

# Abu Dhabi unveils capital district plans

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ABU DHABI: An artist's impression of one of the masterplans for mega project in capital city. (Supplied)

**Abu Dhabi's Urban Planning Council unveiled plans for the capital city at the Cityscape Abu Dhabi exhibition on Sunday. Project costs were not revealed.**

Quoted in The National newspaper Falah al Ahbabi, general manager of the Urban Planning Council described the initiative as the single most important project in the whole of the UAE.

"We felt that we needed to relate people to their federal identity. We wanted to gather all the federal governmental offices in one area to achieve that target," he added.

Of the 2030 plans for Abu Dhabi and Al Ain, which govern all developments in those two cities, the most significant is the Capital District, which will be built seven kilometres inland south of Abu Dhabi island, between Mohammed bin Zayed City and Abu Dhabi International Airport.

At the heart of the area will be the Federal Precinct that will serve as the national seat of government for the UAE. A series of seven grand boulevards "representing the seven emirates" will connect the centre with surrounding districts, The National reported.

The total development comprises six major precincts, including the Federal Precinct, City Centre Precinct - divided into four areas - Emirati neighbourhood, Sports Hub Precinct, South Spine Precinct and Palace Precinct, it added.

The Central Business District (CBD) will be at the centre of the Capital District combining high density office and residential use, as well as providing a work environment for over 68,000 people.

The project will also have a fully integrated transport system tying in to the rest of the transport network, including a high speed rail service, metro railway and regional rail connections.