

**Law No. (33) of 2015**  
**Establishing the**  
**Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives Foundation<sup>1</sup>**

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

After perusal of:

Law No. (4) of 2008 Establishing the Dubai Cares Foundation;

Law No. (5) of 2008 Establishing the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation;

Law No. (23) of 2009 Concerning the Mohammed bin Rashid Establishment for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Development and its amendments;

Law No. (18) of 2010 Establishing Noor Dubai;

Law No. (3) of 2012 Establishing the Mohammed bin Rashid School of Government and its amendments;

Law No. (10) of 2012 Establishing Al Jalila Medical Education and Research Support Foundation;

Law No. (1) of 2012 Concerning the International Humanitarian City;

Law No. (3) of 2015 Establishing the UAE Water Aid Foundation (*Suqia*);

Law No. (19) of 2015 Establishing the Museum of the Future;

Decree No. (13) of 1997 Establishing the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Humanitarian and Charity Establishment and its amendments;

Decree No. (19) of 2011 Establishing the Muhammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for World Peace; and

Decree No. (36) of 2015 Establishing the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Knowledge Award,

**Do hereby issue this Law.**

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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.*

**Title of the Law**  
**Article (1)**

This Law will be cited as "Law No. (33) of 2015 Establishing the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives Foundation".

**Definitions**  
**Article (2)**

The following words and expressions, wherever mentioned in this Law, 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.
MBRGI:	The Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives Foundation.
Board of Trustees:	The board of trustees of the MBRGI.
President:	The Ruler.
Secretary General:	The secretary general of the MBRGI.
Concerned Entities:	The Government and private entities, and the initiatives and awards set forth in this Law and the resolutions issued in pursuance hereof, which contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the MBRGI.

**Establishment of the MBRGI**  
**Article (3)**

Pursuant to this Law, a public foundation named the "Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives Foundation" is established. The MBRGI will have legal personality, financial and administrative autonomy, and the legal capacity required to undertake all acts and dispositions that ensure the achievement of its objectives. The MBRGI will be affiliated to the Ruler.

**Head Office of the MBRGI**  
**Article (4)**

The head office of the MBRGI will be located in the city of Dubai. Other branches of the MBRGI may be established within and outside of the Emirate pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Trustees.

**Objectives of the MBRGI**  
**Article (5)**

The MBRGI will have the following objectives:

1. to support and uphold the comprehensive strategy of the UAE for humanitarian, development, and social work by coordinating efforts in this respect;
2. to develop an overall vision and a strategic framework based on which Concerned Entities work to achieve the objectives of the MBRGI;
3. to launch programmes, projects, and initiatives that support humanitarian work, and to promote a culture of humanitarian and development work in the UAE and the Arab world with a view to achieving the development vision of the UAE;
4. to develop a general media framework for the MBRGI and Concerned Entities to highlight their role and contribution to humanitarian, development, and social work at the local, regional, and international levels with a view to achieving consistency in the delivered media messages and the visual identities of Concerned Entities; and
5. to consolidate coordination amongst Concerned Entities and steer efforts towards the most significant issues impacting the local, Arab, and international community with a view to achieving humanitarian and development goals and highlighting the effectiveness of these efforts in combating scourges threatening communities, such as poverty, disease, and illiteracy.

**Functions of the MBRGI**  
**Article (6)**

For the purpose of achieving its objectives, the MBRGI will have the duties and powers to:

1. undertake general supervision and coordination of the initiatives, projects, and programmes of Concerned Entities; and submit the required reports in this respect to the President;
2. develop a comprehensive strategic communication plan to synergise all the initiatives of Concerned Entities, and provide these entities with all types of media support;

3. develop an integrated information management process to identify all the initiatives and projects of Concerned Entities, and evaluate their performance and outcomes with a view to supporting the achievement of the objectives of the MBRGI;
4. raise awareness, in coordination with Concerned Entities, of the importance of humanitarian, development, and social work;
5. develop a regional and international network of cooperation in the area of humanitarian and development work; conclude the required contracts, agreements, and memoranda of understanding; and issue, in cooperation with Government, regional, and international entities, reports related to the work of the MBRGI; and
6. exercise any other duties or powers that are required for enabling the MBRGI to achieve its objectives under this Law; or that are assigned to it by the President.

