

Resolution No. (8) of 2025
Forming the
Dubai Committee for the Development of the Film Sector¹

We, Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Second Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Chairman of the Dubai Media Council,

After perusal of:

Federal Law by Decree No. (55) of 2023 Regulating Media and its Implementing Bylaw;

Law No. (5) of 2022 Establishing the Dubai Media Council; and

Decree No. (66) of 2024 Designating the Competent Authority in the Emirate of Dubai for the Purpose of Implementing Federal Law by Decree No. (55) of 2023 Regulating Media,

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.

DMC: The Dubai Media Council.

DCDFS: The Dubai Committee for the Development of the Film Sector, formed pursuant to this Resolution.

Chairman: The chairman of the DCDFS.

Formation of the DCDFS
Article (2)

- a. Pursuant to this Resolution, a permanent sub-committee named the “Dubai Committee for the Development of the Film Sector” is formed within the DMC, under the chairmanship of

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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.

DMC Member Mr. Issam Abdulrahim Kazim, and with the membership of representatives from the following entities:

1. the Dubai Media Council, as vice chairman;
 2. the Dubai Culture and Arts Authority, as member;
 3. the Dubai Civil Aviation Authority, as member;
 4. the Dubai Airports Corporation, as member;
 5. the Dubai Customs Department, as member;
 6. the Dubai Municipality, as member;
 7. the Roads and Transport Authority, as member;
 8. the Dubai Development Authority, as member;
 9. the Emirates Airline Group, as member;
 10. the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs in Dubai, as member;
 11. the Dubai Police, as member; and
 12. the Dubai Media Council, as member.
- b. The representatives of the entities referred to in paragraph (a) of this Article will be nominated by the officials in charge of these entities. A representative must be experienced and specialised in the field of work of the DCDFS, and must hold a grade not lower than the "Executive Director/ Chief Executive Officer" grade or an equivalent grade.

Functions of the DCDFS

Article (3)

Without prejudice to the provisions of the federal and local legislation in force in the Emirate, the DCDFS will have the duties and powers to:

1. propose the general policy for film production and for attracting film-related activities in the Emirate, including the associated incentives, initiatives, and projects; and submit the same to the DMC for approval;
2. provide opinions on the strategies, plans, programmes, and initiatives related to film industry in the Emirate; and ensure their alignment with approved Government strategies;

3. propose financial and non-financial incentives, including exemptions, grants, and other benefits aimed at supporting film production infrastructure, in coordination with the competent entities in the Emirate;
4. propose new, and review existing, legislation, bylaws, and regulations governing the film industry; and submit the relevant recommendations to the DMC for issuance of the relevant directives as it deems appropriate;
5. propose mechanisms for coordination and cooperation with the concerned Government entities in the Emirate to ensure integration of their respective roles, and address any impediments that may hinder film production processes or the attraction of film-related activities;
6. propose specialised training and professional programmes, as well as incubators and platforms to support young filmmakers, which may be established by the DMC in coordination with the Concerned Entities in the Emirate;
7. establish a mechanism to support and facilitate joint productions, and enhance strategic partnerships between the public and private sectors in film production;
8. propose mechanisms for cooperation with international film commissions and production studios, or other entities in the film sector; and endeavour to attract international film festivals, distributors, and financiers;
9. propose performance indicators for measuring the effectiveness of implementation, and tracking the outcomes, of the policies and plans approved by the DMC in respect of the projects that the DMC implements; and
10. exercise any other duties or powers assigned to it by the DMC.

Rapporteur of the DCDFS
Article (4)

- a. A rapporteur will be appointed to DCDFS by the Chairman, in coordination with the Secretary General of the DMC, from among the employees of the General Secretariat.
- b. The DCDFS rapporteur will have the duties to:
 1. prepare the DCDFS meeting agendas in accordance with the rules approved by the Chairman in this respect, and notify the DCDFS members of the same within sufficient time prior to meetings;
 2. send invitations to DCDFS members to attend its meetings;
 3. prepare the minutes of the DCDFS meetings;

4. verify that the quorums of DCDFS meetings are present;
5. follow up on the implementation of the resolutions, recommendations, and directives of the DCDFS; and submit the outcomes of their implementation to the Chairman;
6. provide all administrative support required to enable the DCDFS to perform its duties under this Resolution; and
7. perform any other duties assigned to him by the Chairman.

Meetings of the DCDFS Article (5)

- a. The DCDFS will convene, where necessary, at the invitation of the Chairman, or the vice chairman in case of absence of the Chairman, at the time and place determined by him.
- b. The DCDFS meetings will be valid if attended by the majority of its members, provided that the Chairman or vice chairman is in attendance.
- c. The DCDFS will issue its resolutions and recommendations by majority vote of attending members. In the event of a tie, the chair of the meeting will have a casting vote.
- d. Proceedings of the DCDFS meetings, and its resolutions and recommendations, will be recorded in minutes signed by the chair of the meeting and attending members.

Providing Administrative Support Article (6)

The General Secretariat of the DMC will provide the DCDFS with administrative and technical support to enable it to perform its duties under this Resolution.

Cooperation with the DCDFS Article (7)

All Government and other concerned entities must fully cooperate with the DCDFS and provide any data, information, statistics, documents, and studies the DCDFS requests or deems necessary to enable it to perform its duties under this Resolution.

**Periodic Reports
Article (8)**

The Chairman must submit to the DMC, every six months, reports that include the outcomes of the DCDFS's work, the difficulties and obstacles it has faced in performing its duties, and the solutions and proposals it recommends, to enable the DMC to issue the relevant directives it deems appropriate.

**Issuing Implementing Resolutions
Article (9)**

The Chairman will issue the resolutions required for the implementation of the provisions of 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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Second Deputy Ruler of Dubai
Chairman of the Dubai Media Council

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