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The parliamentary experience in the United Arab Emirates has continued its journey of success with the conclusion of the National Elections Committee's implementation of the fifth cycle of the Federal National Council elections in 2023. This cycle witnessed wide participation in the voting process by all electoral colleges across the Emirates, reflecting an elevated level of awareness regarding the importance of genuine participation. This reinforces the nation's commitment to the shura approach, fostering a unique relationship between the people of the Emirates and the wise leadership, always committed to providing all capabilities and resources to enable citizens to actively participate in the national decision-making process to serve the country and achieve the aspirations and interests of its citizens.

The National Elections Committee successfully organised the fifth cycle of the Federal National Council elections in 2023 with the simplest and easiest procedures, adhering to the highest standards of accuracy, transparency, and integrity observed in organising elections at both regional and international levels. This enabled electoral college members to cast their votes freely and easily to select their representatives in the Federal National Council.

The fifth cycle of the Federal National Council elections in 2023 witnessed a series of developments that represent a qualitative addition to the developments that occurred during the previous four electoral cycles. These developments include an increase in the number of electoral college members across all Emirates, amendments to the executive regulations of the elections, and the adoption of remote voting systems, adding new mechanisms to electronic voting, which expanded voting operations both domestically and internationally on all designated voting days.

Therefore, the Ministry of State for Federal National Council Affairs, in its capacity as the secretariat of the National Elections Committee, has worked on preparing this report to shed light on all stages and procedures of the fifth cycle of the Federal National Council elections in 2023, clarifying the developments introduced in its various aspects, and highlighting the diligent efforts made by the committees affiliated with the National Elections Committee and all formed work teams. These efforts culminated in the successful implementation of the electoral process in a manner that garnered the satisfaction of all parties involved, including members of the electoral colleges and candidates, and received praise from observers at all local, regional, and international levels.





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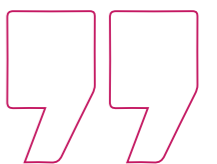


Observers of the fifth cycle of the 2023 Federal National Council elections can easily ascertain that it represents a new achievement added to the accomplishments of the parliamentary work journey in the United Arab Emirates. This reflects the vision and directives of the wise leadership to make the process of Federal National Council elections a model to be emulated in the parliamentary experiences of the region, by employing all capacities and energies to enhance the parliamentary work process in the country. It serves as an example of diligent work and fruitful cooperation among all entities involved in conducting the election.

This electoral cycle witnessed significant participation from various members of the electoral colleges, who were keen on active participation in selecting their representatives in the Federal National Council. This reflects their awareness of the importance of positive participation in achieving political development in the country and underscores their understanding of the significant role of the Federal National Council (supervisory and legislative) in achieving numerous accomplishments in various vital sectors of the country and realising the vision of the wise leadership in positioning the Emirati citizens at the forefront globally.

Several factors were available to ensure the success of the fifth cycle of the 2023 Federal National Council elections, with the most prominent being the significant increase in the number of electoral colleges, reaching 18% compared to the lists of electoral colleges in the fourth cycle of the 2019 FNC elections. This reinforces our wise leadership's vision to establish a distinguished and inspiring model in the parliamentary field that suits the unique characteristics of Emirati society. Moreover, the high representation of youth in the membership of the electoral colleges (44%) compared to its previous percentage of (30%) in the 2019 elections, constitutes an important factor for the success of this electoral cycle, given the youth's keenness to positively participate in all stages of the electoral process as volunteers, voters, or candidates. They are the most valuable asset for building a bright future for our beloved nation over the next fifty years. Additionally, the adoption of a hybrid voting system, combining a remote voting system and electronic voting system at the polling stations, aligns with the digital transformation process in the country, following the effective decisions of the Cabinet regarding digital transaction policy, adoption of the national framework for information security, and use of digital identity in all government transactions.

Thus, a combination of factors contributed to the success of the fifth cycle of the 2023 Federal National Council elections, as outlined in this report, highlighting all its stages, procedures, and the developments introduced to ensure its execution with precision, integrity, transparency, and freedom, solidifying the values of genuine participation and the shura approach in our society. This aims to enable the members of the electoral colleges to choose those they deem capable of representing them and expressing their aspirations and ambitions in the Federal National Council.



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Introduction:

The National Elections Committee undertook the full supervision of organising the fifth electoral cycle of the Federal National Council elections in 2023, ensuring the implementation of all arrangements and procedures to facilitate the electoral process in its entirety with accuracy, integrity, and transparency. This was done in accordance with its powers under Article (5) of UAE President's Decision NO. (3) of 2006 on Determining the method for selecting representatives of the Emirates in the Federal National Council (and its amendments).

The National Elections Committee ensured that the electoral process, in all its stages, adhered to the highest standards of election organisation. This involved developing regulatory, technical, and logistical procedures to expedite and simplify all stages of the electoral process. Starting from verifying the inclusion of citizens' names in the electoral college with lists, through candidate registration via the electronic candidate registration system, to organising election campaigns, followed by the voting stage, and concluding with electronic counting and announcement of results.

Among the foremost developments introduced in the procedures of the fifth electoral cycle of 2023 was the adoption of a remote voting system (both domestically and internationally), in addition to the electronic voting system at polling stations. This allowed members of the electoral colleges to cast their votes to choose their representatives in the Federal National Council with ease.

All efforts of the subcommittees (permanent and temporary) and the work teams affiliated with the National Elections Committee were coordinated to organise the electoral process optimally. This aimed to enhance the active participation of electoral college members in selecting half of the Federal National Council members. Such participation positively impacts the council's role in promoting comprehensive development in the country, completing the Political Empowerment Programme launched by the late Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, in 2005. The aim is to activate the role of the Federal National Council, enabling it to be a supporting, guiding, and supportive authority for the government. It should be a council with greater capacity and effectiveness, closely aligned with national issues and citizens' concerns, and embedding genuine participation values and the Shura approach through a systematic and gradual process.

May God guide us all to serve our beloved country and elevate its status.

The National Elections Committee



Electoral College Members

398,879

Increase in the number of Electoral College Members **18.1%**

44%

VOTER TURNOUT



Youth

Women

Men

44%

44%

56%

298

CANDIDATES

Youth

Women

Men

12%

42%

58%

Voting Turnout by Voting Channels

Polling Stations	7.3%
Smart Application	74.4%
Website	18.3%



FIRST STAGE

The Regulatory Framework of the Electoral Process:

Decree No (16) of 2022 by UAE President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan to amend some provisions of UAE President's Decision No. (3) of 2006 Determining the method for selecting representatives of the Emirates in the Federal National Council.

This reflects the visionary outlook of our wise leadership in supporting and enhancing our parliamentary

experience, empowering electoral college members to actively contribute to national decision-making, and continuing the empowerment journey towards the UAE Centennial 2071.

The decree aligns with the wise vision of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE; His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, Ruler of Dubai; and Their Highnesses the rulers of the Emirates. It aims to strengthen the pillars of the Shura approach and instil a culture of political participation in the Emirates community. The decree includes provisions for restructuring the National Elections Committee to include diverse expertise and competencies, ensuring optimal implementation of its tasks and authorities in organising a successful electoral process characterised by integrity, accuracy, and transparency in all its procedures and stages, and gaining the trust of all participating parties.

The Committee's membership includes the Minister of Health and Prevention and the Minister of State for Federal National Council Affairs as co-chairs, along with members such as the Minister of Justice; Minister of Culture and Youth; Minister of State for Union Affairs; a representative of the Ministry of Cabinet Affairs; Assistant Minister of Interior; representative of the Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs, and Port Security; Director-General of the Telecommunications and Digital Government Regulatory Authority; Assistant Minister of State for Federal National Council Affairs; Cyber Security Council Chairman for the UAE Government; Media Office Chairman for the UAE Government; Assistant Undersecretary at the Ministry of State for Federal National Council Affairs; Assistant Undersecretary for Support Services at the Ministry of State for Federal National Council Affairs; and three public figures appointed by the Committee Chair. The Committee Chair selects a secretary from among its members.



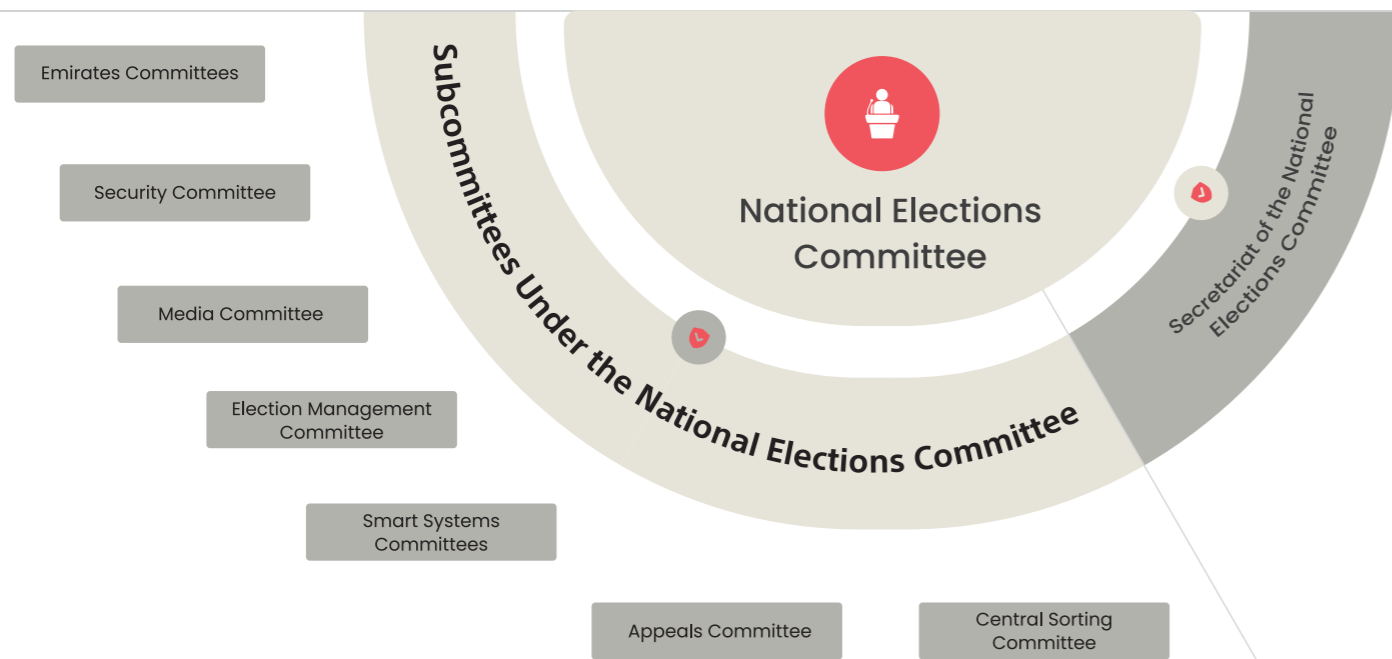
The National Elections Committee is entrusted with exercising all necessary powers to supervise the electoral process in all its aspects, including:

- Issuing a timeline for the elections specifying the start of candidacy, deadline for withdrawal of candidacy, election dates in each emirate, procedures, and deadline for election appeals, and announcement of final election results.
- Approving final candidate lists after ensuring they meet all required candidacy conditions.
- Issuing election calls in each emirate and specifying dates for conducting elections within and outside the country.
- Forming electoral subcommittees and precisely defining their mandates.
- Establishing work teams responsible for implementing the electoral process and enlisting experienced and competent individuals as needed.
- Issuing necessary election guidelines for various aspects of the electoral process.
- Approving proposals from subcommittees related to election forms, tables, documents, and authorised stamps.
- Approving election centre locations in each emirate based on a proposal from the Elections Management Committee.
- Determining the necessary financial allocations and preparing an estimated budget for the electoral process, including inclusion in the country's general budget.
- Announcing final election results and taking necessary actions to complete the membership of the winners in the Council.
- Undertaking any other necessary measures or actions to optimise the electoral process.

The National Elections Committee is followed by several subcommittees, including the Elections Management Committee, Emirates Committees, Security Committee, Media Committee, Smart Systems Committee, Appeals Committee, and Central Sorting Committee.

The National Elections Committee has worked to harness all efforts of its subcommittees and affiliated work teams to embody the vision of our wise leadership, continue the journey of our parliamentary achievements, complete the Political Empowerment Programme pursued by the UAE, develop citizen participation in national decision-making through a systematic gradual process, meet the aspirations and ambitions of Emirati society, shape a bright future for coming generations, support sustainable development, and enhance the country's development journey over the next fifty years.

