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The UAE in Bangkok 2026 Financial Leadership and Outstanding Achievements

Key Highlights and Achievements of the Central Bank of the UAE at the IMF and World Bank Group Annual Meetings (12-18 October 2026)

The UAE's participation in these meetings underscores its commitment to supporting global financial stability, strengthening cooperation with international partners, and reinforcing its position as a leading financial hub at both the regional and international levels.

Abu Dhabi 2029: A New Milestone to Reinforce the UAE's Position as a Global Financial Hub

An agreement was signed to host the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank Group in Abu Dhabi in 2029. The agreement featured coordination meetings to support preparations for this global event.



International Cooperation

International and Regional Engagements



- Planning and Coordination Meetings in Preparation for Hosting the 2029 Annual Meetings in Abu Dhabi



- Meeting of Central Bank Governors and Finance Ministers of the Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan and Pakistan (MENAP) Region.



- Coordination Meeting for Hosting the 2029 IMF and World Bank Group Annual Meetings in Abu Dhabi.



- Ministerial Meeting of Central Bank Governors and Finance Ministers of the (G20) and the (G24).



- Proceedings of the GCC and Asia Countries Economic Forum.



- Business Meeting between Central Bank Governors and the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund and the President of the World Bank Group.



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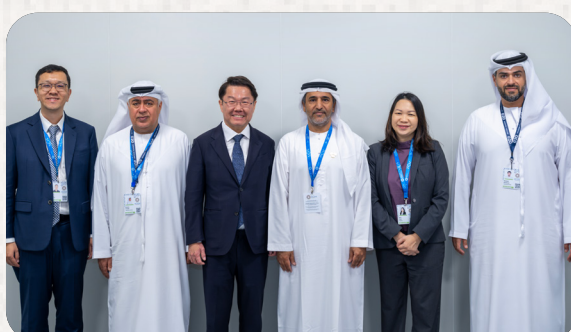


Achievements



Expanding Strategic Partnerships

The UAE held bilateral meetings with the Central Banks of China, South Korea, Monetary Authority of Singapore, National Bank of Ethiopia, alongside several international financial institutions. Discussions focused on exchanging expertise in financial stability, innovation, payment systems, and sustainable finance.



Annual UAE Banks Reception

The Central Bank of the UAE, in cooperation with the Ministry of Finance and the UAE Banks Federation organised the Annual UAE Banks Reception of 2026 in Bangkok, with the participation and sponsorship of 26 government entities and national banking institutions. The event brought together more than 600 leaders from the global financial sector, Central Bank Governors, finance ministers. It also featured extensive bilateral meetings between the CEOs of UAE banks and their international counterparts to explore mutual economic and investment opportunities.



Signing Memorandum of Understanding with The National Bank of Georgia

The UAE signed a memorandum of understanding with the National Bank of Georgia to strengthen cooperation and exchange expertise in monetary policy, banking supervision, payment systems, and financial technology.



UAE Leadership at the International Monetary Fund

The annual meetings highlighted the UAE's historic achievement in electing Ali Mohamed Al Hosani as the first Emirati Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund to assume this high-level international position. This selection reflects the prestigious standing placed in the national talents.



H.E. Khaled Mohamed Balama

Governor of the Central Bank of the UAE
and the UAE's Governor at the International Monetary Fund

The UAE: Global Model of Financial Resilience

“ The UAE's economy maintains strong resilience, supported by robust financial buffers and low public debt ratios, and substantial sovereign assets that reinforce investor and market confidence. ”

10%

The UAE's GDP Growth Forecast for 2027

- ✓ The UAE underscores the importance of strengthening international cooperation frameworks to safeguard global growth prospects and reduce inflationary pressures.
- ✓ The UAE appreciates the pivotal role by the International Monetary Fund in supporting the stability and growth of the region's economies.