee or committees comprised of members of the SCCDM appointed by the Chairman, or to the executive committees, sub-committees, or work teams formed by the SCCDM, provided that this delegation is specific and in writing.

### **Formation of the SCCDM**

#### **Article (6)**

- a. The Chairman will be appointed pursuant to a decree issued by the Ruler.
- b. The SCCDM will be formed of not more than eleven (11) members, including the Chairman and vice chairman. The SCCDM members will be appointed

pursuant to a resolution issued by the Chairman of the Executive Council. Members of the SCCDM must include two representatives from the Vital Sectors in the Emirate. The grade of an SCCDM member may not be lower than that of a Director General, or a similar grade.

- c. At its first meeting, the SCCDM will elect, from amongst its members, a vice chairman who will act as the Chairman where the Chairman is absent or becomes incapable of performing his duties under this Decree, the resolutions issued in pursuance hereof, and the legislation in force in the Emirate.

### **Procedures for Meetings of the SCCDM Article (7)**

- a. The SCCDM will be convened at the invitation of the Chairman, or the vice chairman where the Chairman is absent, at least once every three (3) months or where necessary, at the time and place determined by the Chairman or the vice chairman.
- b. Meetings of the SCCDM will be valid if attended by the majority of its members, provided that the Chairman or vice chairman is in attendance.
- c. Resolutions of the SCCDM will be passed by majority vote of the attending members; and in the event of a tie, the chair of the meeting will have a casting vote. Resolutions of the SCCDM will be recorded in minutes of meetings to be signed by the chair of the meeting and attending members.
- d. The SCCDM may seek the assistance of experts, specialists, and consultants as it deems appropriate, in which case they will not have a vote in its deliberations.

### **Managing SCCDM Meetings Article (8)**

The above-mentioned Decree No. (28) of 2015 and the resolutions issued in pursuance thereof will apply to the management of the meetings of the SCCDM and of its executive committees, sub-committees, and work teams.

## **Rapporteur of the SCCDM**

### **Article (9)**

A rapporteur will be appointed to the SCCDM by the Chairman. The rapporteur will be responsible for sending meeting invitations to SCCDM members, preparing its meeting agendas, recording its minutes of meetings, following up the implementation of its resolutions and recommendations, and performing any other duties assigned to him by the Chairman.

## **Official Spokesperson**

### **Article (10)**

- a. The SCCDM is the only Government Entity authorised to give statements to the media in the event of Risks, Emergencies, Crises, or Disasters.
- b. The SCCDM will have one (1) or more official spokespersons. The Chairman will appoint, and determine the duties of, the spokesperson(s) pursuant to a resolution he issues in this respect.

## **Measures and Precautions**

### **Article (11)**

- a. The Chairman may, subject to the approval of the Ruler or his authorised representative, issue the necessary resolutions on the measures and precautions that must be taken before, during, and after the occurrence of Risks, Emergencies, Crises and Disasters. This includes requiring any public servant or person assigned to perform a public service to continue to perform his duties or provide the services assigned to him, and to be present, round the clock, at the workplace or any other place designated by the SCCDM, for purposes of protecting lives and property and maintaining the functioning of Public Utilities and Vital Facilities. In such cases, the public servant or the person assigned to perform the public service will be prohibited from departing the UAE or leaving the workplace without first obtaining a special permission from his employer.
- b. The Chairman may, subject to the approval of the Ruler or his authorised representative, issue the necessary resolutions designating the areas or



facilities that are suitable for dealing with, mitigating the impacts of, addressing, and preventing the exacerbation of, Risks, Emergencies, Crises, and Disasters.

- c. The officials in charge of the entities concerned with management of Risks, Emergencies, Crises, and Disasters must coordinate with the Chairman to establish the standards and rules required for regulating the work of public servants and persons assigned to perform public services in accordance with paragraph (a) of this Article.
- d. The Chairman will issue the resolutions required for the preservation of lives and property during Risks, Emergencies, Crises, and Disasters. This includes obliging community members to perform, or desist from, any act for the purposes of achieving the public interest.