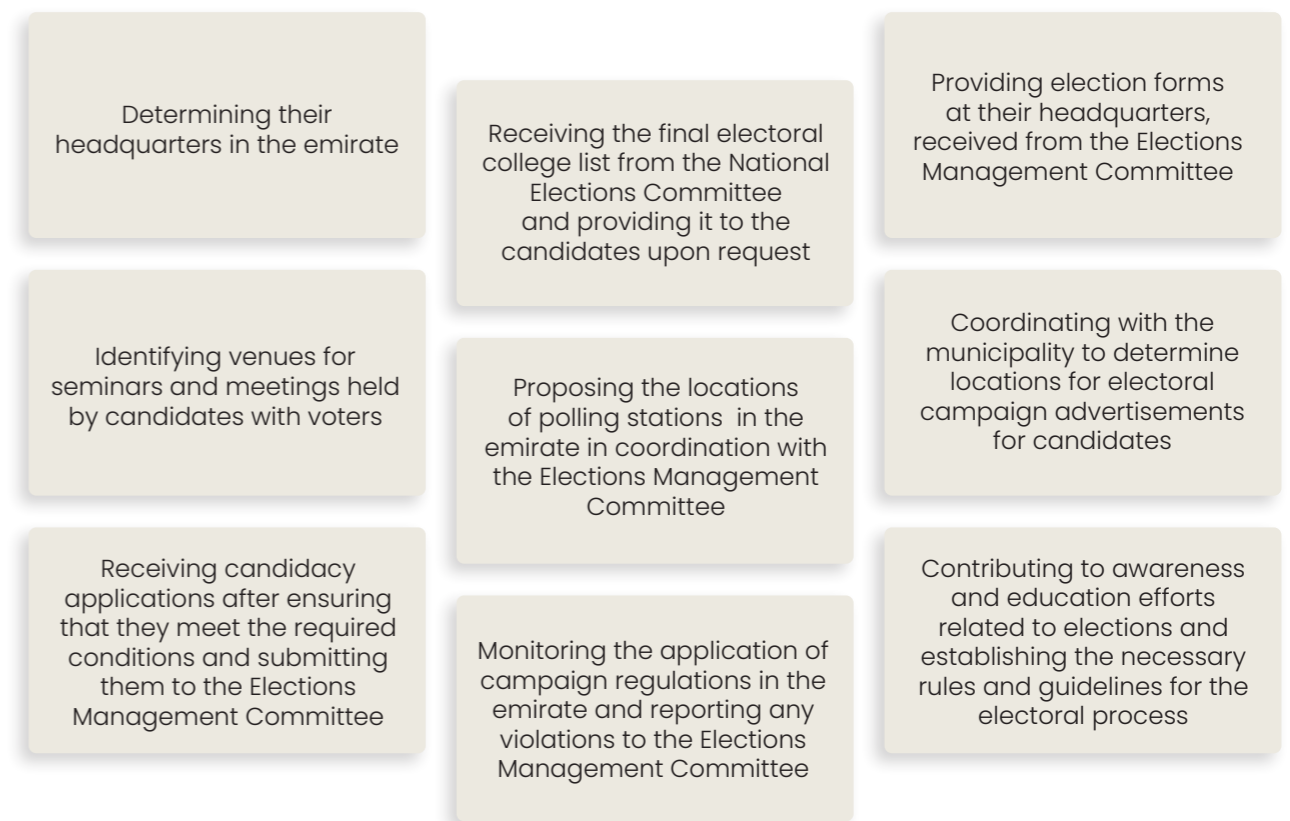
Organizational Structure



The National Elections Committee has established a system of responsibilities, tasks, and authorities for each of the main committees as follows:

Emirates Committees:

These committees are formed in each emirate to handle all technical and administrative matters related to conducting elections in coordination with the Elections Management Committee. Among their most important tasks and responsibilities are:



Seven committees have been formed at the federal level, each including representatives from the rulers' offices, police, municipalities, as well as prominent figures from the local sector.

All these committees coordinate with the Elections Management Committee concerning technical and administrative matters related to running elections in the emirate.

The Emirates Committees are crucial executive bodies that work closely with the Elections Management Committee in managing the technical and administrative aspects of the Federal National Council elections in each emirate. These committees play a pivotal role in managing the electoral landscape in the country, working alongside other subsidiary committees of the National Elections Committee to prepare, manage, and execute the Federal National Council elections.

Security Committee:

This committee is responsible for the security plan of the elections to ensure the safety, freedom, and integrity of the elections. Its main tasks and responsibilities include:

Developing the security plan for the elections

Determining the necessary human resources to ensure the safety, freedom, and integrity of the elections

Media Committee:

This committee is responsible for all media and communication activities related to the electoral process, including news coverage, directing citizens to official sources, combating the spread of rumours, and ensuring the integrity of the electoral process. Among its key tasks and responsibilities are:

Developing the communication strategy of the National Election Committee and outlining its execution plan

Creating a general plan to educate citizens about the Federal National Council elections, coordinating with various media outlets

Developing a media campaign plan to motivate voters to participate in the electoral process

Proposing organized rules for the use of official media in presenting candidates' programmes in elections to ensure equality and equal opportunities among them

The Media Committee is committed to implementing a comprehensive media strategy based on high professional standards, including transparency, objectivity, and efficient performance. This aims to provide local, regional, and international media with reliable news and information about the 2023 Federal National Council elections.

Elections Management Committee:

This is the executive (administrative, financial, and technical) body for managing the electoral process.



Its primary tasks and responsibilities include:

Monitoring the progress of the elections and ensuring the proper application of procedures at all stages.

Verifying the suitability and safety of the polling stations and their compliance with the legal conditions required to perform their tasks.

Providing and training staff at the polling stations following applicable regulations and the decisions of the National Elections Committee.

Coordinating with all relevant authorities and between the activities of subsidiary committees to ensure the execution of their tasks and duties for the safety of the electoral process.

Identifying the human resources, capabilities, and material resources needed for the elections and submitting them to the National Elections Committee for reporting and approval.

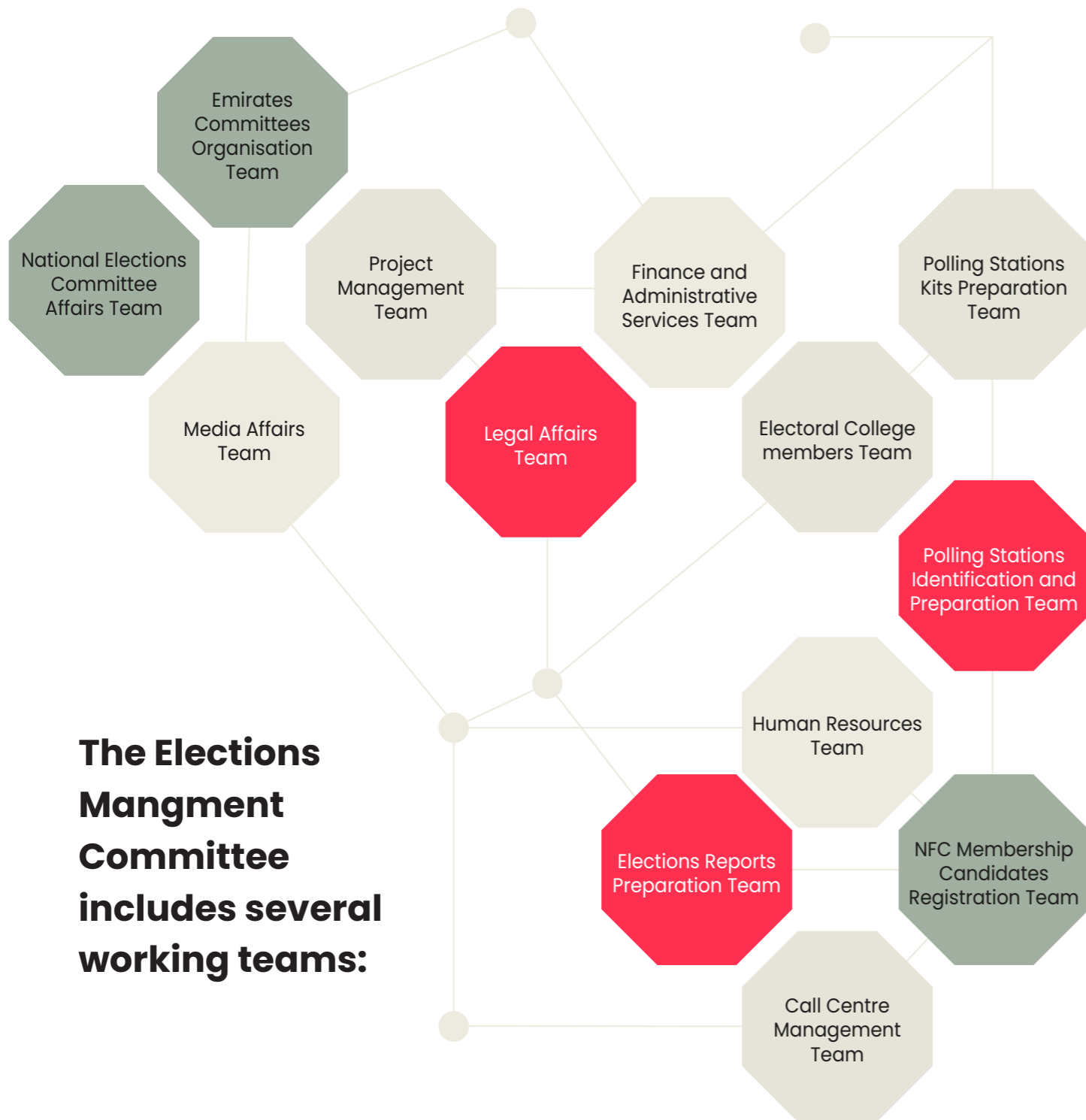
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Monitoring the implementation of directives and decisions of the National Elections Committee directed to Sub-committees regarding the preparation and organisation of the electoral process, reporting on progress to the National Elections Committee.

Preparing the financial budgets for the electoral process.

Taking all necessary measures and actions to ensure the safety and success of the elections.

Receiving the election results reports from the Central Sorting Committee and submitting them to the National Elections Committee.



The Elections Management Committee includes several working teams:

Smart Systems Committee:

This committee is responsible for managing and implementing all necessary electronic and technical programmes to execute the electoral process comprehensively.

Its primary tasks and responsibilities include:

Preparing technical studies and conducting experiments related to various voting systems, voter registration, candidate, and volunteer registration, and implementing them.

Technical supervision of the election website in terms of preparation, configuration, hosting, updating, data entry, and technical support.

Technical supervision of the National Elections Committee's email in terms of providing necessary licenses and offering technical support.

Preparing the infrastructure for polling stations and media centres, including providing devices, setting up wired and wireless networks, and offering technical support.

Coordinating with the Emirates Telecommunications Corporation Etisalat regarding necessary communication lines for the elections and providing technical support.

Providing user manuals for all systems to train users on electronic systems, familiarising them with their advantages and operation methods.

Developing the budget estimates for technical requirements, including devices, programmes, licenses, auxiliary programmes, and comprehensive technical support.

Procuring quotations for the implementation of technical electoral operations in accordance with the Federal Government's digital procurement policy.

Supervising the receipt and inspection of devices, programs, data, and software (source code).

Preparing necessary and alternative plans to address emergencies and risks, ensuring the continuity of all technical devices and operating systems in constant operation.

Ensuring optimal use of digital government systems and capabilities.

Confirming the compliance of all applied technical procedures and plans with the UAE's adopted cybersecurity policies and standards.

Legislative Framework for the 2023 Federal National Council Elections:

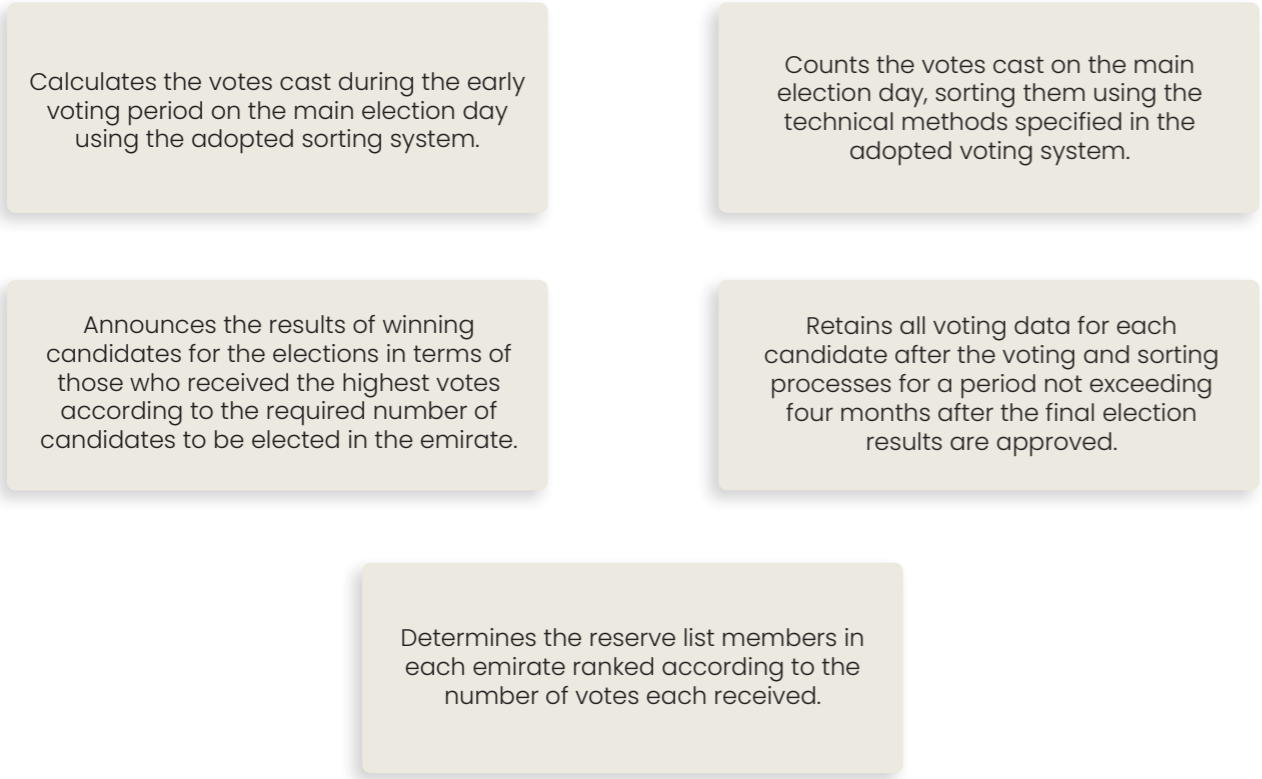
Appeals Committee :

This committee is entrusted with examining all electoral appeals submitted to it, whether challenging the candidacy of a candidate or the voting and counting procedures, and providing legal opinions on them to the National Elections Committee, to make decisions, some of which have the force of final judgments, so that they cannot be appealed by any means.

The committee was formed under the chairmanship of a judge from the Federal Supreme Court, and membership of three experienced and specialized individuals.

Central Sorting Committee :

Formed under the chairmanship of the head of the National Elections Committee and the membership of several of its members, along with any experts as deemed necessary. It performs the following competencies:



Executive Regulations of the Federal National Council Elections:

The executive regulations for the Federal National Council elections constitute the regulatory framework for the entire electoral process and its procedures. These regulations were issued based on the decision of the National Elections Committee, Number 25 of the year 2023, as part of the preparations for organising the fifth cycle of elections. This ensures their implementation with the highest precision, transparency, and integrity. The executive regulations comprise 69 articles divided into 9 chapters, covering everything related to the identification of the committees responsible for implementing the elections, election rules, the rights and duties of voters and candidates, electoral violations and the penalties prescribed for them, electoral appeals, sorting procedures, and result announcements.

