



# UAE Approach Towards Sustainable Space Economy (15 June 2020)







### Overview of the UAE space sector

The UAE has become a regional center for space services, events and education





## NATIONAL SPACE STRATEGY 2030



1) Competitive And Leading Space Applications And Services



2) Advanced R&D And Manufacturing Capabilities



3) Inspiring Space Scientific And Exploration Missions



4) Fostering Space Culture And Expertise



5) Effective Local And Int' Partnerships And Investments



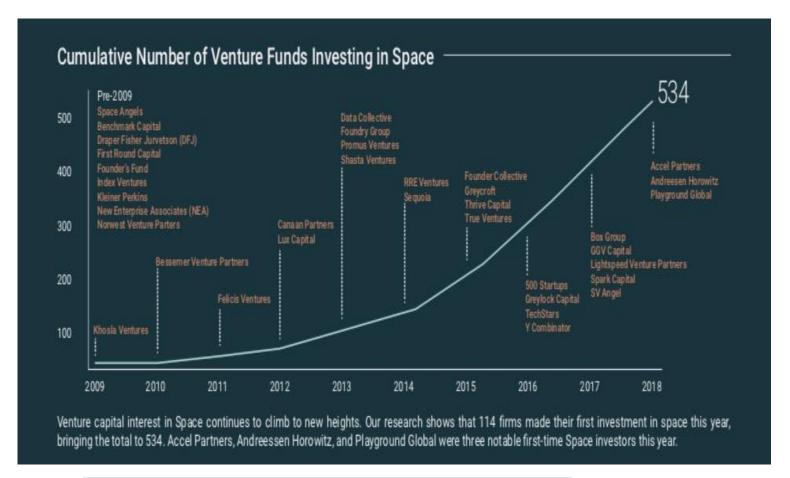
6) Adapting And Enabling Frameworks
And Infrastructure



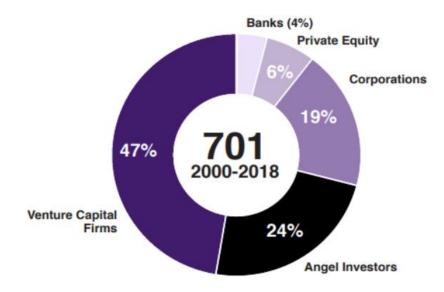


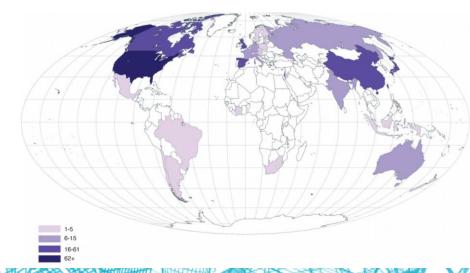


## 534 VC invested in Space since 2009, 114 of which was for 1st time in 2018









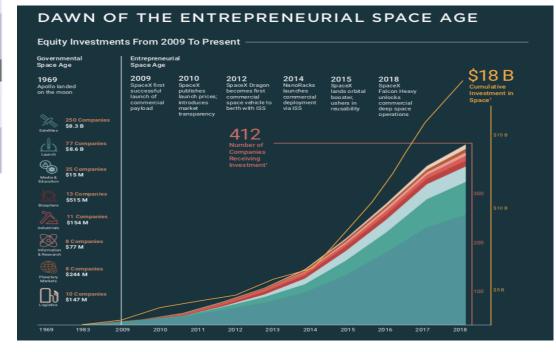




## Private investment in more than 412 space companies between 2009-2018 with \$18B

Category	Location	2016	Change	2017	Change	2018
		(millions)		(millions)		(millions)
Total Investment	U.S.	\$2,146.0M	-7%	\$1,994.0M	32%	\$2,622.8M
	Non-U.S.	\$884.4M	-36%	\$562.1M	9%	\$610.3M
Seed and Venture Investment	U.S.	\$1,912.6M	-13%	\$1,664.5M	32%	\$2,198.8M
	Non-U.S.	\$153.4M	243%	\$526.6M	13%	\$595.3M
		Number		Number		Number
Number of Investors	U.S.	90	3%	93	3%	95
	Non-U.S.	51	62%	84	12%	92
Number of Recipients	U.S.	37	22%	45	4%	47
	Non-U.S.	22	55%	34	3%	35

Investment Type	2016 (millions)	Change	2017 (millions)	Change	2018 (millions)
Seed/Prize/Grant	\$447.7	22%	\$548.3	44%	\$791.7
Venture Capital	\$1,617.8	2%	\$1,642.8	22%	\$2,002.4
Private Equity	\$0	0%	\$0.0		\$85.0
Acquisition	\$962.5	-63%	\$360.0	-72%	\$100.0
Public Offering	\$0	0%	\$0.0	0%	\$0.0
Total Investment	\$3,028.0	-16%	\$2,551.0	17%	\$2,979.1
Debt Financing	\$1.9	159%	\$5.0	5010%	\$254.0
Total with Debt	\$3,030.0	-16%	\$2,556.0	26%	\$3,233.1



