

Data-driven Policy-making Towards Prosperity

Reforming the Interface Between Policy and Statistics in the UAE

Federal Authority | هيئة اتحادية



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Competitiveness, National Agenda & Sustainable Development

FCSA was founded in 2015 as the outcome of a merger between a Competitiveness Council and a National Statistics Office



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United Arab Emirates
National Bureau of Statistics

Competitiveness

- Spread awareness on competitiveness & collaborate with local and federal stakeholders to enhance competitiveness
- Facilitate dialogue with international organizations that publish competitiveness reports
- Undertake research and analysis to identify competitiveness improvement opportunities

Statistics

- Coordinate between local statistical entities
- Produce accurate and up-to-date statistical indicators for the UAE
- Develop an integrated National Statistical System that serves domestic, private and international users

Knowledge Revolution

Characterized by a demand for converting large quantities of information into knowledge which societies can use to achieve greater economic and social development

Data Revolution

Characterized by an exponential increase in the volume and types of data available and a high demand for access to it

FCSA's vision, *Knowledge for Prosperity*, is aligned with UAE government's vision to be the best country in the world by 2021



**UAE
Government**

Improving UAE global competitiveness is imperative to UAE national Interest



**Vision
2021**

“We want to be one of the best countries in the world by 2021”
United In Knowledge >> Competitive Knowledge Economy



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**FCSA
Vision**

Knowledge for Prosperity

**Knowledge
Revolution**



**Data
Revolution**

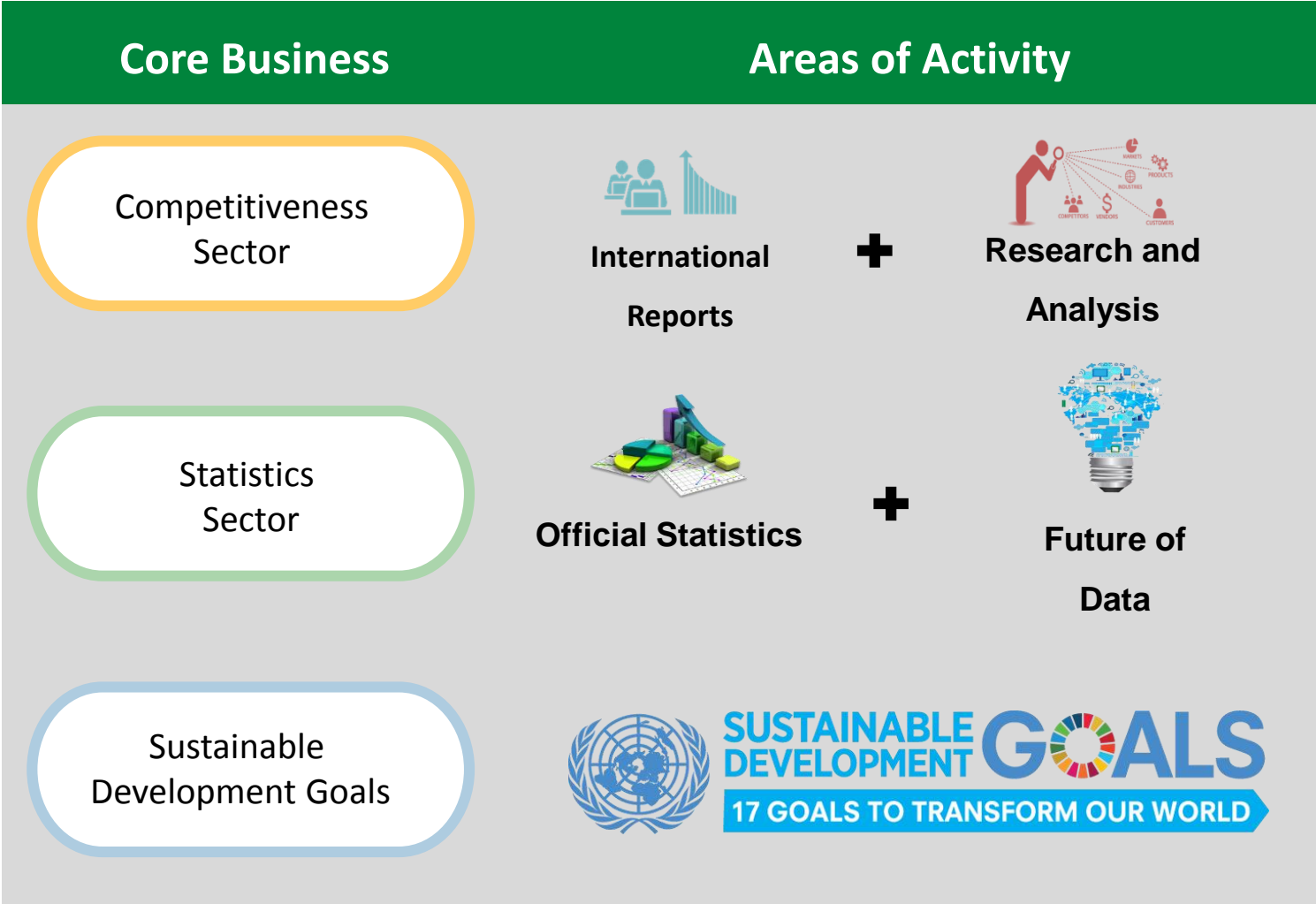
FCSA's engages with a wide range of partners to deliver on its mandate