Several amendments and new additions were made to the executive regulations for the 2023 Federal National Council elections based on a study and evaluation of previous electoral cycles. Most notably, the introduction of the remote voting system, a smart

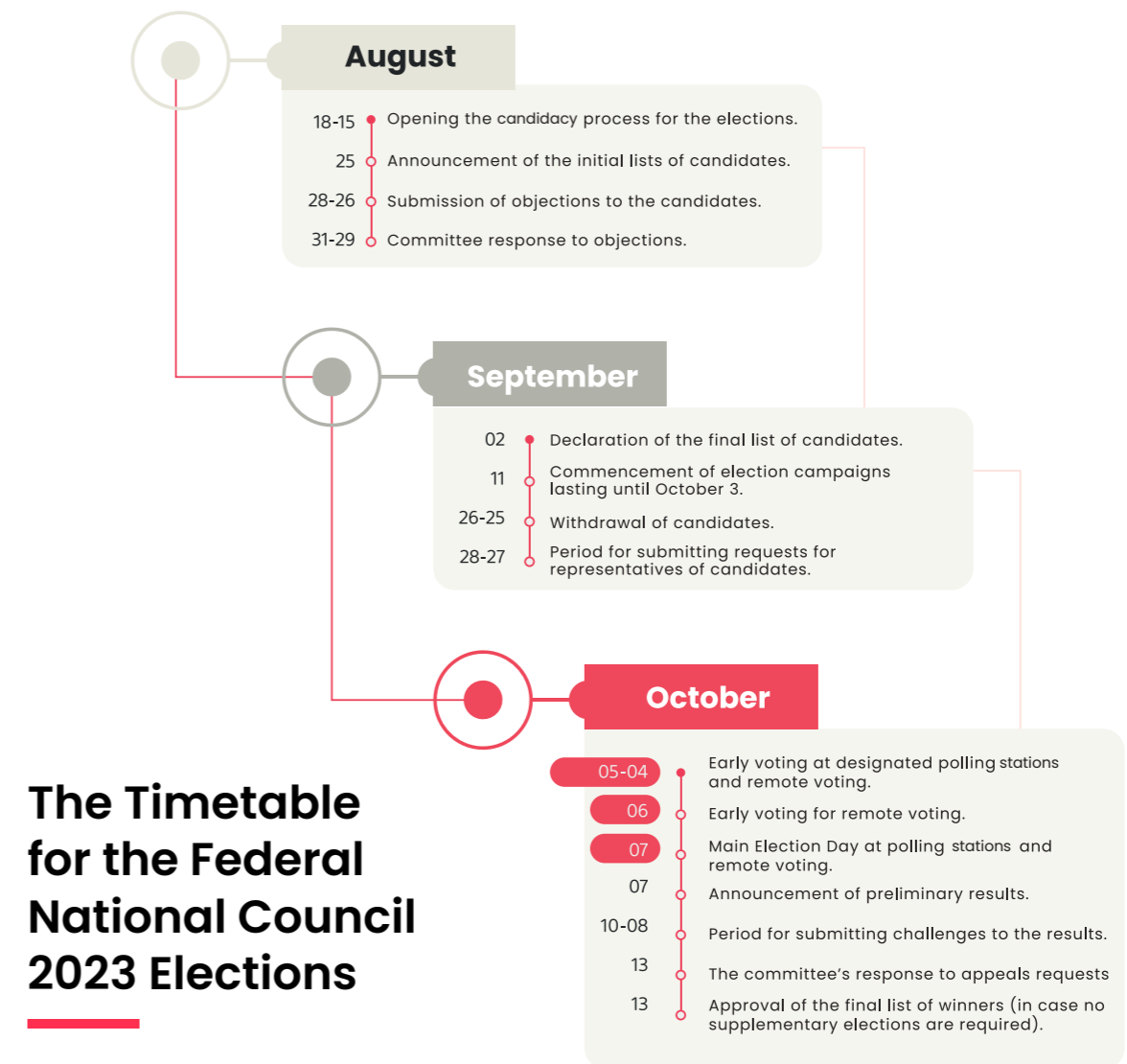
voting system allowing voters to cast their votes from anywhere inside or outside the country using digital applications determined by the National Elections Committee. There will be no polling stations in diplomatic missions, allowing voters outside the UAE to cast their votes remotely from the early voting period until the end of the main election day. Additionally, a hybrid voting system was introduced, combining remote voting and electronic voting in designated polling stations specified by the National Elections Committee.

The amendments to the executive regulations also included an increase in the candidate registration fee from AED1,000 to AED3,000. Furthermore, a process for the nomination of People of Determination was regulated, where eligible candidates meeting the required legal conditions have the right to run for Council membership, provided they submit a medical report approved by the Supreme Committee for Medical Liability at the Ministry of Health and Prevention. The report should specify the nature and degree of the disability and its impact on the candidate's ability to perform Council member duties. The amendments also involved an increase in the campaign expenditure ceiling to AED3 million, as well as an increase in the maximum fine for electoral violations to AED10,000. The executive regulations for the 2023 Federal National Council elections are divided into nine chapters. The first chapter outlines general provisions, emphasising the principle of one vote per voter and prohibiting proxy voting. Each voter is entitled to only one vote, regardless of the number of times they vote, either remotely or at polling stations. The last choice made by the voter will be counted, and they are not allowed to elect more than one candidate for their emirate. The second chapter focuses on the formation and powers of the National Elections Committee. The third chapter covers the sub-committees affiliated with the National Elections Committee and their assigned tasks. The fourth chapter details the rules and conditions for candidacy, while the fifth chapter addresses the provisions and regulations of the election campaign. The sixth chapter covers the election rules, including the voting days, according to the timetable adopted by the committee, and the voter's ability to repeat their voting multiple times. It also specifies the voting system, result announcements, and supplementary elections. The seventh chapter identifies electoral violations and the penalties imposed for them. The eighth chapter is dedicated to electoral appeals and related procedures, while the ninth chapter focuses on concluding provisions.

Timeline for the 2023 Elections :

The 2023 election timeline includes key dates for major milestones in the electoral process, from the opening of candidate registration to the announcement of the final election results. This timeline aims to provide members of the electoral colleges with ample opportunity to exercise their voting rights transparently, fostering active participation and contributing to the ongoing success and development of our parliamentary experience.

The table below illustrates the chronological sequence of all events and key milestones of the electoral process, including the announcement of the opening of the candidacy registration and the locations of registration centres starting from August 15. The commencement of candidate self-registration in polling stations follows, leading to the declaration of the preliminary lists of candidates. Immediately afterward, three days are allotted for filing objections against the candidates. On September 1, the Committee announced its responses to objections raised against the candidates. According to the timetable, the early voting period extends from October 4 to October 7. Early voting allows voters to cast their votes before the main election day, aiming to provide members of the electoral colleges with the opportunity to exercise their votes early before the main election day. October 7 is the main election day, also witnessing the announcement of preliminary counting results and the beginning of the appeals period. The appeals period and the committee begins pones to appeals begin, while October 13 is the day when the final list of winners is announced in the absence of supplementary elections.



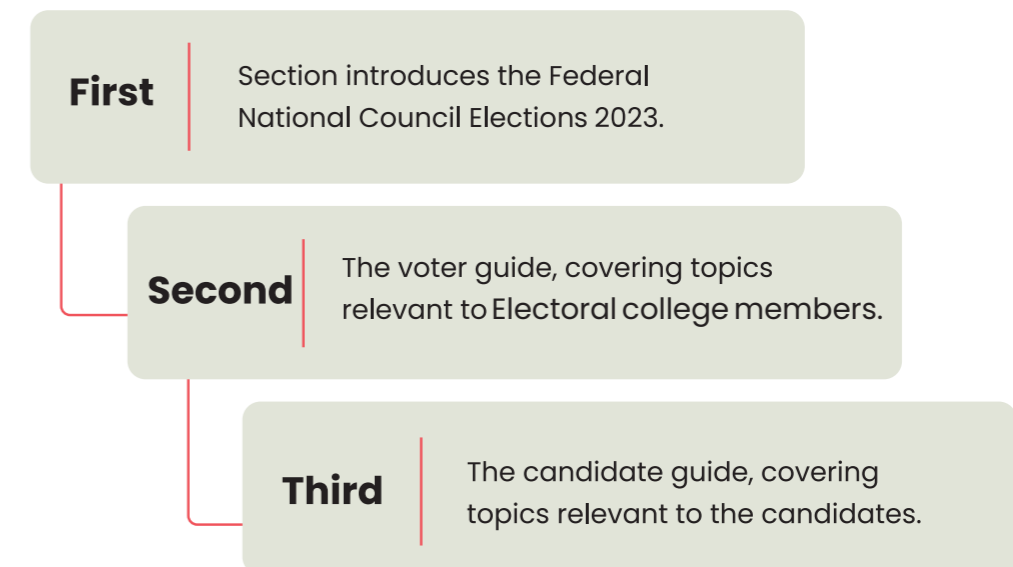
Voter and Candidate Guide 2023



The Voter and Candidate Guide for the 2023 Federal National Council elections aims to provide comprehensive information for candidates and voters, addressing all questions and inquiries related to the 2023 elections in a simplified manner for easy understanding by all interested parties. The guide aims to empower voters to exercise their electoral rights in a manner that ensures the validity of their votes, outlining their rights and responsibilities. The voter's voice is crucial in choosing the best candidates to represent the Emirati people in the Federal National Council, capable of efficiently exercising their legislative and oversight powers. Additionally, the guide seeks to inform candidates of their rights, duties, and obligations throughout the electoral process, especially those entering the electoral experience for the first time. It includes new additions and amendments in the 2023 Federal National Council elections, notably the introduction of the hybrid voting system and electronic voting in designated polling stations. The guide is divided into three main sections: The first section introduces the 2023 Federal National Council elections, the Political Empowerment Programme announced by the late Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan in 2005, shedding light on the administration of the electoral process and all related procedures, as well as the formation and legislative and oversight powers of the Federal National Council. The second section, «Voter Guide» aims to inform members of the electoral college about all stages of the electoral process, explaining their legal rights, how to preserve them, and outlining

their duties and obligations according to the executive regulations for the 2023 Federal National Council elections. This section covers topics such as the definition of electoral colleges, how they are formed, the voting process, the vote counting process, result announcements, cases of supplementary elections and their rules, re-election cases and procedures. The section also explains the supervision process at polling stations, defines electoral violations that may compromise the elections' progress, integrity, or freedom, or violate any provisions of the executive regulations regarding them, and the penalties that can be imposed on voters committing any of these violations. The third section, «Candidate Guide» aims to inform the candidate, their representative, and campaign members of the legal rules and regulations specific to all stages of the electoral process, essential for maximising their chances of success in the elections. The guide emphasises that the candidate, their representative, and campaign members' understanding of their legal rights and how to preserve them, along with familiarity with the duties and obligations the candidate must adhere to, ensures the proper conduct of the electoral process, securing the rights of all parties involved according to the executive regulations for the 2023 Federal National Council elections. This section includes topics such as the candidate registration process, candidacy conditions, procedures for candidacy, required documents for candidacy, and the process of registering candidacy applications. It also explains election campaigns and their rules, the allocated funding, the role of candidate representatives, the rights and duties of the candidate, and the penalties that can be imposed if the candidate commits any violations that could compromise the elections' progress, integrity, or freedom, or obstruct the application of any provisions of the executive regulations regarding them. The section also addresses the mechanism for appealing voting procedures and counting results, as well as the process of approving the final election results.

The guide is divided into three main sections:



Preparations of the Federal National Council Elections 2023

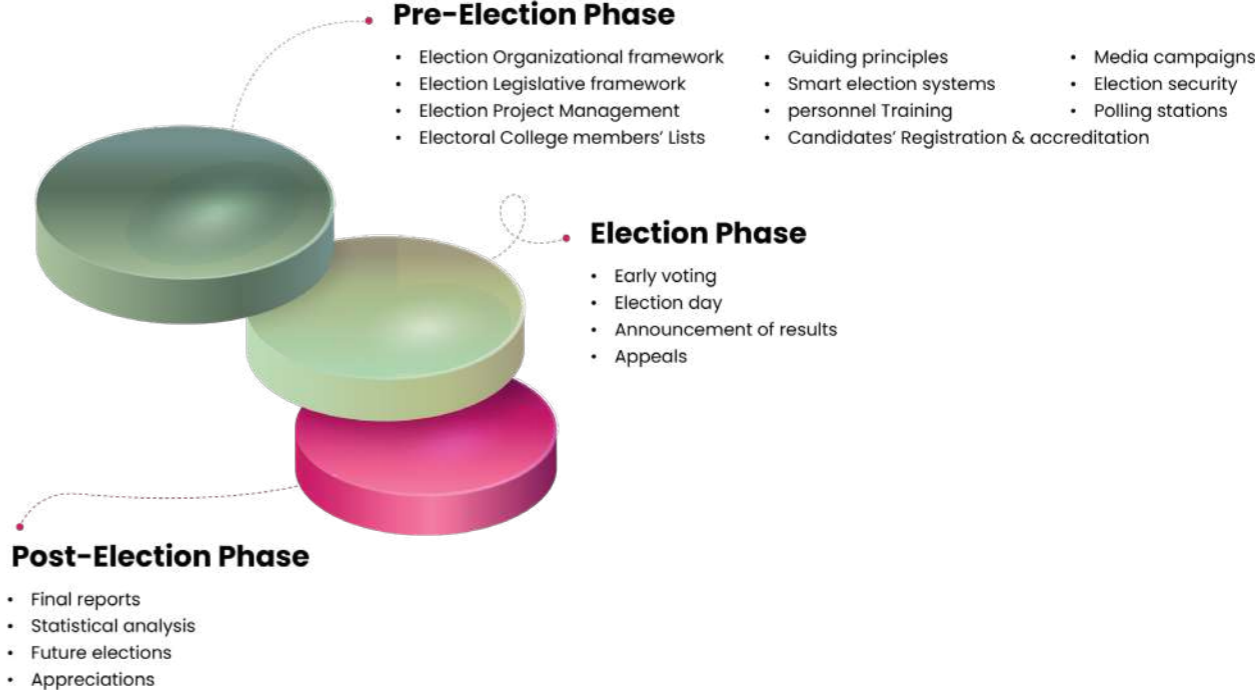
Election Project Management:

Project management is the process of organising and overseeing resources and efforts to achieve specific objectives within a defined timeframe and with limited resources. It involves defining goals and tasks, allocating necessary resources, coordinating efforts between different teams, monitoring progress, and ensuring the successful implementation of the project within the specified budget. Effective project management plays a vital role in project success, aiding in organising and directing efforts toward achieving specific goals, reducing risks, and improving resource utilisation efficiency. It also helps monitor progress and ensure project execution according to set standards. Thanks to effective project management, delays, and potential issues can be avoided, leading to successful and timely results.

