

# Emergency And Crisis Management Conference 2010

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Under the auspices of H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commandar of the UAE Armed Forces, the National Emergency and Crisis Management Authority held The Emergency and Crisis Management Conference in the period 11 and 13 January 2010 at the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies & Research (ECSSR), under the title H1N1 influenza and terrorism.

| Day   | Main Themes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Agenda/Topics                                                                                                                                                  | Speakers                                                                     | Workshops                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Day 1 | The opening                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Opening speech                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ The Important and Central Role of Governments and Leadership in Managing and Addressing Crises.</li> <li>• Political and Security Risks in the Middle East during 2010.</li> <li>• The Importance of Threat Analysis in Risk Assessment and Recovery Planning.</li> <li>• The Role of Customs in Responding to Emergencies and Crises.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Absorbing Chaos in Crises</li> </ul>                                                                                  | Jason Mackinmara                                                             | Workshop:<br><br>Nuclear energy and joint coordination between the National Crisis and Emergency Management Authority, the Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation, and the Critical Infrastructure and Coastal Protection Authority, to develop future plans for managing emergencies and crises at nuclear power plants in the field of security and safety. |
|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Preparations by the Health Authority to Address H1N1 Influenza during 2009.                                                                                    | Jamal Al Mutawa (Health Authority of Abu Dhabi)                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | The Importance of Preparedness for Emergencies and Crises.                                                                                                     | Amer Hussein                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                | Tim Steer                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Developing Strategic Plans for Emergency Management and Taking All Necessary Actions for Implementation in Cooperation with Relevant Authorities in the State. | Mr. Rashid Al Nayadi (National Crisis and Emergency Management Authority)    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Day 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terrorism</li> <li>• Cybersecurity</li> <li>• Role of hospitals during emergencies</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                              | Workshops on counterterrorism and Cybersecurity discussions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Day 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of Nuclear Risks.</li> <li>• Review of Civil Defense Strategies.</li> <li>• Nuclear Energy.</li> <li>• Volunteer Programs (Sand).</li> <li>• Uses of Geographic Information Systems in Emergencies</li> </ul>                                                                                                                          | Assessment of Risks and Threats to Nuclear Plants                                                                                                              | Frank Congel                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | The Role of Municipalities and Services in Crisis and Emergency Management                                                                                     | Mr. Mustafa Abdullah Al-Mousawi from Abu Dhabi Municipality                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Emergency Management and Healthcare Program                                                                                                                    | Saleh Fares                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | The Role of Doctors and Nurses in Major Incidents and Emergencies                                                                                              | Mr. Peter Holden                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | The Importance of Pre-Event Planning Regarding Medication Procurement                                                                                          | Dr. Peter Driscoll                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | National Volunteer Program                                                                                                                                     | □ Ms. Meitha Al Habsi, Director of Communications at the Emirates Foundation |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | □ Volunteer Experiences in the United States                                                                                                                   | Jackie Rasheld, Director of the CERT Program in the UAE                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | The Swedish Experience in Civil Defense During Emergencies and Crises                                                                                          | Leni Björklund, Former Swedish Minister of Defense                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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### Main Recommendations:

1. Preparedness and Response to Emergencies and Crises: Emphasizing the need for government institutions to be fully prepared to respond to emergencies and crises to mitigate their effects and minimize damage.
2. National Risk Assessment and Creation of a Risk Register: A recommendation to assess risks on a national level, create a national risk register, and develop plans to reduce these risks.
3. Role of the Private Sector in Protecting National Resources: Highlighting the importance of the private sector in safeguarding national resources and the environment, with successful examples like ADNOC's crisis management practices.
4. Maximizing the Use of the National Emergency Plan for the Telecommunications Sector: Recognizing the telecommunications sector as vital for the economy and ensuring its continuity during crises.
5. Integration of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) During Crises: The need for an integrated geographic information system to support crisis management efforts in the UAE.
6. Threat Analysis and Evaluation for Ports: Recommending the analysis and evaluation of threats at land, sea, and air ports in coordination with relevant authorities, with Dubai Customs providing a successful model in this area.
7. The Positive Role of Media in Crises: Emphasizing the positive role of media in raising public awareness and promoting an emergency and crisis management culture among the general public.
8. Creation of an Online Platform for Sharing Ideas and Experiences: A recommendation to establish an online platform where participants and interested parties can exchange ideas and experiences related to emergency and crisis management.
9. Launch of the National Volunteer Emergency Response Program (Sanid): A recommendation to continue training volunteers through the "Sanid" program to enhance national preparedness for crisis and emergency response.

These recommendations aim to improve the overall readiness to manage emergencies and crises, ensuring continuity of government and private sector operations during such events.