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United Arab Emirates Gender Mainstreaming Initiative

المبادرات الوطنية لإدماج النوع الاجتماعي في دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة



Press Release

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The General Women's Council (GWC) in cooperation with the Environment Agency-Abu Dhabi and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) are organizing a training workshop titled "Gender and Environment", as part of the national initiatives project for gender inclusion in the United Arab Emirates. The training starts at 9:00 am in the GWC's headquarters. The training is being conducted by Ms. Reem Obeidat, Founder and active member of "The Jordanian Environment Organization".

Participants from different civil society women's organizations and NGOs, as well as, public and private institutions will be attending the 5-day training workshop, which will include field visits to some environmental projects in the UAE.

This workshop comes as a part of the national initiatives project for gender inclusion in the UAE, and was preceded by a series of training sessions conducted by UNDP and GWC.

The workshop aims at introducing and analyzing the concept of gender, studying its effect on development issues and its relationship with consumption. Moreover, the workshop will discuss women's role in environmental development, in addition to a study of environmental behavior from a gender point of view, examining new trends in human resources management and motivating institutions to increase environmental awareness.

Finally, the workshop will generate a report on the introductions, policies and approaches being applied in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). There will also be suggestions on publishing statistics and indexes for gender social development, which would lead to compiling a database, as well as recommendations to include gender in the environment.

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