Project management plays a crucial role in implementing the election project. It assists in organising and coordinating various aspects of the electoral process efficiently. Project management contributes to defining the main goals and tasks of the project and efficiently allocating necessary resources. It also aids in monitoring progress, managing potential risks, and ensuring the transparent and efficient implementation of the electoral process. Through effective project management, elections can be successfully achieved within the specified budget and with a high level of integrity and transparency. This ensures the execution of an electoral cycle according to the highest standards of transparency and integrity, in line with the leading position that the UAE has achieved in all fields. The project's goals were adopted to achieve positive results, ensuring the fair and secure participation of all voters.

The project scope was first determined as it plays a crucial role in the success of any project. It clearly outlines what should and should not be done in the project, helping identify the goals and tasks that need to be achieved. Additionally, it assists in determining the necessary resources and establishing the project timeline. The project scope contributes to directing efforts, setting the timeframe, and determining the financial and human resources required to ensure the successful completion of the project.

The scope of the election project and its components were precisely and comprehensively identified to ensure the safety and integrity of the electoral process. This was done through a comprehensive analysis of the electoral process requirements and the identification of associated services. The project scope was accurately defined to encompass all aspects of the electoral process, including electoral college members operations, candidate registration, voting system, polling stations, ensuring the safety and integrity of the electoral process, and transparent and accurate results announcement.



The project components were identified by outlining the key stages of the electoral process, such as pre-election, actual election, and post-election procedures. Responsibilities and duties were assigned for each component, along with the

identification of the human, financial, and technical resources required for the execution of each part of the project. Additionally, the relevant authorities responsible for organising and managing the electoral process and ensuring its safety and integrity were determined.

An Election Project Management Office was set up, including a specialised team in project management, focusing on planning, organising, communicating, and risk management. The role of the election project management team was to coordinate efforts and monitor work teams in executing tasks efficiently and effectively.

The Election Project Management Office worked in coordination and collaboration with committees and various work teams to define tasks and activities related to the electoral process, identifying interrelated and affected tasks. An integrated and comprehensive plan covering the stages of election project management was adopted, including pre-election, actual election, and post-election stages. A total of 519 activities and tasks were adopted within the 2023 election project plan.

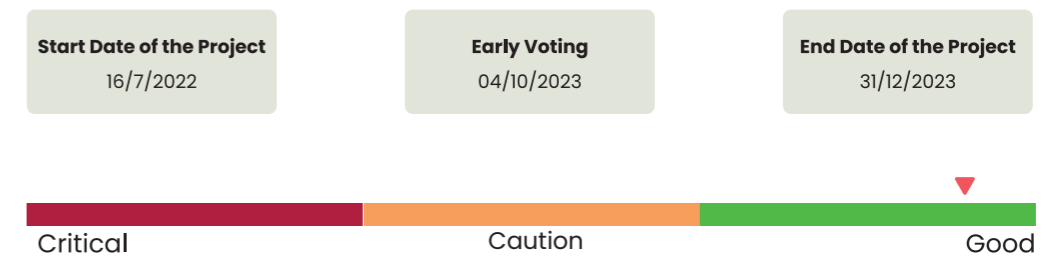


To ensure the project's implementation, effective strategies were developed for communicating with committees and work teams, whether through official meetings, email, social media, or other means. Good communication helps accurately convey information in a timely manner and understand the needs of stakeholders.

The Election Project Management Office analysed and evaluated potential risks that the electoral process might face, such as external interventions, human errors, and technical issues. The office developed plans to deal with potential risks, monitored these risks, and established suitable continuity plans for electoral operations.

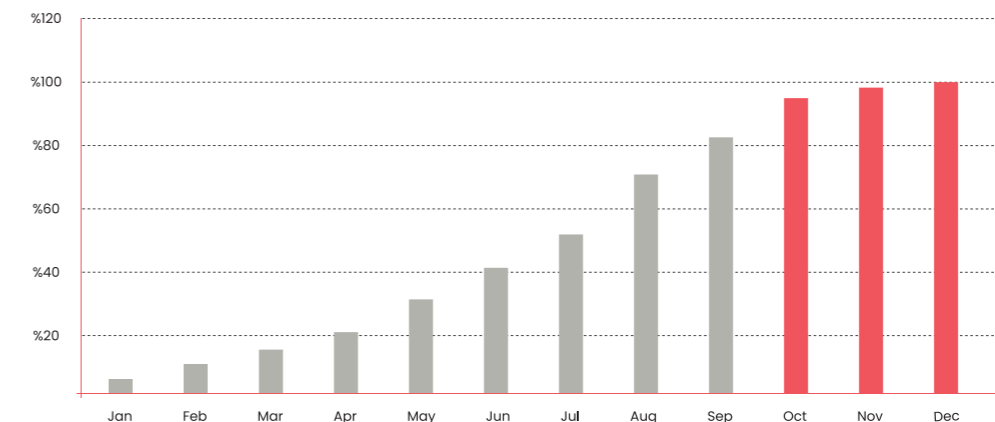
The Election Project Management Office monitored the progress of work, ensuring tasks were executed on time and in the required manner. This was achieved through regular meetings with committees and work teams to identify trends, challenges, and risks. Discussions focused on finding solutions to overcome challenges and risks, establishing a framework for implementing proposals that contribute to the realisation of plans.

Elections Program 2023



Project status compared to the target for today **Advanced**

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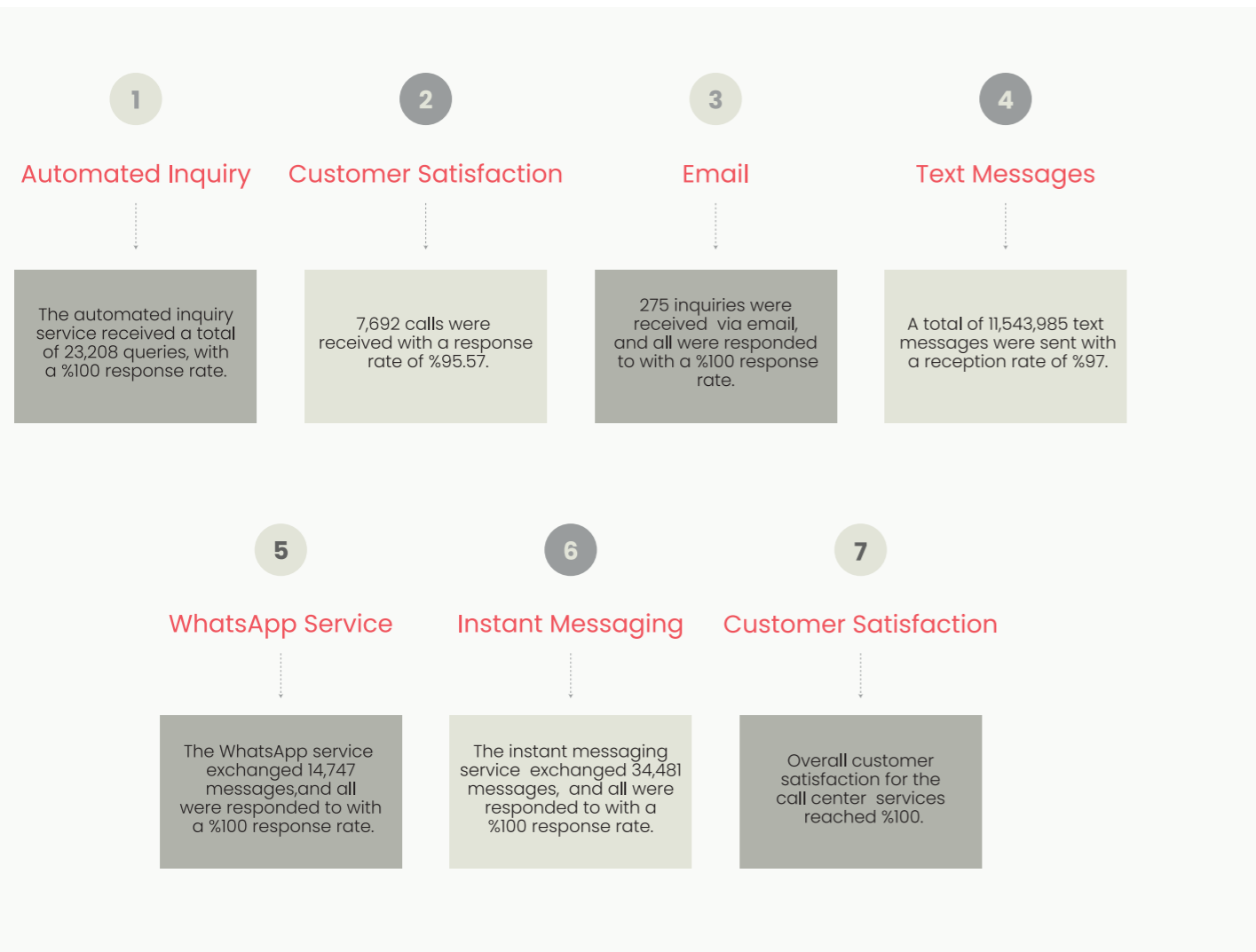


National Elections Committee Call Center:

The launch of the Call Centre service for elections aims to enhance communication channels with all segments of society in the United Arab Emirates. Its purpose is to ensure the availability of all information related to the Federal National Council elections in 2023, address inquiries, and assist with procedures related to the Federal National Council elections.

The Call Centre receives calls and questions related to the elections, handled by a qualified team capable of interacting with the public and addressing their inquiries during the election period in the country. The Call Centre service can be accessed by dialling the number (600500005).

Additionally, the service provides WhatsApp and instant messaging to respond to community inquiries about elections and related procedures, such as nomination mechanisms, voting procedures, and the process for submitting appeals, and more.



Media Plan for the Federal National Council Elections 2023 :

The Media Committee has developed and implemented a comprehensive media plan for the upcoming Federal National Council elections. The plan aims to increase awareness about the elections, explain the procedures and important dates, and ensure the provision of accurate and reliable information to the public. Additionally, it seeks to enhance citizen participation in the electoral process.

The media plan for the Federal National Council elections holds significant importance as it contributes to shaping public opinion and educating voters about the electoral process and its significance. Furthermore, it plays a vital role in promoting transparency, political participation, and strengthening democracy in the country. The media plan is considered crucial in transparently and objectively conveying information and ideas to citizens, thereby fostering political awareness and contributing to the building of a strong civil society.

Update on the Logo for the Federal National Council Elections 2023 and Development of 3 Visual Identity Guides:

1. Visual Identity Guide - Federal National Council Elections 2023
2. Visual Identity Guide - National Elections Committee
3. Visual Identity Guide - Emirates Committees



**National
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2023**

The slogan «Sharek for the Emirates» has been selected as the campaign slogan for the electoral cycle of the Federal National Council Elections 2023. This choice aims to motivate the citizens of the United Arab Emirates to actively participate and vote.



In coordination with the Smart Systems Committee, all pages of the website and the smart application of the National Committee for the Federal National Council Elections 2023 have been reviewed and updated.

Additionally, the Media Committee has worked on developing several policies and guides with the aim of:

- Valuing the role of media as a crucial strategic partner, playing a key role in supporting and ensuring the success of all stages of the electoral process.
- Introducing updates to the executive instructions regulating the electoral process and the timetable for the Federal National Council Elections 2023.
- Reviewing the systems used in candidate registration and voting, outlining the steps taken to ensure efficiency and accuracy.

GUIDES:

1. Media File for the Federal National Council Elections 2023
2. Guidance Manual for Media Coordinators in the Emirates' Committees
3. Media Coverage Guide for the Voting Period
4. Media Policy for Official Spokespersons
5. Emergency and Crisis Plan
6. Regulatory Rules for Candidate Coverage
7. Unexpected Questions File
8. Voting Guide for the Federal National Council Elections 2023

A guide has been developed specifically for the voting period of the Federal National Council Elections 2023 to familiarise individuals with the voting mechanisms and polling stations.



Supporting Visual Materials for Voting Period Awareness:

Visual materials supporting awareness of the voting period for the elections have been prepared and disseminated to all federal and local entities in the country, including:

1. Comprehensive informational file about the elections and voting mechanisms.
2. Computer desktop background.
3. Visual materials (videos) for use in promoting the elections on the social media accounts of the entities.



The Media Committee utilised all means to disseminate information and content related to the elections, including newspapers, television, radio, and digital media such as social media platforms.

Marketing:

Marketing for the Federal National Council elections is crucial to ensuring the success of the electoral process and increasing voter participation. The marketing campaign aims to raise awareness among voters about the importance of participating in the elections and enhance their political awareness.

The media committee worked on designing and producing marketing materials such as flyers, brochures, posters, and promotional videos. Strong and creative messages were carefully crafted to attract the attention of voters and encourage their engagement in the electoral process.



VIDEOS

44



REPOSTING

8,869



POSTS

459



TWEETS

164

Smart Systems :

The advanced technologies in the 2023 Federal National Council elections keep pace with the level of digital transformation in the country. The most important features of this stage are the “UAE Centenary 2071” and the “We are the Emirates 2031” vision, as our beloved country is witnessing great progress towards digital transformation and smart cities. This progress constituted a suitable basis for introducing the remote voting system and electronic voting. In this advanced digital environment, there are many cumulative achievements that have made holding elections possible digitally, while ensuring the necessary elements such as accuracy, transparency, data privacy, and cybersecurity. The electoral process for the fifth electoral cycle of the Federal National Council in 2023 is consistent with the significant progress in the level of digital transformation of the country, especially in the field of digital infrastructure and central digital capabilities. The latest smart programs and systems were also used, whether to register candidates or to vote, as well as at a later stage for electronic sorting and electronic votes counting.