### **Concerned Entities Article (7)**

- a. For purposes of this Law, Concerned Entities will be as follows:
  1. the Noor Dubai Foundation;
  2. the UAE Water Aid Foundation (*Suqia*);
  3. Al Jalila Medical Education and Research Support Foundation;
  4. the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Charity and Humanitarian Establishment;
  5. the International Humanitarian City;
  6. the Dubai Cares Foundation;
  7. the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation;
  8. the Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Centre for Cultural Understanding;
  9. the Mohammed bin Rashid School for Communication;
  10. the Dubai Foundation for the Museum of the Future;
  11. the Mohammed bin Rashid School of Government;
  12. the Mohammed bin Rashid Centre for Leadership Development;
  13. the Mohammed bin Rashid Establishment for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Development;
  14. the Knowledge Conference;
  15. the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Knowledge Award;
  16. the Arab Reading Challenge Initiative;
  17. the Arab Social Media Influencers Summit and Award;
  18. the Arab Media Forum;
  19. the Arab Strategy Forum;
  20. the Mohammed bin Rashid Arabic Language Award;
  21. the Arab Journalism Award;
  22. the Dubai World Peace Convention;
  23. the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for World Peace;
  24. the Dubai International Sports Conference;
  25. the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Creative Sports Award;
  26. the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Patrons of the Arts Award;
  27. the Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Award for Young Business Leaders;
  28. the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Business Award; and
  29. the UAE Drones for Good Award.

- b. The President or His authorised representative will have the authority to add to, or amend, the list of Concerned Entities in accordance with the resolutions issued in pursuance of this Law.

### **Board of Trustees Article (8)**

- a. The MBRGI will have a Board of Trustees comprised of the President, as chairman; and a vice chairman and a number of experienced and specialised members appointed pursuant to a decree of the Ruler. Membership of the Board of Trustees will be for a renewable term of three (3) years.
- b. The Board of Trustees will convene at the invitation of the chairman, or the vice chairman where the chairman is absent, at least twice a year and where necessary. Meetings of the Board of Trustees will be valid if attended by the majority of its members, provided that the chairman or vice chairman is in attendance.
- c. The Board of Trustees will pass its resolutions and recommendations by majority vote of attending members; and in the event of a tie, the chair of the meeting will have a casting vote.
- d. Resolutions and recommendations of the Board of Trustees will be recorded in minutes and approved by the chair of the meeting.
- e. A rapporteur will be appointed to the Board of Trustees by the chairman or his authorised representative. The rapporteur will be responsible for sending invitations to the Board of Trustees meetings, preparing its meeting agendas, recording its minutes of meetings, following up the implementation of the Board of Trustees resolutions and recommendations, and performing any other duties assigned to him by the chairman or vice chairman.

### **Functions of the Board of Trustees Article (9)**

- a. The Board of Trustees will undertake general supervision of the affairs of the MBRGI, and ensure that it exercises the functions assigned to it under this Law. For these purposes, the Board of Trustees will have the authority to:
  - 1. approve the draft annual budget and financial statements of the MBRGI, and submit the same to the President for final approval;
  - 2. discuss the annual report of the MBRGI, and submit the same to the President;
  - 3. perform all the duties that enable the MBRGI to exercise the functions assigned to it under this Law and the legislation in force in the Emirate; and

4. perform any other duties assigned or delegated to it by the President.
- b. The Board of Trustees may delegate any of its powers under paragraph (a) of this Article to its vice chairman, to any of its members, or to the Secretary General, provided that such delegation is specific and in writing.