\* Sources: International space reports

## UAE SPACE POLICY IMPACT ON UAE SPACE

## **SECTOR**

- Survey: Measuring the UAE Space Economy Growth in 2018
- Done in support of Statistics Depts. and OECD
- 43 entities working on the UAE Space Economy participated

### **Expenditure on Space Projects**



**Expenditure on Space R&D and Exploration** 



Registered Patents



Space Scinetific Publications

### **Total Contracted Entities**



**Sectors benefiting from UAE Space Products** 



Education	0	Telecom	0
Tourism		Energy	0
Agriculture		Adv Tech Manf.	0



# Entities working in UAE Space Economy

50+

### **Employees in Space economy**

**In 43 Entities** 

3125

## Space Investment Promotion Plan (1/2)





**Informational Slide** 

### **Approach**

An approach based on <u>two complementary pillars</u> allowing UAE to propose a desirable and <u>unique</u> offering for Early and Later Stages space companies looking for VC Funds compared to other locations worldwide:

### Pillar 1: Create an attractive environment for space

#### industry and ecosystem

- 1.1 Activity 1: Promote and Rise the Awareness of the Opportunities in Space Sector,
- 1.2 Activity 2: Create a Space Regulatory framework
- <u>1.3 Activity 3</u>: Create a one stop shop to facilitate licensing and the settlement of businesses.
- 1.4 Activity 4: Encourage the creation of Space Special Economic Zones
- 1.5 Activity 5: Support and encourage other Incentives

### Pillar 2: Create an investment vehicle and the needed supporting entities

- 2.1 Activity 1: Setting up of a Catalyst, then Platform to facilitate Investment
- 2.2 Activity 2: Create UAE Space Angels to invest in seeds.
- 2.3 Activity 3: Create Space Accelerator to help start-ups and entrepreneurships



### **List of Stakeholders:**

- Space Agency
- Investors
- Deal providers/owners
- Special Economic Zones
- Government Entities
- Academies/Universities