Digital systems have accompanied the electoral process in all its stages, ending with the electronic votes counting. This electoral cycle was based on solid foundations based on analyzing previous electoral experiences, available resources and capabilities, and exploring the extent of success in providing an advanced electoral experience. Accordingly, a highly advanced electoral system based on providing two channels to voters: the first is through remote voting via the committee’s website and its smart application, and the second is for the voter himself to go to the polling stations distributed throughout all the emirates to cast their vote via electronic voting inside the stations.

The Smart Systems Committee worked to prepare the digital infrastructure for registering candidates and the voting system by providing all requirements to host the system and applying the necessary security protection standards for the system to ensure the security of digital services and the integrity of the elections. The committee is also working on preparing the infrastructure for polling stations and media centers in terms of providing equipment and supporting communications networks, technical supervision of all technical requirements, and coordination with communications service providers regarding the communication lines necessary for the elections.

In addition to its use of technologies available in the country, such as digital identity, which made it easy to verify the identity of the candidate and voter. Digital identity has become an essential element in all electoral transactions, and its importance

is evident – greatly – in the voter verification process, through the use of the biometric fingerprint (face print). There is no longer a need for the voter to travel to the polling center himself and waste time casting his vote in the elections, whether he is inside or outside the country. This electoral cycle does not include the opening of polling stations in the country's embassies and diplomatic missions outside the country. Therefore, using the smart application and entering and authenticating with a digital identity is the ideal way to exercise the right to vote. The importance of digital identity does not depend on verification and documentation. Rather, the data is retrieved digitally, which makes it easier for the system user, whether he is an applicant for candidacy or a voter.

The Smart Systems Committee was also keen to provide some facilities for people of determination, whether those who wish to run for the Federal National Council elections, so that the people of determination seeking candidacy were required to submit a medical report approved by the Supreme Medical Committee in the Ministry of Health and Community Protection, indicating the nature of the disability and its degree. And the extent of its impact on the applicant for candidacy performing the tasks assigned to a member of the Federal National Council. The committee was keen to ensure that the required report was extracted within (24) hours only, or from those who wish to cast their votes remotely.

SMART SYSTEMS DEVELOPED IN 2023

• Electoral colleges Management System:

The Electoral colleges Management System is the first step in the electoral process, designed to facilitate the input of data related to electoral colleges. It has been developed to efficiently organise and institutionalise this data, allowing election stakeholders to access and review electoral college details accurately. One of the system's key features is the ability to electronically review and approve electoral colleges.

To make it easy for citizens to verify their inclusion in the electoral colleges' lists for this election cycle, the National Elections Committee has provided various methods. Citizens can visit the committee's website at <https://uaenec.ae>, search using the identity number issued by the Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship, or download the smart application 'National Elections Committee-UAE NEC' available on Apple's App Store and Google Play. They can also contact the committee's call centre at (600500005) or visit the emirate committee headquarters to which they belong.

• Remote Candidacy System:

Candidate registration refers to the process of registering the names of electoral college members interested in running for the Federal National Council membership in 2023. The registration process, primarily carried out through the National Elections Committee's electronic platform, accessible via the smart application and website, provides a remote registration platform. This platform, available through the website or smart applications, played a crucial role in enabling candidates to register on preliminary lists. The registration process is characterised by smooth procedures, aiming to facilitate effort and flexibility for candidates.

The Remote Candidacy System features:

- Activation of digital identity for submitting candidacy applications.
- Activation of electronic payment for candidacy fees.
- Issuance of required reports and statistics promptly.
- Integration of the system with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health and Prevention for obtaining required certificates.
- Facilitation of application auditing through integration with the Ministry of Interior systems.
- Electronic approval of applications.

• Voting System:

The electronic and smart voting systems provide an integrated and innovative digital platform for voting in the Federal National Council elections.

The current voting system in the 2023 Federal National Council elections, developed with the highest standards of accuracy, transparency, and confidentiality, aligns with the country's cybersecurity policies and standards. It boasts the highest security measures necessary to ensure the security of digital services and the integrity of elections.

The voting system for the Federal National Council elections offers three types of voting:

1. **Remote Voting System:** A smart voting system allowing voters to participate through digital applications determined by the National Elections Committee.
2. **Electronic Voting System:** A system enabling voters to cast their votes through electronic voting devices at authorised polling stations.
3. **Hybrid Voting System:** A mixed voting system combining remote voting and electronic voting at authorised polling stations.

The online remote voting system incorporates advanced biometric authentication technology, ensuring the security and privacy of the voting process. By utilising facial biometrics (the online voting platform includes a facial recognition authentication system) and linking with the digital identity in the country, the system provides a secure and reliable method for voters to participate in the election process, marking a significant achievement in the development of digital democracy in the UAE.

The "Remote Voting-online" system allows voters to participate in the elections through the 'Sharek for the Emirates' smart application, available on Apple's App Store and Google Play, or the voting link in the smart application of the National Elections Committee and its website uaenec.ae.



Polling Stations:

The committee is responsible for preparing the infrastructure for polling stations and media, including providing devices, supporting communication networks, and overseeing all technical requirements. In addition, close coordination with communication service providers regarding the readiness and continuity of necessary communication lines for the elections is maintained. All these steps and operations were carried out in complete harmony between relevant teams and institutions, resulting in another experience from the national experiences we take pride in, narrating it as an inspiring story to the world.



The National Elections Committee has identified the list of approved polling stations for voting, allocating 24 stations nationwide fully equipped to ensure the smooth flow of the electoral process. These stations are strategically distributed according to a specific plan, ensuring accessibility for all electoral college members to cast their votes. All election centres opening their doors to voters are equipped to accommodate large numbers corresponding to the number of electoral colleges. Several vital factors were considered, such as the geographical distribution of electoral college members, the availability of services, facilities, parking, and the necessary infrastructure to achieve all the success criteria of the electoral process. A dedicated path was also established for people of determination to enter and follow the voting process, in addition to providing them with brief training before voting.

Nine early voting centres have been approved and distributed nationwide.

	Station Name	Verification devices	Kiosk	Printer
<u>Abu Dhabi</u>	ADNDC energy center	4	31	4
	Zayed University	2	11	2
	Al hawashiem Majlis	2	22	2
<u>Al Dhafra</u>	Madinat Zayed	2	12	2
	Ghayathi wedding hall	2	12	2
	Alsila wedding hall	2	22	2
<u>AL AIN</u>	Alkhubaisi hall	2	21	2
	Alwagan wedding hall	2	13	2
	Alhayer wedding hall	4	31	4
<u>Dubai</u>	Almultaqa ballroom	2	12	2
	Hatta wedding hall	4	33	4
	Alkhwaneej Majlis	2	13	2
<u>Sharjah</u>	Sharjah chess club	4	33	4
	Maliha sports club	2	12	2
	Albustan Majlis	2	13	2
	Khorfakkan Expo	2	13	2
	Kalba Majlis	2	12	2
<u>Ajman</u>	Ajman Uni	3	23	3
	Sanad Center	3	25	3
<u>Umm Al Qaiwain</u>	UAQ wedding hall	2	12	2
<u>RAS ALKHIMAH</u>	RAK expo	4	25	4
	Alghail youth club	2	17	2
<u>Fujirah</u>	Fujairah Exhibition Center	3	23	3
	Dibba Exhibition center	2	12	2

Election Workers:

Mechanism of Recruitment, Number of Workers, and Distribution Mechanism in Polling Stations:

- Establishing a dedicated website for the recruitment process of election workers and registering them in the database, enabling them to experience the entire process and choose a centre to work from among the available 24 centres.
- Establishing a comprehensive call centre to meet the needs and inquiries of workers, including receiving calls from prospective workers, providing an email, a text messaging service, and an integrated WhatsApp number directly connected to the call centre for communication.
- Contacting previous workers who actively participated and gained experience in previous cycles, such as the 2019 cycle, totalling 900 individuals, through phone calls, messaging systems, and email.
- Adopting a coordination mechanism with federal and local authorities and emirate committees for registration in the recruitment platform in case the recruitment target is not achieved. This is to assist in motivating and providing workers to participate in areas and stations with low turnout.

Worker Training:

As part of the comprehensive preparations for the electoral process, the National Elections Committee organised specialised workshops to qualify and train volunteers for the Federal National Council elections. This contributes to equipping them with all the skills and practical experiences that enable them to contribute to organising the 2023 Federal National Council elections as a distinguished national event that extends across the country. This provides them with exceptional personal and practical experiences beneficial for their academic achievements, professional paths, and future endeavours. A total of 42 training workshops were conducted by eight trainers trained for this task.

During the workshops, participants were introduced to the required skills for working in polling stations, the legal frameworks regulating the electoral process, customer interaction skills, familiarisation with the voting systems, and verification of voters' identities. They were also equipped with skills to deal with various anticipated situations during the presence of electoral college members for voting on Election Day. In addition, they were provided with skills to handle media interactions.



Smart Attendance System:

A Quick Response system was developed to meet the need for registering the attendance and departure of employees in the polling stations, administration. The system relies on identifying the employees of each centre through data readers or digital fingerprint to determine their identity via the designated official website, which helps reduce the chances of error in data registration.

Conducting the Simulation Process:

The National Elections Committee organised a successful simulation process for Election Day to test the efficiency of voting procedures and systems

- **High Precision:**

The simulation process for Election Day, conducted throughout a full day, included testing the efficiency of the Remote Voting and Electronic Voting systems at the election stations. It also involved testing the efficiency of all voting procedures and equipment by enabling participants in the simulation to vote remotely through the 'Sharek for the Emirates' smart application, via the voting link on the National Elections Committee's website, and at the election centre through the electronic voting system, culminating in the electronic sorting of votes and the announcement of results.

- **Procedure Safety:**

The simulation process assessed the ease and safety of voting procedures, coordination levels among various committees and working teams involved in voting, and communication between polling stations, distributed across the country, the National Elections Committee, and its affiliated committees. Additionally, it tested the efficiency of the Electronic Voting and Remote Voting systems, ensuring the readiness of the infrastructure for polling stations, information systems, wired and wireless networks, and the availability of all electronic devices and technical support options throughout the voting process.



Participation in the simulation included the subcommittees of the National Elections Committee, each according to its assigned tasks: the Elections Management Committee, Emirates Committees, Security Committee, Media Committee, Smart Systems Committee, and the Central Sorting Committee, in addition to the election workforce teams.





SECOND STAGE

Candidacy Stage:

Opening of Candidacy:

The National Elections Committee opened the remote candidacy system for the Federal National Council elections to citizens who meet the conditions, for a continuous period of 76 hours. The candidate registration process was primarily electronic through the link (tarashah.uaenec.ae) available on the committee's website www.uaenec.ae, or the smart application (uaenec), available on the Apple App Store and Google Play. Those unable to register via the electronic candidate registration platform could visit the committee of their emirate to receive a nomination form after ensuring the availability of the required legal conditions for candidacy. The committee received candidacy requests through the remote candidacy system as well as through (9) registration centres distributed across the Emirates.



Candidacy Centres:

The National Elections Committee identified nine centres affiliated with the Emirates committees where citizens, members of the electoral colleges, interested in submitting candidacy for the Federal National Council elections, could either personally visit or appoint agents (by special power of attorney) for registration.



Announcement of Preliminary Candidates Lists:

The preliminary lists of candidates have been announced, following the completion of the verification of all submitted candidacy applications and ensuring that all constitutional requirements for candidacy are met.

Announcement of the Final Candidates Lists:

The National Election Committee has approved the final list of candidates for the 2023 Federal National Council elections, with a total of 298 candidates, including both male and female candidates, across all emirates of the country. This comes after the period for challenging the candidates nominated for the Federal National Council membership whose names appeared on the preliminary list has ended, and the National Election Committee did not receive any challenges against the candidates.

The Committee also affirmed that each candidate has the right to present their electoral program through local print, audiovisual, and visual media, as well as to hold seminars and press conferences during the 23 day election campaign period. This is the timeframe during which candidates are allowed to engage in any activities aimed at persuading members of the electoral bodies to choose them and promoting their electoral programs.

