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World Governments Summit starts in Dubai with new hope

HEADS OF STATE TO CHART ROADMAP FOR GOVERNANCE IN THE FUTURE

DUBAI

BY FAISAL MASUDI
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Government leaders and global thought leaders from various fields will start deliberations in Dubai today, the opening day of the World Governments Summit (WGS).

Held under the theme of 'Shaping Future Governments', the Summit is hosting more than 25 government and state heads, who will be sharing their own experiences and exchanging views on charting a roadmap for prudent governance.

Guest countries

The three-day summit has declared Turkey, India and Qatar as guests for the 2024 edition. The high-level delegations of the three guest countries will be headed by the President of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdogan, India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Qatar's Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Shaikh Mohammad Bin Abdul Rahman Bin Jassim Al Thani.

Also speaking will be top brass from disruptors such as Chat GPT, Meta, Amazon, to explore 'next frontiers'. They include Chat GPT developer and CEO of Open AI, Sam Altman; Yann LeCun, Vice-President and Chief AI Scientist at Meta;



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Shaikh Mohammad attends graduation of the Global Governments Leaders Programme on the sidelines of Day 0 of the World Governments Summit (WGS) 2024 in Dubai yesterday.

Jensen Huang, Founder and CEO of NVIDIA; Jack Hidary, CEO of SandboxAQ; AJ Abdal-lat, CEO of Beyond Limits; and Werner Vogels, Chief Technology Officer at Amazon.

UAE's invitation to the world

In their messages yesterday, on 'Day Zero' of the Summit, UAE leaders welcomed the Summit delegates. President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad

Bin Zayed Al Nahyan said: "The World Governments Summit is the UAE's responsible invitation to the whole world, to join the dialogue, share knowledge and invest in new ideas and creative energies that are capable of creating innovative solutions to development challenges, and meet peoples' expectations of a good life and a better future."

His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum,

Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, said: "The UAE believes that real governments are capable of translating people's ambitions into a sustainable reality. When government work is afflicted with stalling and procrastination, when it is dependent on happenstance, these are signs of the end of development, and the end of human civilisation itself."

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Rain prompts remote work, online classes

Option does not apply to those physically needed at their workplaces

DUBAI

BY SHARMILA DHAL
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Unstable weather across the UAE has prompted the authorities to issue work-at-home and remote learning advisories to government departments and schools today. Private companies and schools have also been allowed to exercise the same option if they wish to.

While the UAE Cabinet issued a federal directive to this effect, the various emirates also sent out specific advisories. The remote work option does not apply to those who are required to be physically present at their workplaces.

Weather updates

Those that will be hitting the road have been advised to take due precautions and abide by traffic rules to avoid



Ahmed Ramzan/Gulf News

The unstable weather conditions, which the UAE witnessed yesterday, will continue today.

any accidents. The public have also been urged to rely only on official information for any weather updates and not spread or pay heed to rumours.

According to the National Centre of Meteorology (NCM), the unstable weather conditions, which the UAE witnessed yesterday, will continue today owing to "an extension of an upper air depression, accompanied by a cold air mass and westerly air currents".

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