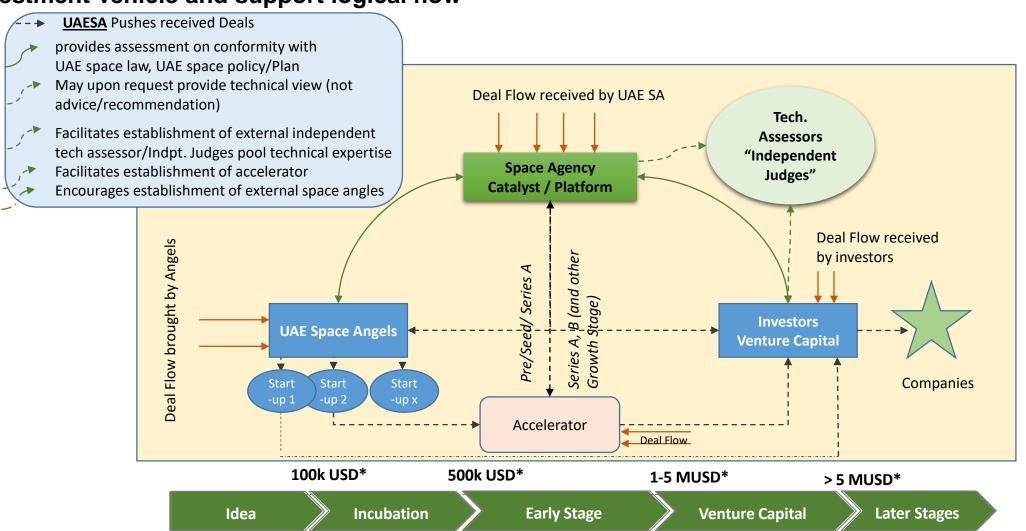
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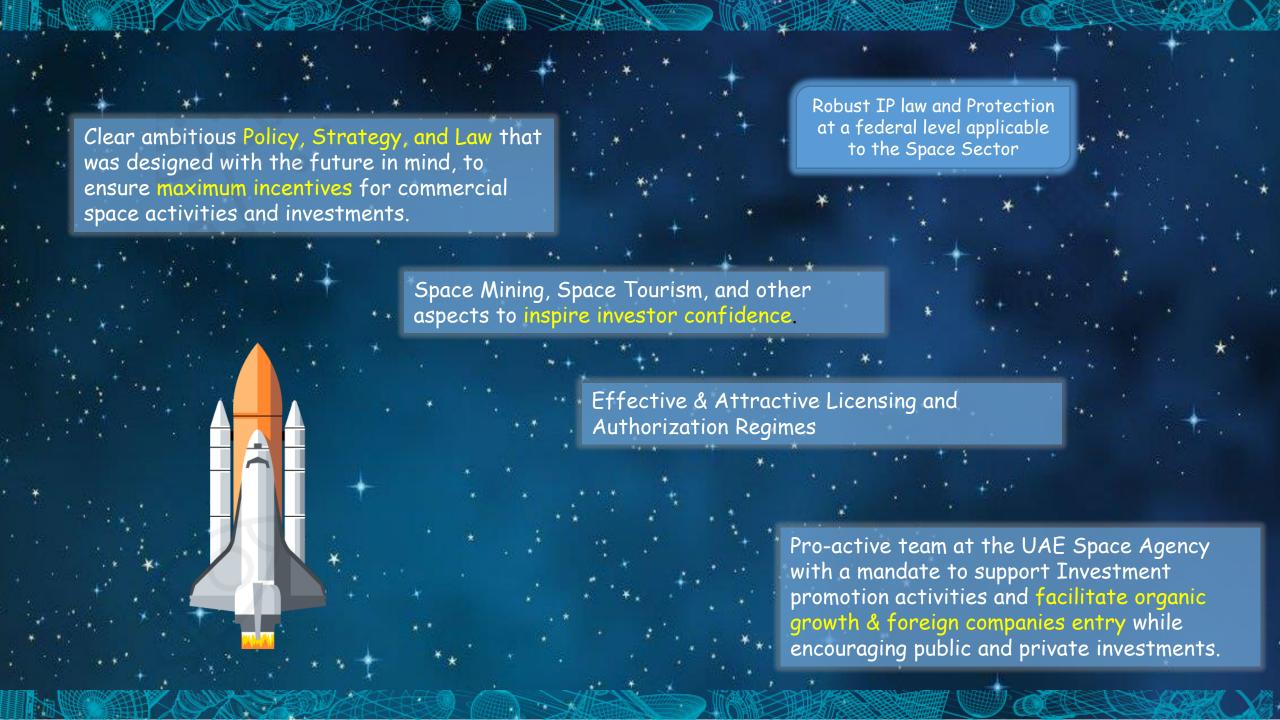
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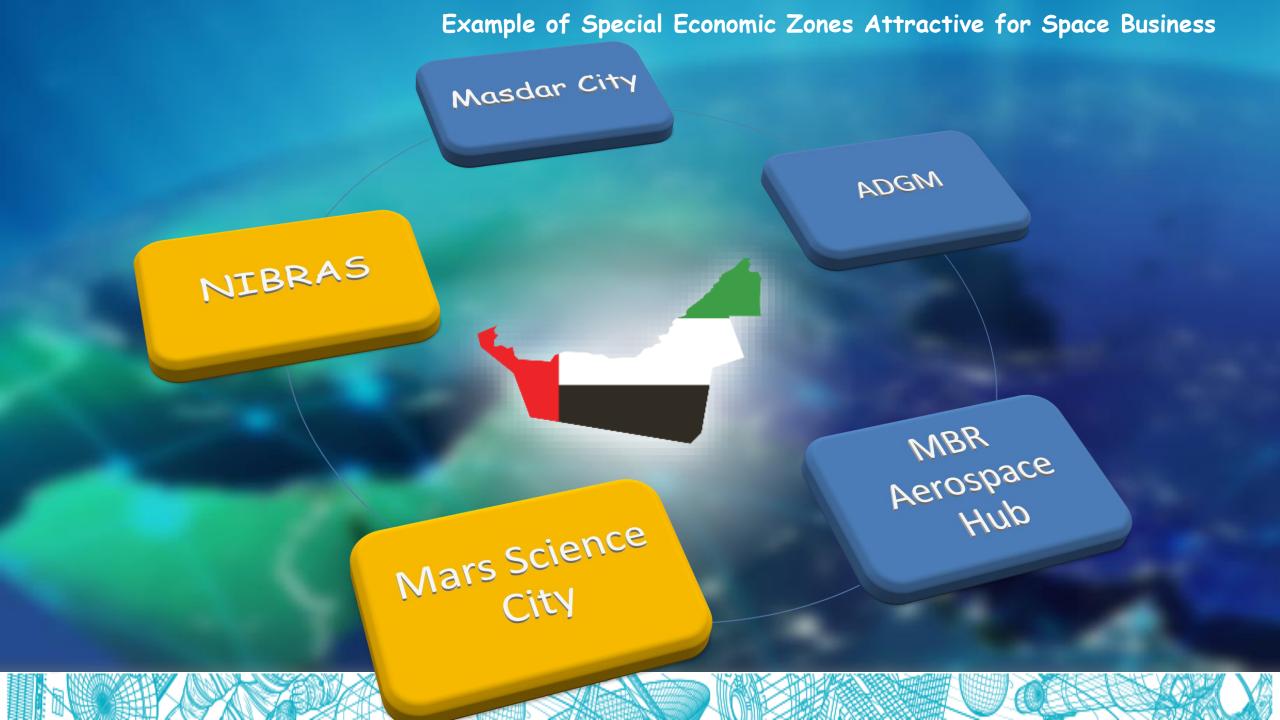