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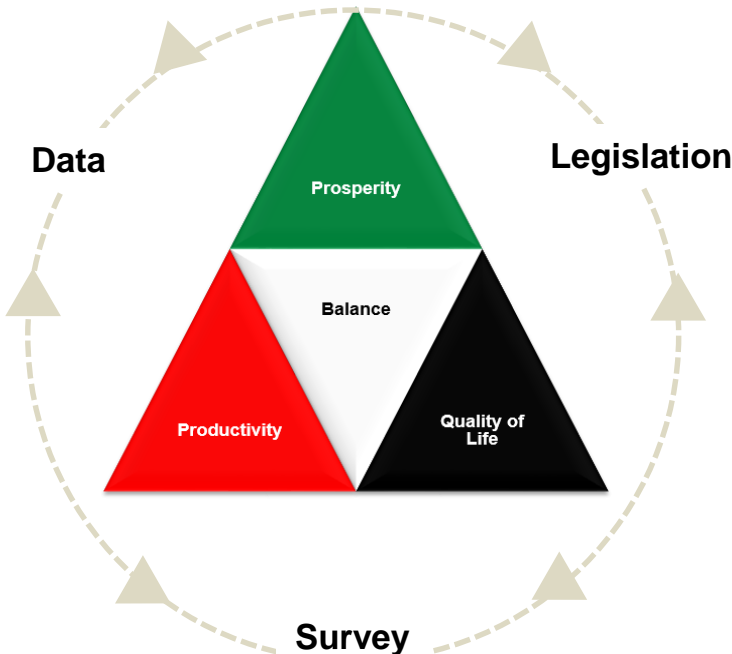
FCSA's Core Business: Competitiveness, Statistics and SDGs



Competitiveness as a Policy Guidance Framework

Competitiveness

“Competitiveness is the ability to achieve long term **Prosperity** with a **balance** between **Productivity** & **Quality of Life** for the nations”



International Reports



- Operational Reports – Ease of Doing Business
- Statistical reports – Human Development Report
- Survey Reports – World Happiness Report

