Executive Council Resolution No. (56) of 2023
Forming the Steering Committee for the Antiquities and Archaeological Sites Project in the Emirate of Dubai[1]

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

After perusal of:

Federal Law No. (11) of 2017 Concerning Antiquities and its Implementing Bylaw;

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. (6) of 2008 Establishing the Dubai Culture and Arts Authority;

Law No. (31) of 2009 Establishing the Dubai Government Human Resources Department and its amendments;

Law No. (1) of 2016 Concerning the Financial Regulations of the Government of Dubai, and its Implementing Bylaw and its amendments;

Law No. (4) of 2018 Establishing the Financial Audit Authority;

Decree No. (34) of 2022 Establishing the Agencies Affiliated to the Dubai Municipality and Determining their Functions;

Decree No. (1) of 2023 Concerning Governance of the Councils/ Boards and Committees Affiliated to the Government of Dubai;

Decree No. (38) of 2023 Transferring the Antiquities Section of the Architectural Heritage and Antiquities Department of the Dubai Municipality to the Dubai Culture and Arts Authority;

The Order of 1961 Establishing the Dubai Municipality;

Resolution No. (39) of 2021 Concerning the Commissioner General for the Infrastructure, Urban Planning, and Well-being Pillar;

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[1] *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.*

Executive Council Resolution No. (40) of 2015 Concerning the Functions of the General Secretariat of the Executive Council of the Emirate of Dubai;

Executive Council Resolution No. (66) of 2017 Forming the Strategic Affairs Council of the Executive Council of the Emirate of Dubai;

Executive Council Resolution No. (38) of 2022 Approving the Organisational Structure of the Dubai Culture and Arts Authority; and

Executive Council Resolution No. (43) of 2022 Approving the Organisational Structure of the Dubai Municipality,

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.
Executive Council:	The Executive Council of the Emirate of Dubai.
SAC :	The Strategic Affairs Council of the Executive Council.
General Secretariat:	The General Secretariat of the Executive Council.
Steering Committee:	The steering Committee formed pursuant to this Resolution to implement the Project.
DM:	The Dubai Municipality.
DCAA:	The Dubai Culture and Arts Authority.
Project:	The project of transferring the duties and functions of the Antiquities Section of the Architectural Heritage and Antiquities Department of the DM to the DCAA.

Formation of the Steering Committee
Article (2)

Pursuant to this Resolution, a temporary Committee named the "Steering Committee for the Antiquities and Archaeological Sites Project in the Emirate of Dubai" is formed in the Emirate

under the chairmanship of the Secretary General of the Executive Council and with the membership of:

1. the Director General of the Department of Finance;
2. the Director General of the Dubai Government Human Resources Department;
3. the Director General of the Dubai Municipality;
4. the Director General of the Dubai Culture and Arts Authority;
5. the Director General of the Financial Audit Authority;
6. the Secretary General of the Supreme Legislation Committee in the Emirate of Dubai;
7. a representative of the General Secretariat, to be nominated by the Secretary General; and
8. a representative of the Infrastructure, Urban Planning, and Well-being Pillar, to be nominated by the Commissioner General.

Functions of the Steering Committee
Article (3)

The Steering Committee will undertake general supervision of the Project. For this purpose, the Steering Committee will have the duties and powers to:

1. oversee the classification of Antiquities and Archaeological Sites in the Emirate;
2. oversee the creation of a database of all Antiquities and Archaeological Sites in the Emirate;
3. oversee the stock count, receipt, and transfer of all assets, property, sites, buildings, and museums that are considered as Antiquities and Archaeological Sites in the Emirate. This must be audited by an external auditor appointed by the Steering Committee for this purpose;
4. oversee the transfer of all assets, property, roles, duties, and responsibilities pertaining to the Antiquities and Archaeological Sites from the DM to the DCAA;
5. oversee the transfer of the concerned organisational units and their employees from the DM to the DCAA, together with the financial appropriations allocated to these units and Employees;
6. approve a joint, objective, and scheduled action plan for transferring the assets and other property; follow up the implementation of this plan in line with the relevant strategic priorities and orientations; and ensure performance by the concerned entities of their assigned tasks in accordance with a specific schedule;

