

## Abu Dhabi, a different understanding of sustainability

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### Abstract

Sustainable development is a key concept nowadays used in diverse contexts and research fields with each their cultural and environmental particularities. Abu Dhabi has developed its own concept: Estidama.

In this poster we will explain, , the particularities of Estidama (figure 1), its strengths and limitations towards a sustainable Abu Dhabi . The aspirations of Abu Dhabi to be the world's leader in sustainability and renewable energies will be explained in the context of implementation of local norms in connection with international practices and Swiss policies. A comparative analysis with Geneva will highlight the potential of a different system of governance and the role that Abu Dhabi could (or should) play in the region to rescale the environmental action.