Research



- Policy in Action Series*
- Future Focus Series*

Policy Guidance

Uses the framework of competitiveness to advise on policy reform

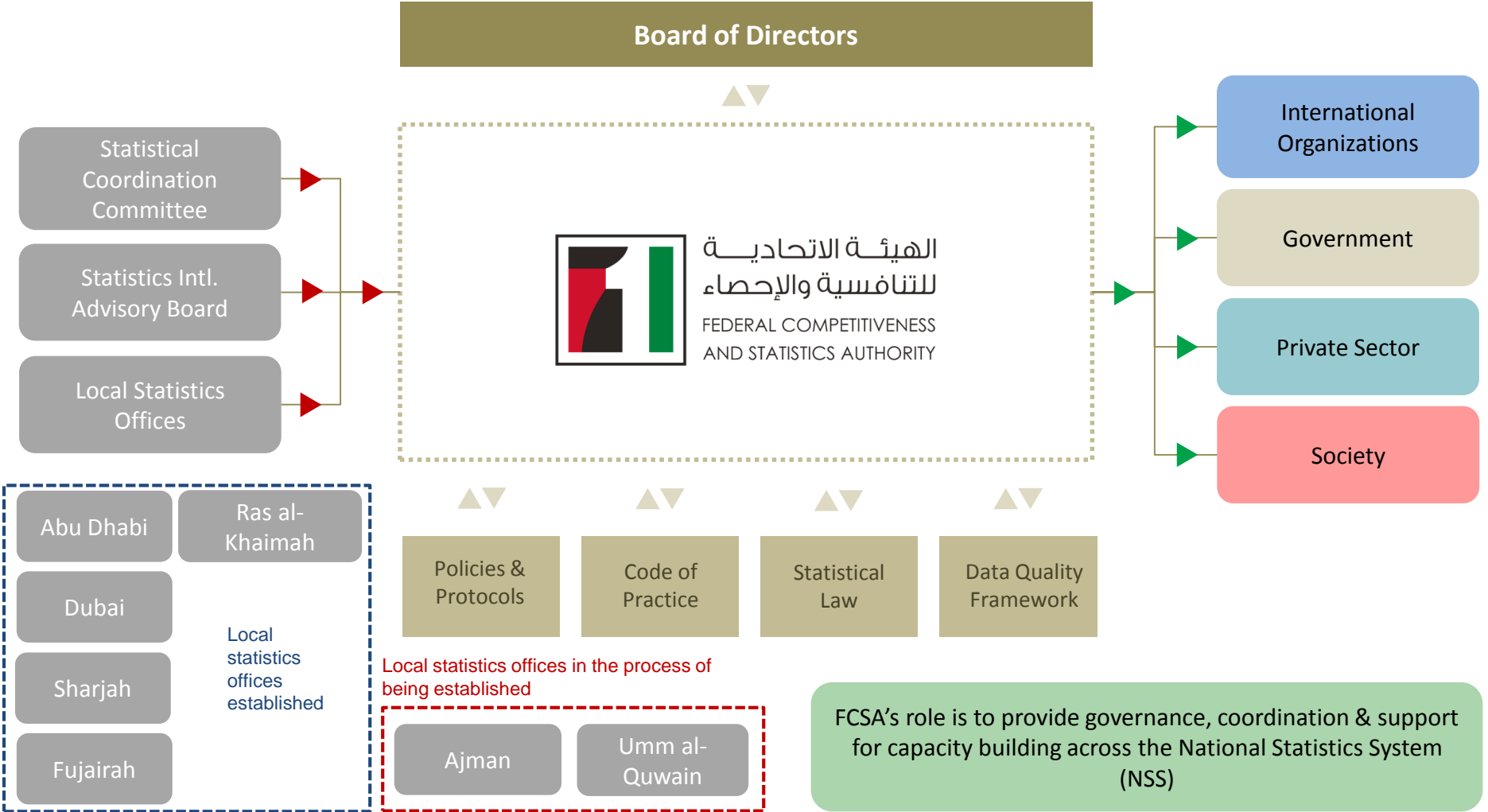


Research & Analysis

Aims to provide research, analysis & insights that are more **responsive** and **relevant** to the needs of decision-makers, businesses and citizens using **scenario planning**, **'NOWcasting'** & **'FOREcasting'** tools based on the latest data



UAE's National Statistics System (NSS)



Emerging Trends & FCSA's Data Innovation Agenda



Emerging Trends

Demand for evidence-based, whole-of-government responses to policy issues



Demand to collect, compile and disseminate relevant data at high frequency



Demand from citizens, businesses and governments for interpretations of complex data & emerging trends



Data Innovation Agenda

Develop harmonized, integrated administrative datasets at the Federal Level



Denmark

Finland

Develop highly efficient statistical processes to collect, validate & provide access to data from multiple sources at high frequency