Voting stage:

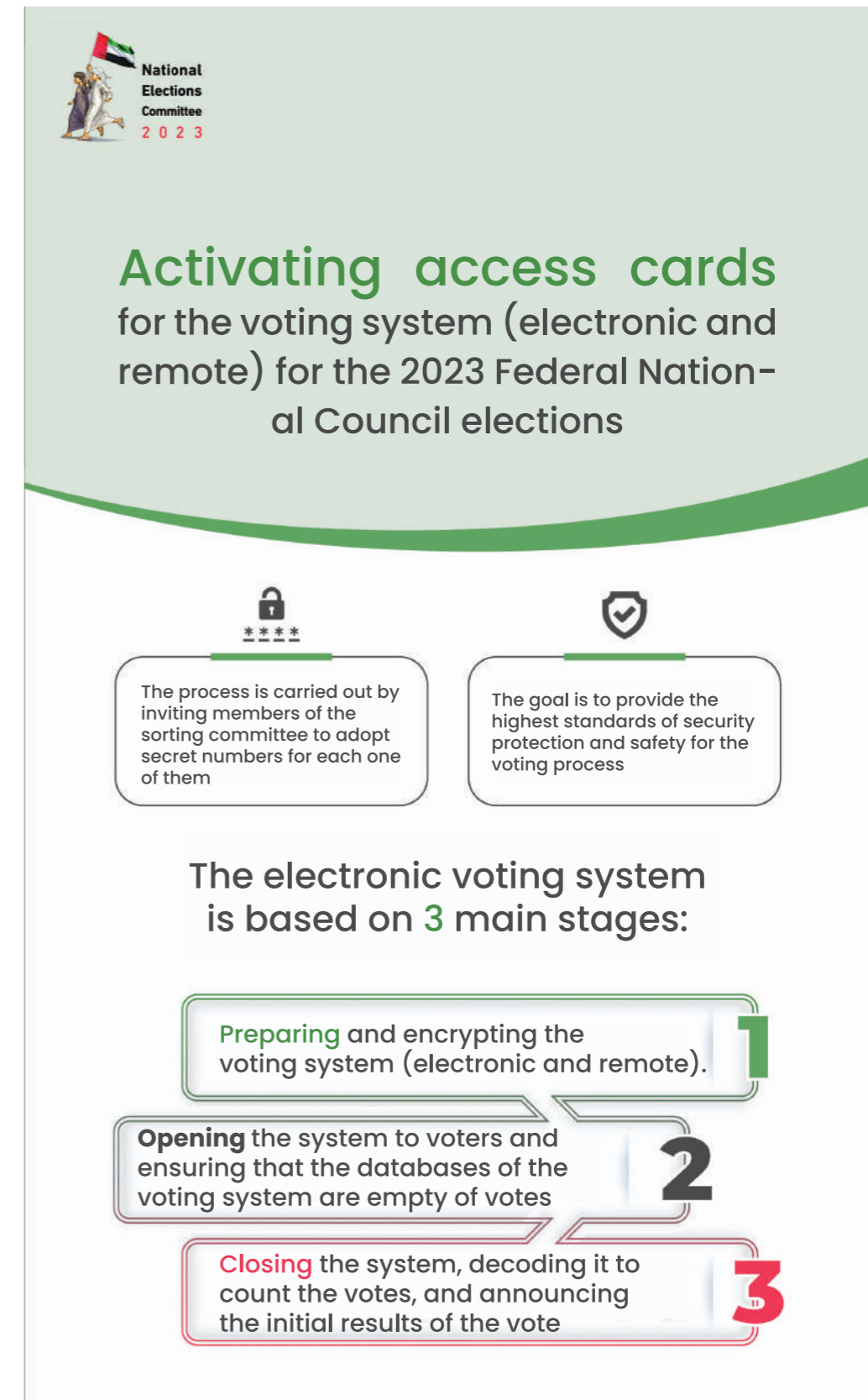
Security and Safety Measures for the Voting Process:

The National Elections Committee activated the entry cards for the voting system (both electronic at polling stations and remote) for the Federal National Council elections in 2023, with the presence of members of the Sorting Committee affiliated with the National Elections Committee. This is part of the Committee's efforts to execute an election process efficiently and following the highest standards of accuracy and transparency.




This measure is a component of the electronic voting system, which comprises three main stages: preparing the voting system (either electronic at polling stations or remote) and encrypting it, ensuring the database is free of any previous voting operations, opening the system for voters to cast their votes, and finally, closing the system, decrypting it, counting the votes, and announcing the preliminary election results.

Activating the entry cards aims to provide the highest standards of protection and security for the voting process. During this process, members of the Sorting Committee are invited to adopt secret codes, each for individual use. The cards are used for committee members before the start of the first day of early voting to ensure the system is free of any previous voting operations. These cards are also used to open the system to voters, and after the completion of voting on the main election day, they are used to close the system. Subsequently, the decryption process is initiated, votes are counted, and preliminary election results are announced.



Early Voting:

The National Elections Committee launched the early voting process for the Federal National Council elections in 2023, which lasted for two days, on October 4 and 5. To ensure the exercise of voting rights for all voters, the committee adopted the early voting system on October 4 and 5, either through remote voting or electronic voting at nine designated polling stations nationwide. Additionally, Friday, October 6, 2023, was allocated for remote voting only.



5-4
October

Early voting begins

Vote Now

In the 2023 Federal National Council elections

Participate via the Sharek for the Emirates app

Available on the App Store

Available on Google Play

uaenec.ae Or via the website

Or through the 9 approved early voting centers within the country

Main Election Day:

The National Elections Committee approved 24 electronic polling stations for the main election day, scheduled for October 7. These centres are distributed across the emirates and are fully equipped to ensure the smooth operation of the election process throughout the voting period.



The National Elections Committee took measures to facilitate the participation of people of determination in the 2023 Federal National Council elections, as part of the UAE's efforts to enable their political engagement. This includes enabling voters with determination to use remote voting and providing special pathways for wheelchair users to access the election hall at designated polling stations, ensuring voters can cast their votes with privacy.



Announcement of Results :

After the completion of the voting operations and the closure of the stations, the preliminary results of the vote counting and the initial list of winners for the 2023 Federal National Council elections are announced. The official announcement of the results of the 2023 Federal National Council elections follows.

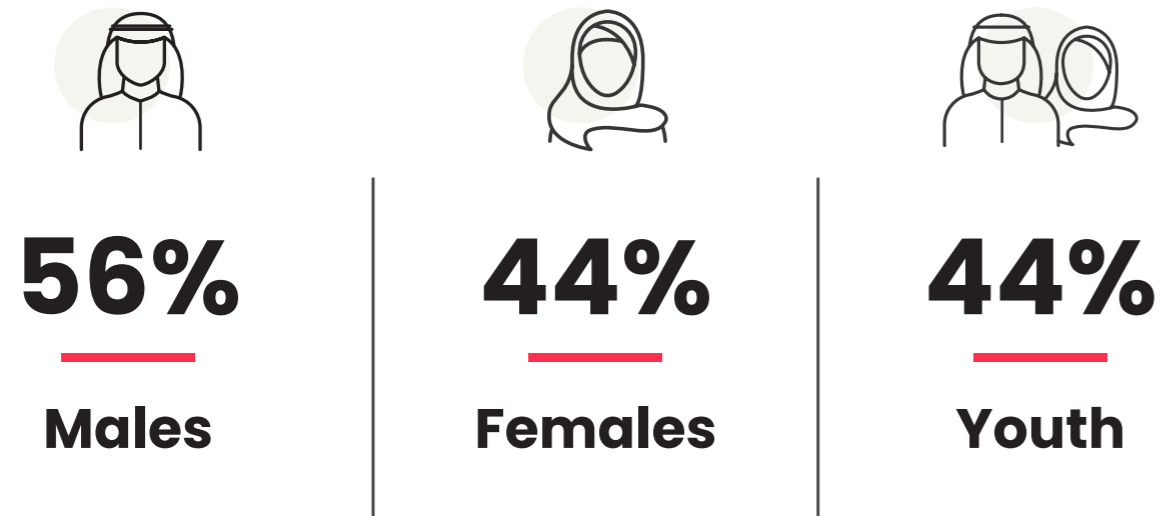
The preliminary results highlight the following: the total number of voters inside and outside the country was 175,487, with a distribution of 55.86% for men and 44.14% for women. The number of voters from outside the United Arab Emirates reached 5,042, with the United States, Thailand, and the United Kingdom witnessing the highest three countries in terms of voting for electoral bodies from outside the country.

The distribution of voters by emirate was as follows: 56,471 voters, constituting 44.6%, in Abu Dhabi; 16,909 voters, constituting 23.1%, in Dubai; 29,996 voters, constituting 41.1%, in Sharjah; 7,283 voters, constituting 57.8%, in Ajman; 4,561 voters, constituting 60.2%, in Umm Al Quwain; 35,357 voters, constituting 56.9%, in Ras Al Khaimah; and 24,911 voters, constituting 57.1%, in Fujairah. The remote voting percentage - from inside and outside the country - reached 92.69%.

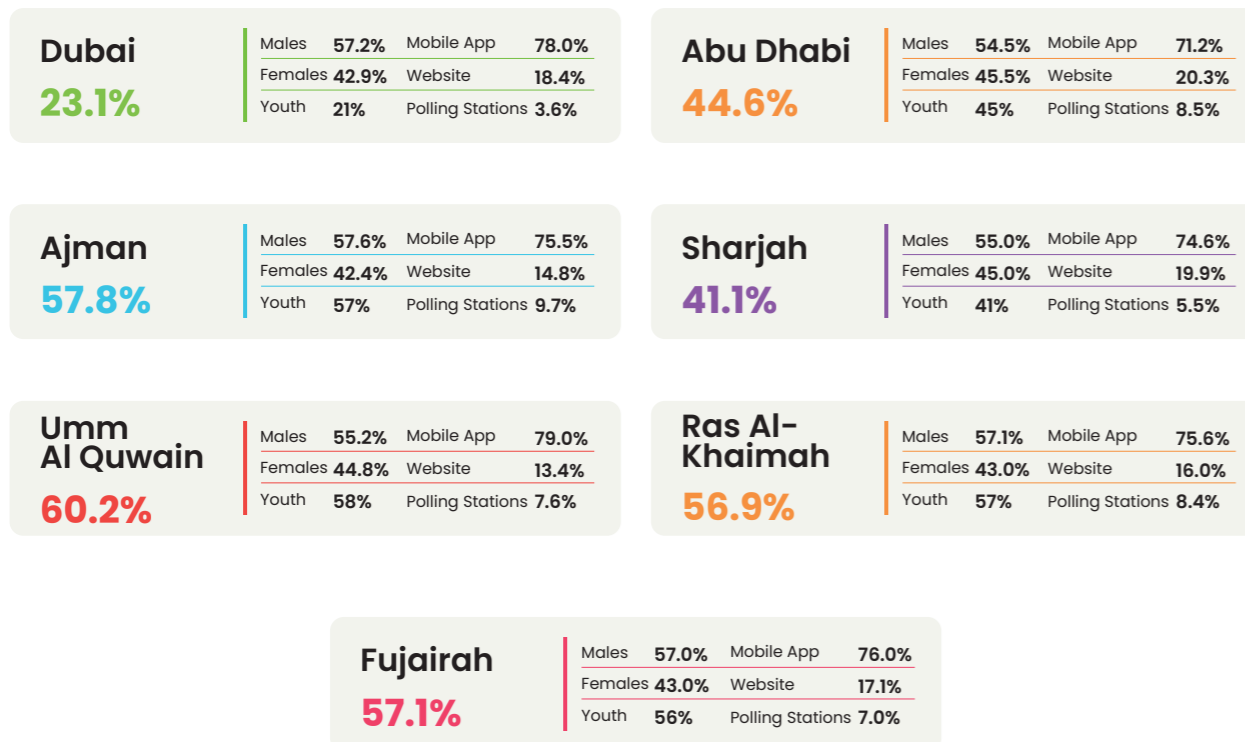


Voter Participation Rates

- For each category



- Voter Participation Rates by Emirate



Voting from outside the country:

The number of voters from outside the UAE reached 5,042, consisting of both male and female voters. The United States of America, the Kingdom of Thailand, and the United Kingdom were the top three countries in which members of electoral college voted from outside the country.

Voting Channel Usage Rates from outside the country:



Time used per channel:



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THIRD STAGE

Post-Election Stage:

After the elections, the National Elections Committee carries out various tasks and procedures to ensure a smooth and effective post-election process.

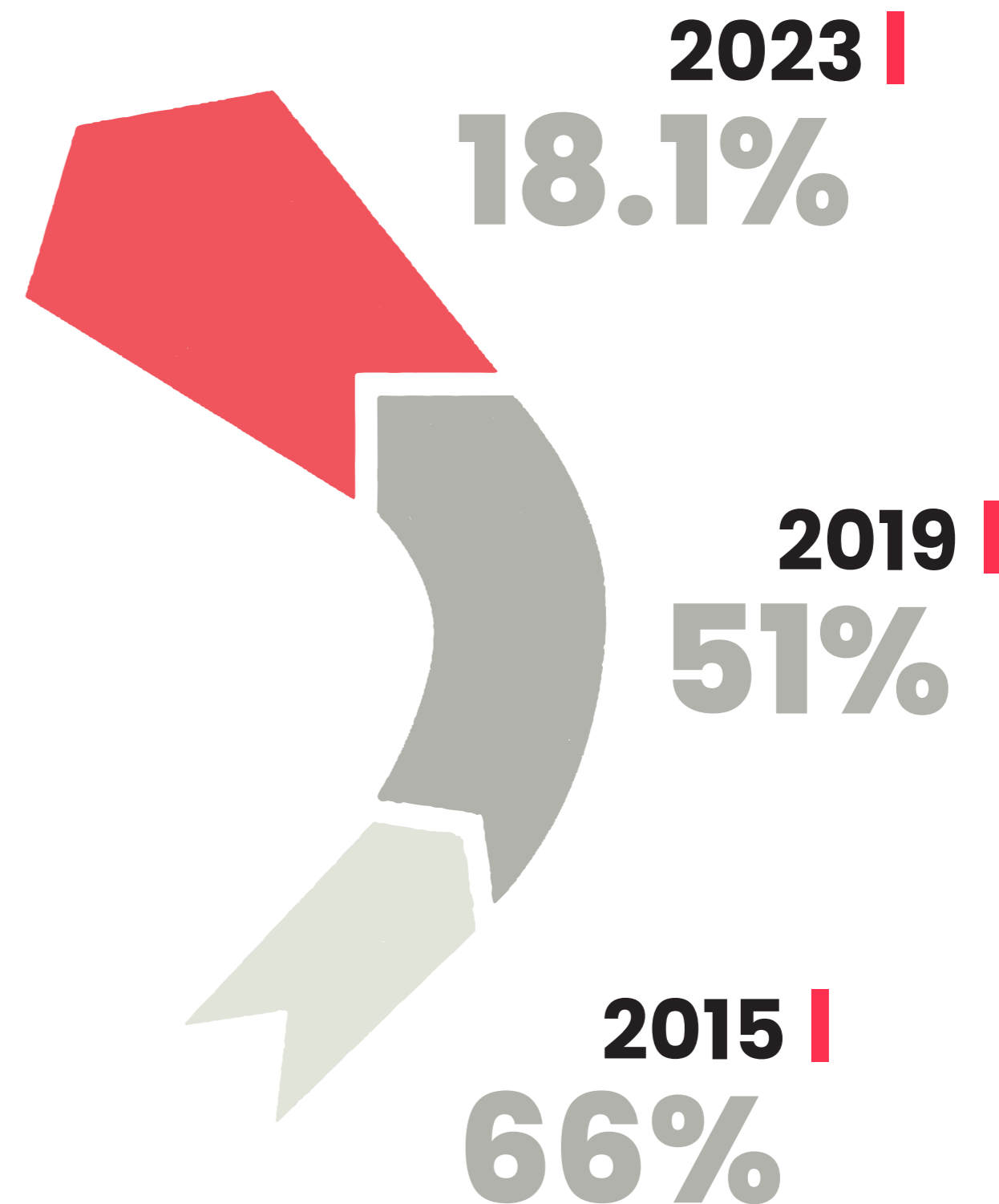
- It receives appeals on the results of the voting and counting process, seeking legal opinions from the Appeals Committee. The decisions of this committee carry the force of final judgments, and any challenge to them through other means is not allowed. Necessary decisions are then issued based on these legal opinions.
- The final list of winning candidates for the 2023 Federal National Council elections is approved.
- All committees and teams prepare detailed reports after the voting process, providing comprehensive insights into all aspects of the elections, such as voter turnout, continuous improvement prospects, and any challenges or issues identified during the electoral process.
- All records related to the elections, including voter lists and official documents, are archived for future reference. This contributes to enhancing the transparency and integrity of the electoral process.