**Secretary General of the MBRGI**  
**Article (10)**

- a. A Secretary General will be appointed to the MBRGI pursuant to a decree of the Ruler.
- b. The Secretary General will have the duties and powers to:
  1. approve, and follow up the implementation of, the general policy and strategic plans of the MBRGI;
  2. supervise the implementation of the resolutions issued by the President and the Board of Trustees;
  3. approve the methods of investing the property of the MBRGI, and establish the procedures and rules required to benefit from returns on investment in the fields and projects approved by the MBRGI;
  4. approve the fees and charges for the services provided by the MBRGI;
  5. supervise the provision of administrative and executive support to the MBRGI;
  6. approve, and supervise the implementation of, the projects, initiatives, and programmes that help in supporting and developing the MBRGI, and in achieving its objectives;
  7. supervise the preparation of the draft annual budget and financial statements of the MBRGI, and present the same to the Board of Trustees for approval;
  8. approve the organisational structure of the MBRGI; and the bylaws and resolutions regulating the administrative, financial, and technical affairs of the MBRGI, including financial and contractual regulations, bylaws, and policies; and the levels of financial approval powers;
  9. open, close, and withdraw and transfer funds from, bank accounts in accordance with the financial regulations adopted by the MBRGI;
  10. submit to the President reports on the projects and initiatives of the Concerned Entities;
  11. appoint specialist consultants and auditors and determine their remuneration;
  12. represent the MBRGI before third parties and conclude the contracts and agreements required for the achievement of the objectives of the MBRGI;
  13. supervise the daily work of the executive body of the MBRGI;
  14. perform all the duties assigned to him pursuant to the bylaws adopted by the MBRGI; and
  15. perform any other duties assigned or delegated to him by the President or the Board of Trustees.
- c. The Secretary General may delegate any of his powers under paragraph (b) of this Article to any member of the Board of Trustees, to the assistant secretary general, or to any employee of the MBRGI, provided that such delegation is specific and in writing.

**Executive Body of the MBRGI**  
**Article (11)**

- a. The executive body of the MBRGI will be comprised of the Secretary General, an assistant secretary general, and a number of administrative, finance, and technical employees.
- b. The executive body of the MBRGI will perform all the operational work of the MBRGI, and will perform any duties assigned to it by the Secretary General or his authorised representative.
- c. The rights and obligations of MBRGI employees, and the rules governing their selection and appointment, will be determined pursuant to the relevant employment regulations approved by the Secretary General for this purpose.
- d. The MBRGI may seek the assistance of the executive body of any entity to provide any administrative support to the MBRGI.

**Preservation of the Legal Personalities of Concerned Entities**  
**Article (12)**

The provisions of this Law will apply without prejudice to the legal personalities and legally prescribed functions of Concerned Entities. A Concerned Entity will be managed in accordance with its regulatory legislation to the extent that such legislation does not contradict the provisions of this Law.

**Cooperation with the MBRGI**  
**Article (13)**

All Concerned Entities and Government entities in the Emirate must fully cooperate with the MBRGI to enable it to achieve its objectives.

**Financial Resources of the MBRGI**  
**Article (14)**

The financial resources of the MBRGI will consist of:

1. movable and immovable property allocated to the MBRGI or Concerned Entities by the Government;
2. movable and immovable property allocated to the MBRGI by the Ruler, and any revenue generated from such property;
3. fees and charges for the services provided by the MBRGI;
4. proceeds and profits generated from renting out and investing the property of the MBRGI;

5. revenues generated from endowments, grants, and gifts;
6. any other resources secured by the MBRGI through conducting its activities; and
7. any other resources approved by the President or the Board of Trustees.

**Accounts and Financial Year of the MBRGI**  
**Article (15)**

- a. In managing its accounts and records, the MBRGI will apply the accounting rules and principles approved by the Board of Trustees.
- b. The financial year of the MBRGI will commence on 1 January and will end on 31 December of each year, except that the first financial year will commence on the date this Law comes into force and will end on 31 December of the following year.

**Issuing Implementing Resolutions**  
**Article (16)**

The President or his authorised representative will issue the resolutions, bylaws, and policies required for the implementation of the provisions of this Law.

**Repeals**  
**Article (17)**

Any provision in any other legislation will be repealed to the extent that it contradicts the provisions of this Law.

**Commencement and Publication**  
**Article (18)**

This Law 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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