

## Plan to promote political culture in UAE

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The Ministry of State for Federal National Council Affairs (MSFNCA) has finalised a three-year strategy to promote wider participation of citizens in the process of country's political progress, according to a senior official.

A strategic plan for 2007-2010 has been formulated in line with the federal plan to develop political culture in the UAE, said Tariq Lootah, Secretary-General for the MSFNCA.

“By the end of this month and before the start of FNC’s summer session, we will have reached a milestone in our first year with the finalisation of this plan which will structure our work flow and strategic objectives,” said Lootah, who is leading the strategy brainstorming sessions.

“The plan, to be submitted to the government on June 30 for approval, defines our vision, message, and values,” he added. Elaborating on the strategy, he said the values defined by the ministry’s plan envisage wider national participation, responsibility, team work and education. National participation which is a core value of the ministry’s work concentrates on reinforcing national identity, inclusion of societal groups, empowerment of women and constructive dialogue between the government, the FNC and UAE citizens on domestic issues, he said.

The MSFNCA has defined its responsibility with a focus on excellence, equality, integrity, impartiality, transparency, accountability and equal opportunity. It has also prioritised its internal team work in its value structure through team spirit and empowerment and training of employees, said Lootah.

“The ministry’s strategy will focus on implementation of main objectives to execute the plan of the President, His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, in activating the role of the FNC to reinforce communication between its stakeholders: government, FNC and citizens, and to develop political culture in the country.”

He underlined that the plan will also focus on recommendations of the federal strategy announced by His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai.

Internally, the MSFNCA aims to create a new benchmark for productivity and employee development with the focus on training.