Electoral Statistics:



ELECTORAL COLLEGES :

The National Elections Committee announced the lists of electoral colleges for all emirates in the 2023 Federal National Council elections, comprising 398,879 members. This marked an increase of 18.1% compared to the electoral colleges' lists in 2019, which had a total of 337,738 members. Emirati women had a notable presence in the 2023 electoral colleges, constituting 51%, compared to a 49% representation of men. The lists were also characterised by significant youth participation, with a 44% representation in the 2023 electoral colleges from the age group of 21 to 35, providing ample space for the active involvement of Emirati youth in selecting their representatives in the Federal National Council.

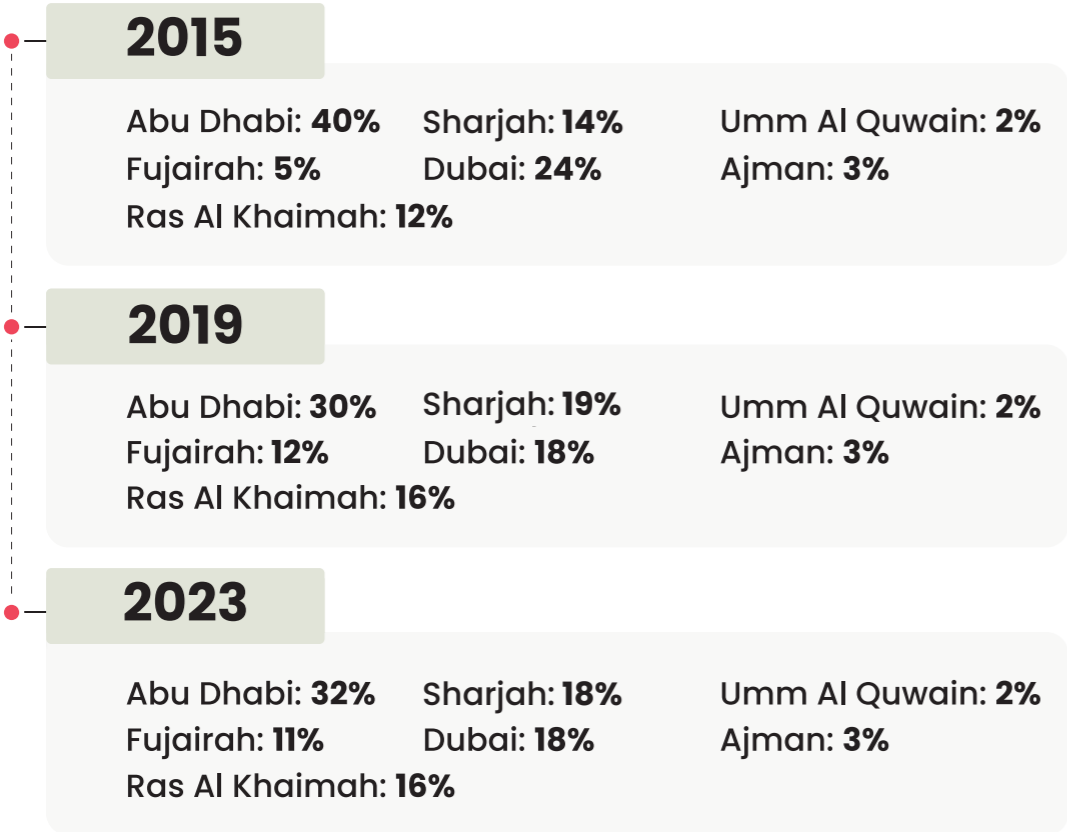
Increase in electoral colleges by percentage :




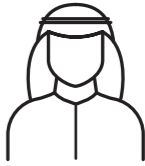
Electoral College Members Based on Age for 2023:

 Females	Age	 Males
22%	35-21	22%
18%	50-36	17%
12%	Older than 50	10%

Electoral colleges by Emirate for 2023:



ELECTORAL COLLEGE MEMBERS BY GENDER FOR EACH EMIRATE FOR 2023:

 Females	Emirate	 Males
52 %	Abu Dhabi	48%
51 %	Dubai	49%
52 %	Sharjah	48%
49%	Ajman	51 %
51 %	Umm Al Quwain	49%
50%	Ras Al khaimah	50%
51 %	Fujairah	49%

Candidates:

The National Elections Committee has approved the final list of candidates for the 2023 Federal National Council elections, with a total of 298 candidates (both male and female) from all emirates. The final list of candidates included 124 female candidates, constituting 42%, and 174 male candidates, representing 58% of the total number of candidates. The final list of candidates for the 2023 Federal National Council membership witnessed the nomination of 36 young individuals from the age group of 25 to 35, constituting 12% of the total candidates. Additionally, the number of candidates from the age group above 36 amounted to 262, making up 88% of the total number of candidates.

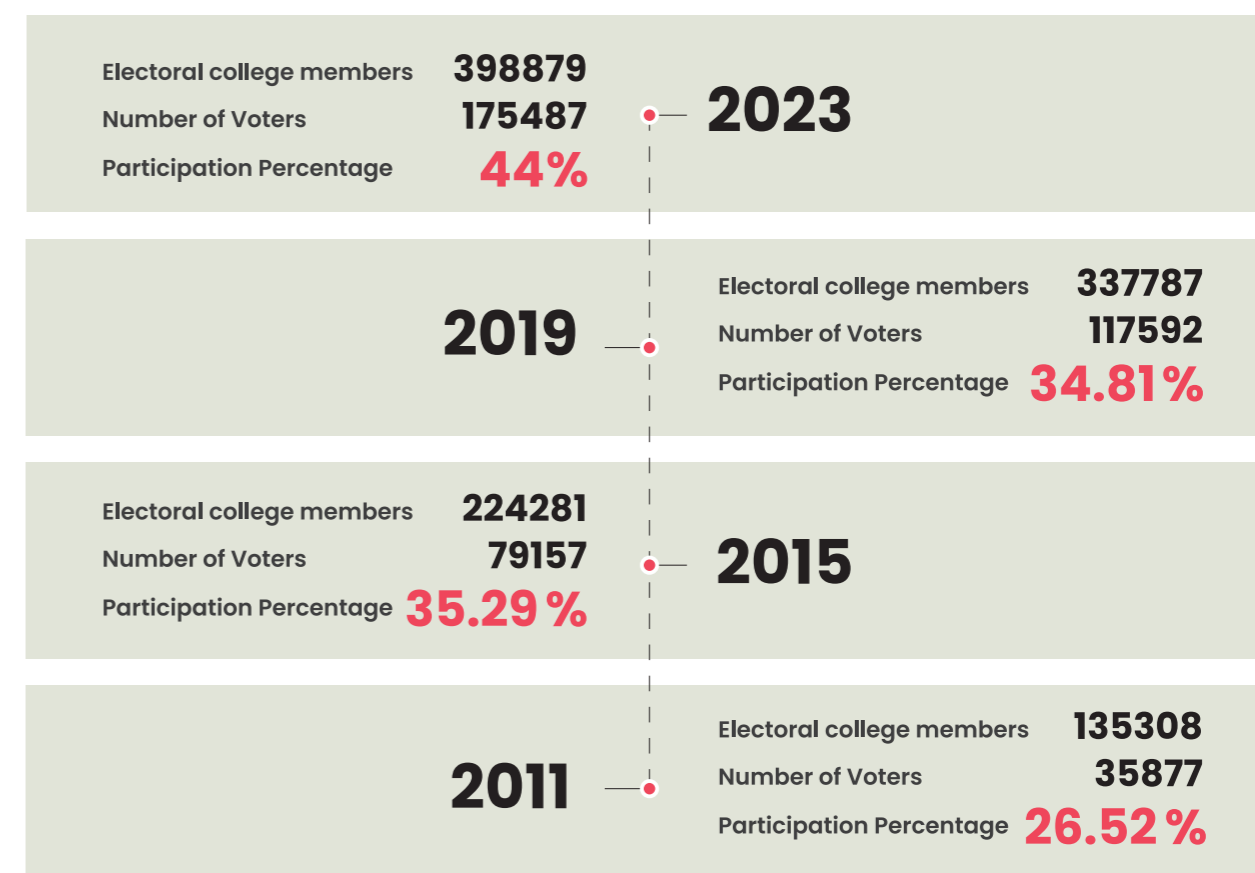
Emirate	Number of Candidates	Males			Females		
		35-21	50-36	>50	35-21	50-36	>50
Abu Dhabi	113	5	28	28	11	25	16
Dubai	53	3	9	15	2	14	10
Sharjah	49	4	7	19	2	11	6
Ajman	21	1	7	1	4	4	4
Umm Al Quwain	14	0	7	2	1	3	1
Ras Al Khaimah	33	1	13	15	1	3	0
Fujairah	15	0	4	5	1	3	2
Total	298	14	75	85	22	63	39

Elections Participation:

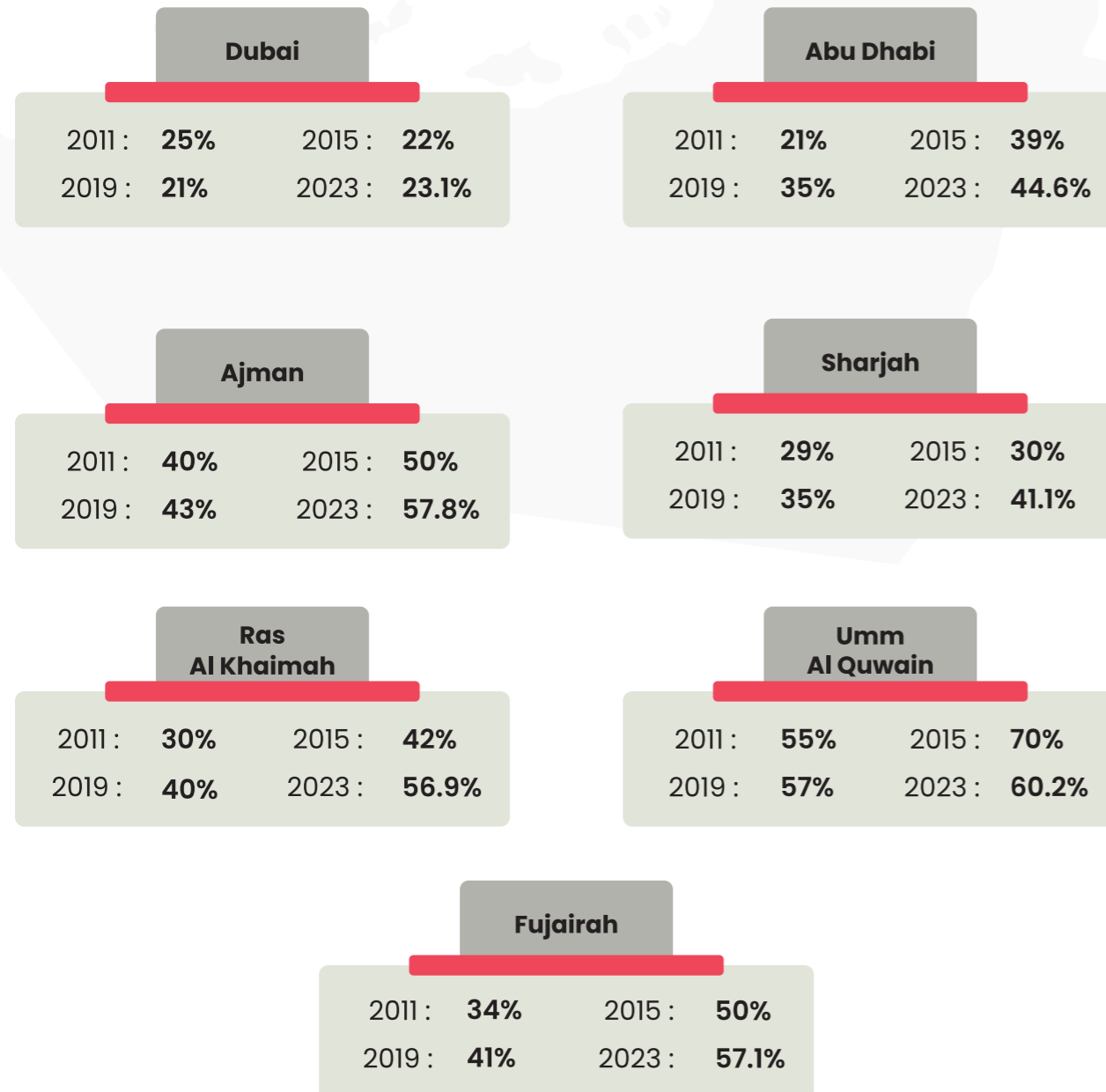
The voting process, both remote and in-person at the polling centres, for the Federal National Council elections in 2023 concluded inside and outside the country. The election results showed that the total number of voters who cast their ballots nationwide reached 175,487 votes, accounting for 44% of the total members of the electoral colleges. This represents an increase compared to the 34.81% recorded in the previous election cycle in 2019.

