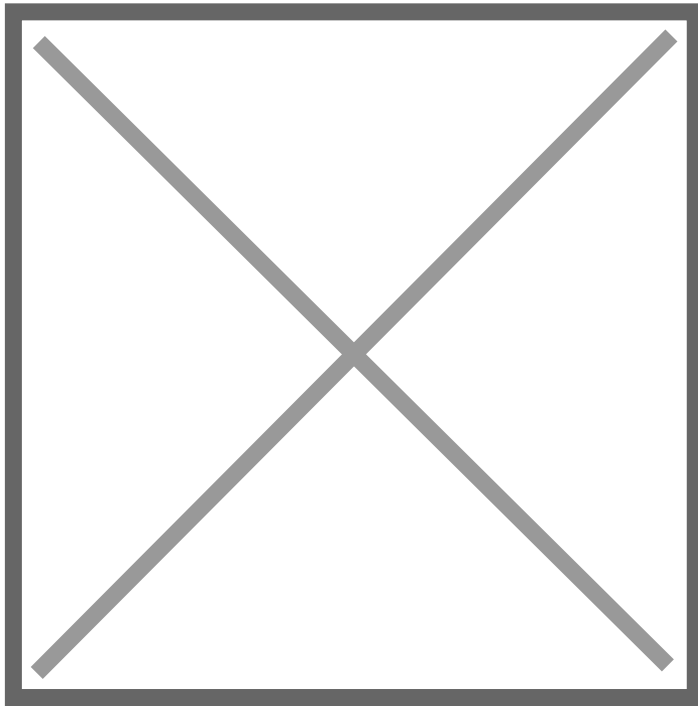


UAE to launch AgriFood Growth and Water Abundance cluster

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Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Executive Council, has approved the launch of the AgriFood Growth and Water Abundance (AGWA) cluster. Located in Abu Dhabi, AGWA is an integrated economic cluster poised to play a leading role in global efforts to tackle food shortages and water scarcity.

Led by the Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development (ADDED) and Abu Dhabi Investment Office (ADIO), AGWA is set to become a global hub for novel food and ingredients, as well as technologies to increase access to and the utilisation of water resources. This innovative cluster is designed to support local suppliers and exporters alike, serving as a platform to maximise commercial opportunities. The cluster aims to help meet increasing global demand, alleviate pressures on agricultural systems, address shifting dietary patterns, capitalise on technological advancements, and support global food security to ensure a reliable and resilient supply chain.

AGWA will support pioneers in the food and water industry to leverage innovations in alternative proteins, algae and reverse osmosis technologies, and also to enhance traditional food and water production and supply.

AGWA taps into an AED77.4 trillion industry with significant potential for economic growth and job creation. By 2045, AGWA is expected to contribute AED90 billion in incremental GDP to Abu Dhabi's economy, create more than 60,000 new jobs, and attract AED128 billion in investments.