 مركز الإحصاء STATISTICS CENTRE	SCAD Open Data Policy			
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Policy statement

In alignment with the principles of open government and the evolving digital data landscape, the Statistics Centre Abu Dhabi (SCAD) is committed to facilitating access to data for developers, researchers, media professionals, and the public. This commitment is grounded in our belief that open data fosters innovation, transparency, and community engagement. Open data, as defined by SCAD, is data that is freely accessible, usable, and sharable by anyone without technical, financial, or legal barriers, subject to the following conditions:

- **Attribution:** Users must acknowledge SCAD as the source of the data.
- **Copyright Compliance:** Users must adhere to copyleft licenses where applicable.

The term 'open' signifies the unrestricted nature of access and use of data, including the freedom to modify and share, provided the original source is credited and the data remains open.

Terms and Conditions

Term / Abbreviation	Definition
Legal Compliance	Ensure that open data usage aligns with UAE and international laws
Source Specification	Accurately credit the source of the original material
User Freedom	Allow users unfettered use of the original materials
Intellectual Property Rights	Refrain from publishing information subject to other intellectual property rights

Our commitment

As part of our commitment to transparency and public service, we are dedicated to fulfilling several key obligations. These obligations are designed to ensure that data related to SCAD's services, activities, and information of public interest are accessible, comprehensive, and user-friendly. The following points detail SCAD's responsibilities in this regard:

1. **Data Provision:** Offer open data on SCAD's services, activities, and information of public interest, ensuring its value to our users.
2. **Historical Data:** Include data spanning several years for comprehensive analysis.
3. **Unrestricted Access:** Ensure data is available without registration or other access barriers.
4. **User-Friendly Formats:** Publish data in versatile, reusable formats, enabling easy download and manipulation.
5. **Community Engagement:** Enable public feedback on the open data provided.
6. **Transparency in Data Details:** Clearly describe the file type, size, and publication date.


Adherence to Local & Federal Government Guidelines

We prioritize strict adherence to both local and federal government guidelines, ensuring compliance with:

1. UAE Federal Open Data License and the Open Data Guidelines of the Government, as detailed at [UAE Government official portal](#).
2. Data Management Policy for Abu Dhabi Government
3. SCAD Methodology & Quality Guide no (15) - General Principles for Open data

User Responsibility

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1. **Lawful Use:** Utilize the information in a manner that is legal and not misleading.
2. **Authorship Acknowledgement:** Include the author's name or identification and retain copyright notices.
3. **Link to Original Material:** Where possible, provide a URL or hyperlink to the licensed material.
4. **Source Attribution:** Cite SCAD as the data source, including the file name and date of publication.
5. **Ethical Use:** Avoid using data for illegal or activities that negatively impact Abu Dhabi and the UAE's reputation or values.
6. **Sharing Principle:** Continue the open data cycle by sharing the data under similar open terms.

Liability Disclaimer

SCAD is not liable for any direct or indirect consequences stemming from the use of its open data. Users bear full responsibility for their use of the data. Failure to adhere to these conditions may result in the revocation of the license granted under these terms.

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