Furthermore, the total number of votes garnered by female candidates in the fifth cycle of the Federal National Council elections in 2023 was 34,556 votes, constituting 19.7% of the total number of voters who participated over the four voting days inside and outside the country. The voters from within and outside the country amounted to 175,487, with a male participation rate of 55.86% and a female participation rate of 44.14%.

The remote voting percentage from within the country and abroad reached 92.69%, highlighting that the Expo polling station in Ras Al Khaimah had the highest voter turnout during the Federal National Council elections in 2023.



Election Results Participation Index by Cities:



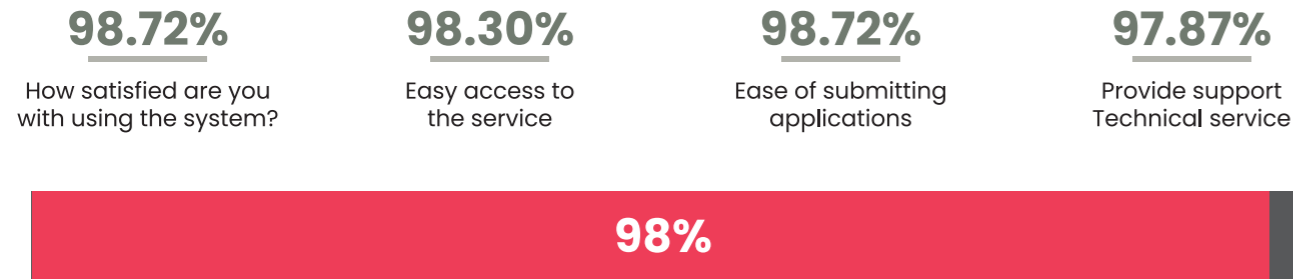
Voting Channel Usage Percentage by Gender:

Gender	Smart App	Polling stations	Website
Female	43.4%	46.8%	45.1%
Male	56.6%	53.2%	54.9%

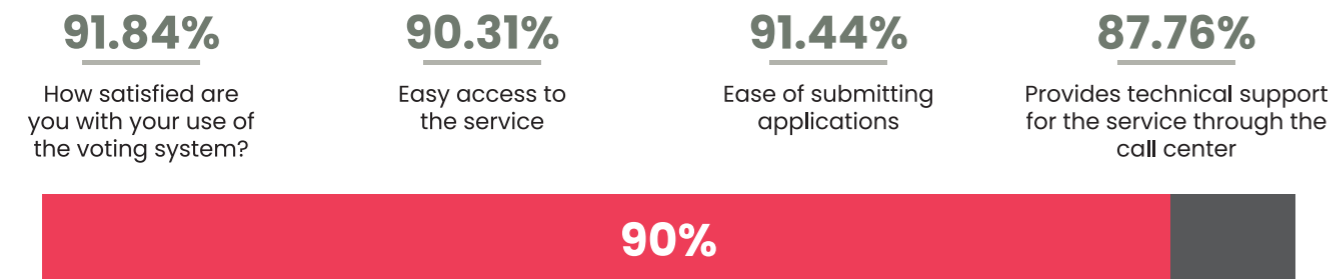
Voting Channel Usage Percentage by age:

Age group	Smart App	Polling Stations	Website
35 - 21	44.0%	27.4%	48.7%
50 - 36	39.7%	33.6%	36.9%
> 50	16.3%	39.0%	14.4%

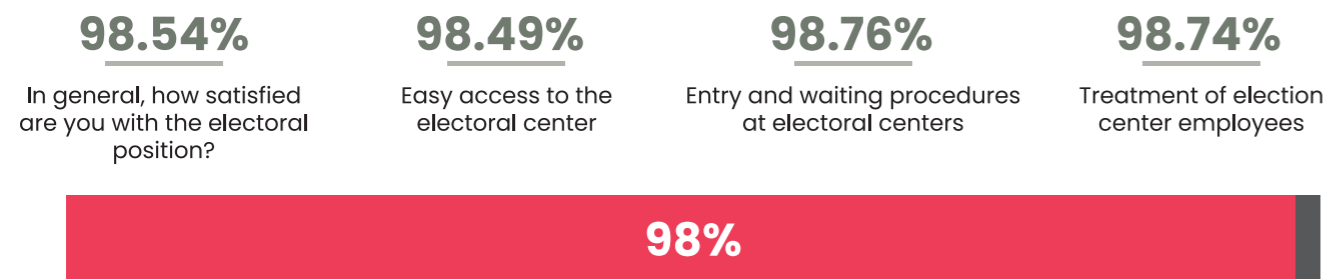
Candidate Happiness with the Remote Candidacy System



Voter Happiness with the 'Sharek for the Emirates' Application



Voter Happiness with the Polling Stations



Election Workers :

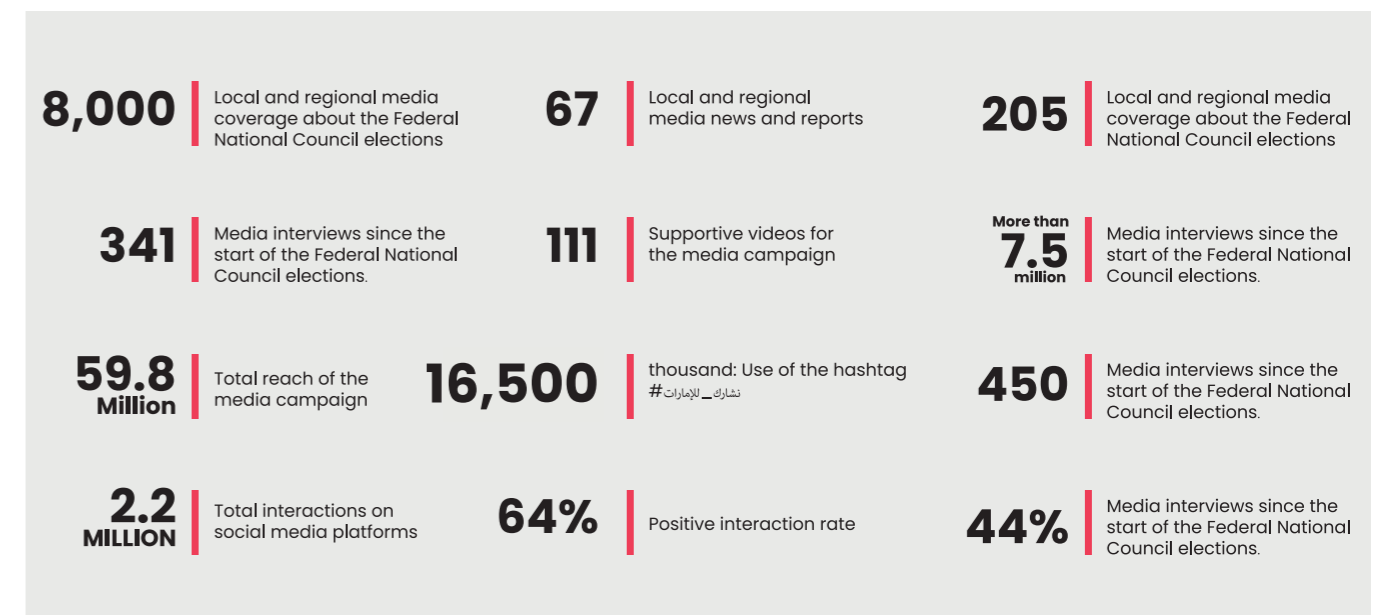
Number of workers at the polling stations:

Number of workers as of October 4 at 9 polling stations: 341

Number of workers as of October 5 at 9 polling stations: 340

Number of workers as of October 7 at 24 polling stations: 641

Media Plan Results:



76,736

Total number of downloads for:
the smart application.



635,000

Total website visits during the period
from July 1 to October 11.



The highest number of website visits were from the United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Check for your name in the electoral collage

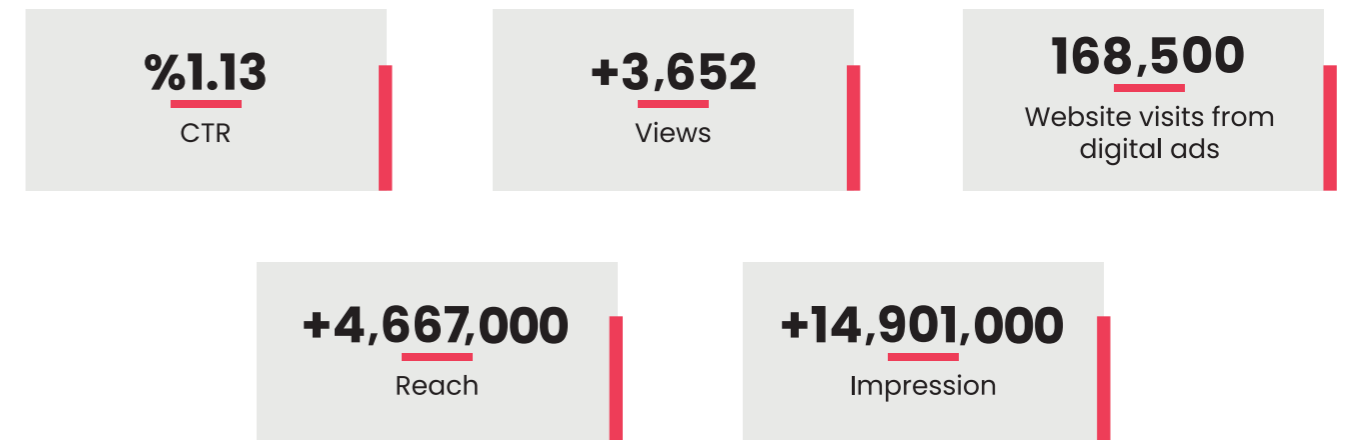
Most visited page on the website

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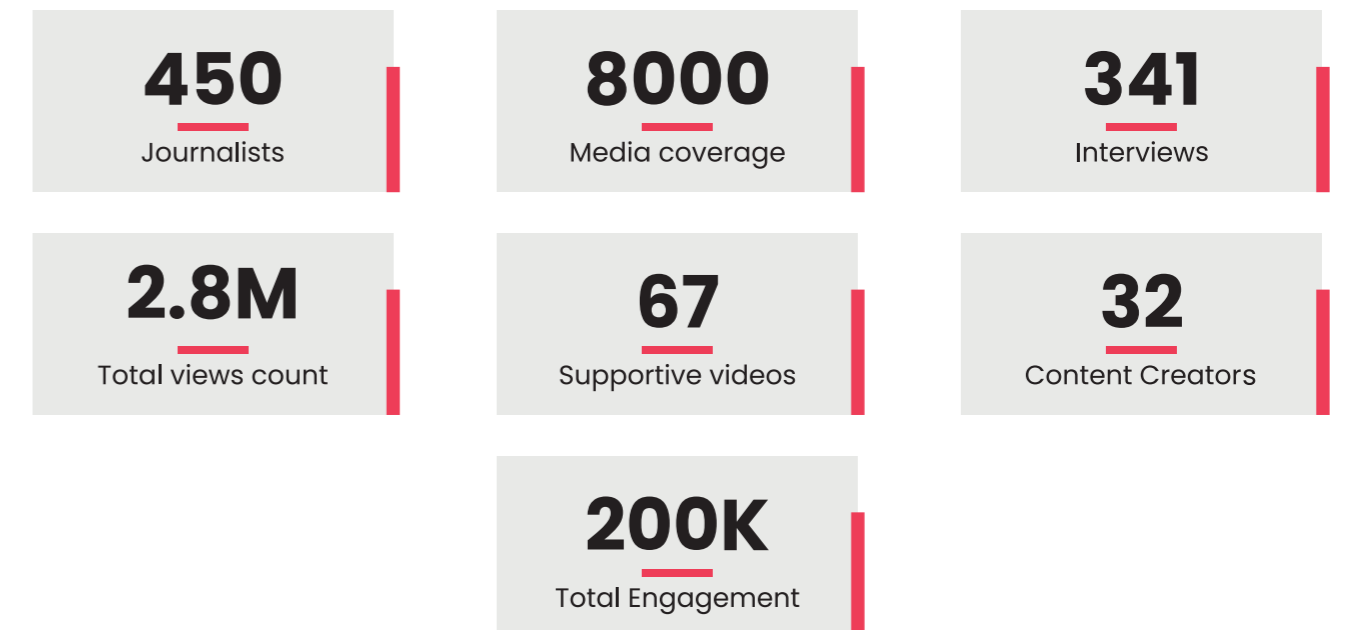
Posts	459	Total Reach	588,378
Videos	44	Impressions	6M
Tweets	164	Total Post Saves	1,213
New Followers	+6,170	Total Views	368,722
Interactions	46,184	Total Profile Visits	127,074
Volume	8,869		



Digital Marketing:



Media Coverage:



Conclusion:

The Federal National Council elections for the year 2023 bear the marks of distinction and leadership, showcasing the UAE's commitment to achieving the utmost precision, integrity, and transparency in the electoral processes. The latest modern technological systems were adopted to facilitate procedures for both voters and candidates, ensuring the successful execution of the elections according to the highest standards. Each electoral cycle is marked by tremendous advancements in voting systems, utilising the latest technologies and innovative ideas. In the 2023 Federal National Council elections, we have reached the pinnacle of voting systems with the introduction of Remote Voting.

The milestones in the development of the voting system in the UAE represent crucial steps in the journey of innovation. Starting from Electronic Voting in 2006 and culminating in the latest Remote Voting technology in 2023, these milestones reflect the UAE's commitment to achieving digital transformation and continually enhancing the election experience. From providing modern technologies in the 2011 elections to introducing the Remote Electronic Candidate Registration System for the first time, these developments reflect dedication to delivering technologies that achieve the highest levels of efficiency and accuracy.

The introduction of both Remote Voting and Hybrid Voting systems in the 2023 elections reflects a commitment to providing advanced methods to enhance the effectiveness and inclusivity of the electoral process. The Hybrid Voting system enhances efficiency and transparency, contributing to the facilitation of electronic sorting procedures and vote counting.

In conclusion, the 2023 Federal National Council elections highlight the UAE's commitment to continuously developing the electoral process, and persistently adopting the latest technologies to ensure the highest levels of transparency and efficiency in the journey towards achieving political empowerment.





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