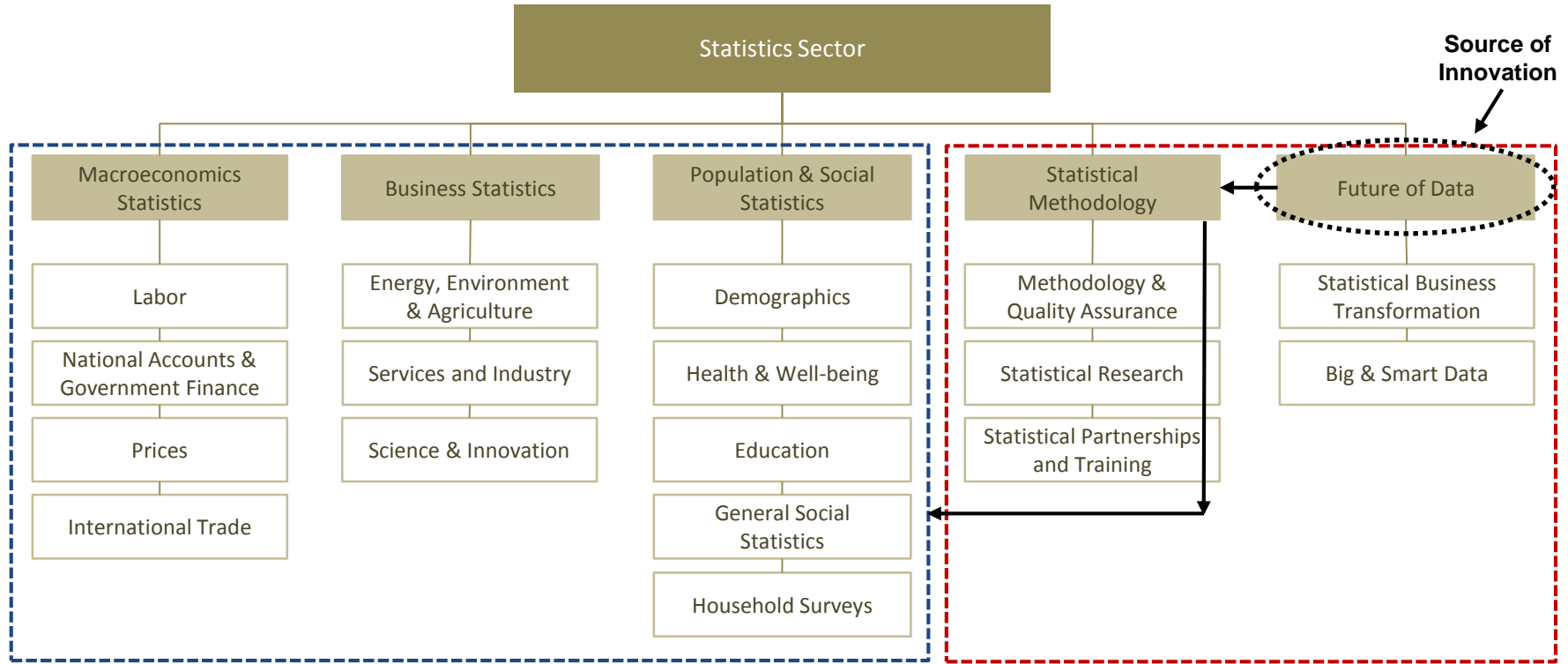
Netherlands



Develop analytical & visualization tools to synthesize multiple sources of data, highlight emerging trends, and advise on their implications for policy e.g. 'NOWcasting', 'FOREcasting' & scenario planning



FCSA Statistics Sector



Core Business Units

Coordinate, compile & disseminate official statistics at the Federal level



Core & Transformational Business

Support the core business units and lead the data innovation agenda



Future Direction of UAE's National Statistics System (NSS)