### **Terms of Reference of the SCCDM Article (12)**

The SCCDM will issue terms of reference that determine the processes for performing its functions and duties.

### **Confidentiality Article (13)**

- a. The Chairman, vice chairman, and members of the SCCDM, and of its executive committees, sub-committees, and work teams, must not, during or after expiry of their term of membership, disclose or divulge any written or verbal information which is confidential in nature or pursuant to the legislation in force, unless they obtain a prior relevant permission from the Chairman. They must not, in particular:
  - 1. copy, retrieve, transfer, or disclose any information, facts, or documents to which they have access in the course of performing their duties;
  - 2. use the information to which they have access in the course of performing their duties for unauthorised purposes;

3. misuse the information they obtain as a result of their membership in the SCCDM or in its executive committees, sub-committees, or work teams; or
  4. allow any unauthorised person to access information or documents related to their work.
- b. Upon forfeiture, termination, or expiry of membership of the Chairman, vice chairman, or member of the SCCDM or of its executive committees, sub-committees, or work teams, he must return all documents, papers, files, materials, tapes, discs, software, and other SCCDM property in his possession, whether or not these include confidential information.
  - c. For purposes of implementation of this Article, the Chairman, vice chairman, and members of the SCCDM and of its executive committees, sub-committees, and work teams must sign the confidentiality and non-disclosure undertaking adopted by the SCCDM.

### **Periodic Reports**

#### **Article (14)**

In the event of Risk, Emergency, Crisis, or Disaster, the SCCDM will submit to the Ruler periodic reports on the outcomes of the work, activities, and accomplishments of the SCCDM, the obstacles it encounters, and the solutions and proposals recommended by the SCCDM. The SCCDM periodic reports will be submitted to Executive Council, whether or not there is a Risk, Emergency, Crisis, or Disaster.

### **Cooperation with the SCCDM**

#### **Article (15)**

All Government Entities, private sector establishments, and individuals in the Emirate must fully cooperate with the SCCDM and its executive committees, sub-committees, work teams, and assignees; provide the SCCDM with the data, information, statistics, and studies it deems required for achieving the objectives of this Decree; and assist and fully support the SCCDM in achieving safe management of Risks, Emergencies, Crises, and Disasters.

**Administrative Support to the SCCDM**  
**Article (16)**

The Chairman will determine the entity that will provide all administrative and technical support to the SCCDM and to its executive committees, sub-committees, and work teams, in order to enable the SCCDM to achieve the objectives of this Decree and exercise the duties and powers assigned to it.

**Financial Resources of the SCCDM**  
**Article (17)**

The SCCDM must coordinate with the Department of Finance, and the Concerned Entities in the Emirate, to determine the financial resources required to enable the SCCDM to achieve the objectives of this Decree and perform the duties assigned to it.

**Issuing Implementing Resolutions**  
**Article (18)**

The Chairman will issue the resolutions required for the implementation of the provisions of this Decree.

**Supersession and Repeals**  
**Article (19)**

- a. This Decree supersedes the above-mentioned Decree No. (22) of 2006.
- b. The following Executive Council Resolutions are hereby repealed:
  - 1. Executive Council Resolution No. (14) of 2006 Forming the Crisis and Disaster Management Team;
  - 2. Executive Council Resolution No. (6) of 2007 Appointing Members to the Crisis and Disaster Management Team;
  - 3. Executive Council Resolution No. (7) of 2014 Appointing Members to the Crisis and Disaster Management Team; and

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4. Executive Council Resolution No. (19) of 2014 Appointing Members to the Crisis and Disaster Management Team.
- c. Any provision in any other legislation will be repealed to the extent that it contradicts the provisions of this Decree.
- d. The bylaws, resolutions, and regulations issued in implementation of the above-mentioned Decree No. (22) of 2006 will continue in force, to the extent that they do not contradict this Decree, until new superseding bylaws, resolutions, and regulations are issued.

### **Commencement and Publication**

#### **Article (20)**

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

**Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum**  
**Ruler of Dubai**

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