Investment vehicle and support logical flow



<sup>\*:</sup> Notional figures





### Investors & Potential Grant Providers





Tawazun Economic
Council \*



Mubadala Ventures



Ghadan 21 Abu Dhabi Investment Office



Dubai Future Foundation & Dubai Future Accelerator



Kryptolabs, Accelerator



Starburst Accelerator at Hub71



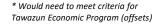
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Angels and Family Offices



Foreign VC's
And Other Vehicles



# THE GEOTECH INNOVATION PROGRAM IMPACT





Business startups were created from ideation





82

were submitted Business applications

**41%** Emiratis

Categories covered:

- Urban & rural land management
- Disaster & crisis management
- Coastal border security

Universities participated in the roadshow

**410** Students

University students exhibited at the final demo day

Panelists from academia to industry partook at the "Future & Challenges of Space Tech Startups in UAE" session

**350** Attendees



# UAE NewSpace Innovation Program

(November 2019 – October 2020)

# THE UAE NEWSPACE INNOVATION CATEGORIES





## Category 1 Innovations in Space Sciences

- Science Instruments,
   Observatories and Sensor
   Systems.
- Space Power and Energy Storage.
- Robotics and Autonomous Systems.
- Modeling, Simulation, IT and Processing.
- Software and Applications.

## Category 2 Extending Human Presence in Deep Space

- Human Health, Life Support, and Habitation Systems.
- Human Exploration Destination Systems.
- Life and Physical Sciences.
- Space Entry, Descent, and Landing.

## Category 3 Exploration & Communications in Space

- Ground and Launch Systems
   Processing .
- Thermal Management Systems.
- Ground Station Systems and Networks.





## STAKEHOLDERS

SPACE INDUSTRY

NON-SPACE STAKEHOLDERS GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

IP MONITIZATION

UNIVERSITY PROFESSIONALS

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS





## Hub71 - Starburst Accelerator Program



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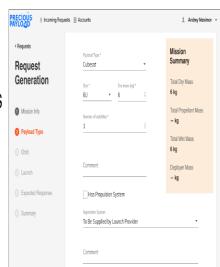




Space logistics for small satellites

Satellite components • Ground Segment • Rocket launches
• Insurance • Export compliance • Satellite licensing

Internally



# الإمارات الفضاء المعادة الإمارات الفضاء المعدد Agency FED. LAW 2019 ON REGULATING THE UAE SPACE SECTOR

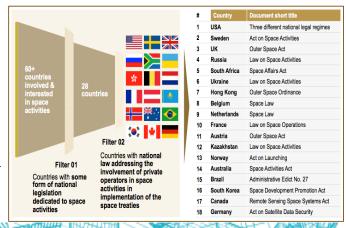
### **Purpose:**

to create attractive and responsive regulatory environment for space sector that is in harmony with national legislation system and augment as necessary, adequately balances between the safety& security& environment requirements and the economic & commercial & innovation requirements; and respect international law;

- ☐ Represents Critical and Leading Step: full-filling a regulatory gap, and 1st of its kind in the region
- **□** Law Objectives as stated:
- Encourage and enable innovation, privatization, and investment
- Support safety, security, and environment protection
- Promote transparency and confirmity to international law and norms
- **☐** Description of Content:
- 9 Chapters, and 54 Articles the provides the general provisions and rules to regulate the various space activities, and organizes the roles and responsibilities.
- It provides the general terms and conditions in relation to authorization of space activities and registration of space objects
- Forward looking, and deals with new space law aspects such as launch from space, space debris, sub-orbital and tourism, space resources, ..etc.
- ☐ Studies and several consultations during development:
- Consulting over 15 local entities, several other space agencies, advisors and experts form around the world from different space backgrounds
- Several local and international policy and legal studies, analyzing more than 20 treaties, 15 local relevant laws, and ensuring alignment with UAE2071
- Benchmark with 18 countries space laws such as USA, UK, France, S. Korea, Germany, Sweden, Brazil, etc.









## ARAB SPACE COOPERATION

The 'Arab Space Cooperation Group' launched during the inaugural day of the Global Space Congress (Abu Dhabi, March 2019). Representatives from the 14 countries joined this group.



## **Prime Objectives of the Group**

- exchange of knowledge.
- working on joint projects.
- boosting the Arab space industry.

## 813 PROJECT

First Joint Arab EO Satellite LEO Hyperspectral By 2023



