

UAE: The New “Regulations Lab” in the UAE: The Way Forward

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There is a growing need for laws and regulations that preemptively anticipate future technological developments. These developments include driverless vehicles and 3D printing. There is a need to harness the opportunities that the new technologies are creating.

In this context, the UAE enacted federal law authorizing the UAE Cabinet to grant temporary licenses for testing innovations that use future technologies and its applications such as Artificial Intelligence. The law aims at providing a safe test environment for legislation that meet the technological revolution. This is done in collaboration with “Regulations Lab” that was set up in January 2019 in Dubai Future Foundation.^[4] The Regulation Lab is designed to anticipate and develop future legislations governing the use and applications of technologies.

The purpose of the “Regulations Lab” is to create a reliable and transparent legislative environment, introduce new legislation or develop existing legislation, regulate the work of advanced technology products and applications, and encourage investment in future sectors by providing a secure legislative environment.