7. coordinate, as required, with the concerned local and federal entities for the purpose of performing the duties of the Steering Committee;

8. issue the required implementing directives and instructions that contribute to achieving the objectives of the Project;

9. submit periodic reports to the SAC on the progress of the Project;

10. ensure the availability of the financial and human resources, the data, and the information required for the implementation of the Project in accordance with the priorities adopted by the Steering Committee;

11. follow up and monitor the progress of the Project implementation phases; issue the necessary directives in respect of any obstacles and difficulties encountered in all Project phases and any proposals or solutions it deems appropriate to address and overcome these difficulties and obstacles; and submit the relevant necessary reports to the SAC;

12. form sub-committees and work teams pursuant to resolutions issued by the Chairman of the Steering Committee which determine the duties, powers, and terms of reference of these sub-committees and work teams and all other matters related to them;

13. seek assistance from experts and specialists as it deems appropriate, provided that they do not have a vote in its deliberations; and

14. exercise any other duties or powers assigned to it by the Chairman of the Executive Council or the Chairman of the SAC.

Governance of the Steering Committee
Article (4)

The provisions of the above-mentioned Decree No. (1) of 2023 apply to all matters related to the governance of the Steering Committee; the procedures for holding its meetings and passing its resolutions and recommendations; and the duties of its Chairman and Members.

Functions of the DCAA
Article (5)

For the purpose of implementing the Project, the DCAA will, in addition to its functions under the legislation in force in the Emirate, have the duties and powers to:

1. establish the rules and requirements for archaeological survey, for engaging and selecting Excavation Missions and restoration missions, and for the analysis of samples, in accordance with the relevant best international standards and practices;

2. establish control and security policies, rules, regulations, requirements, and procedures for the protection of Antiquities and Archaeological sites, in accordance with the relevant internationally recognised best standards; and issue permits for entry to Archaeological Sites and permits to those working therein;

3. establish the necessary procedures, rules, and regulations for issuance of maps of Archaeological Sites and for registering the same as Archaeological Sites as per the requirements prescribed by the relevant international conventions;

4. propose the legislation required for the preservation, maintenance, and restoration of Antiquities and Archaeological Sites; and submit the same to the competent authorities in the Emirate for approval, in accordance with the relevant procedures adopted by these authorities;

5. establish the procedures for the restoration, documentation, excavation, lending, inspection, and returning of Antiquities;

6. prepare an implementation guide for the management of anticipated and unanticipated risks in accordance with the adopted scientific and professional principles for the protection of Antiquities;

7. establish a mechanism for coordination with the competent entities on seizing Antiquities smuggled through, or found at, border crossing points; and on inspecting, safekeeping, and storing the seized items received from the competent customs authorities;

8. approve the employee competency assessment and professional training programmes to ensure their readiness to perform their duties at the Archaeological Sites; and

9. exercise any other duties or powers assigned to it by the Chairman of the Executive Council or the Chairman of the SAC.

Cooperation with the Steering Committee
Article (6)

All concerned Government Entities must fully cooperate with the Steering Committee and its sub-committees and work teams; and must provide, in a timely manner and without delay, the data, information, statistics, documents, and studies requested and deemed necessary by the Steering Committee to implement and complete the Project and to enable it to perform its duties under this Resolution, the resolutions issued in pursuance hereof, and other legislation in force in the Emirate.

Submitting the Final Report
Article (7)

a. The Steering Committee will, within no later than nine (9) months from the date on which this Resolution comes into force, submit to the Chairman of the Executive Council a final report on the outcomes of the work and achievements of the Steering Committee and the difficulties and obstacles that it has faced in performing its duties.

b. The Chairman of the Executive Council may, upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Steering Committee and approval of the Chairman of the SAC, extend the deadline referred to in paragraph (a) of this Article once.

Issuing Implementing Resolutions
Article (8)

The Chairman of the Steering Committee will issue the resolutions required for the implementation of the provisions of this Resolution.

Commencement and Publication
Article (9)

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

Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Crown Prince of Dubai

Chairman of the Executive Council

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