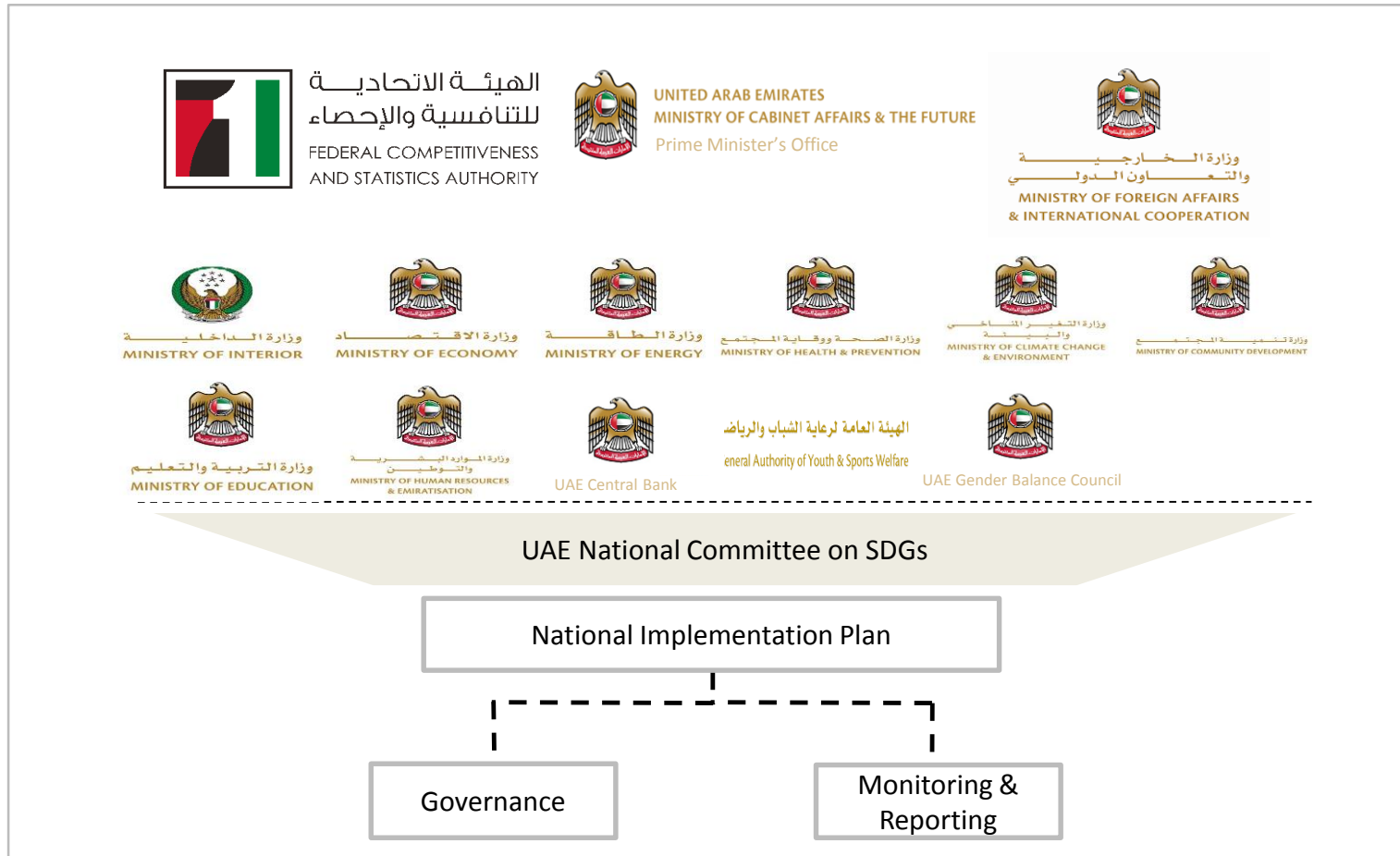
- 1** Enhance **Governance & Coordination** across UAE's National Statistics System
- 2** Develop a world-class open data platform that provides seamless **Access** to timely and relevant information
- 3** Build **Capacity** across the National Statistics System – invest in people & skills and in technology & infrastructure
- 4** **Modernize** the NSS: harmonized administrative data to replace censuses and large-scale surveys. Tap into non-traditional **Sources** of data e.g. Big Data
- 5** Enhance **Partnerships** with the non-profit and private sectors, academia and international organizations

The key challenge is for UAE's NSS to remain **RELEVANT** to decision-makers, businesses, researchers, international organizations and the public

The UAE Prime Minister's Office has appointed FCSA to coordinate efforts to develop a National Implementation Plan for SDGs



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Three Guiding Frameworks for Policy in the UAE: Competitiveness, National Agenda & Sustainable Development Goals

