

Mr. Badr Buhannad

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Mr. Badr Buhannad is the Director General of Dubai Silicon Oasis (DSO), where he leads the strategic evolution of Dubai's dedicated knowledge and innovation district. With over two decades of experience in corporate strategy, business services, and audit management, he is a proven strategic leader known for aligning long-term vision with operational execution, delivering measurable impact through C-level engagement, board reporting, and transformation initiatives.

Before assuming the role of Director General, Mr. Buhannad served as Deputy Director General of DSO and Chief Corporate Support Officer at Dubai Integrated Economic Zones Authority (DIEZ). In this dual capacity, he oversaw corporate functions and led the Authority's digital transformation, driving enterprise technology upgrades, supply chain optimization, and business process redesign. He played a pivotal role in shaping DIEZ's cluster-based development model while strengthening cross-functional alignment across strategic sectors.

At DSO, Mr. Buhannad has championed several major organizational shifts, including the launch of the 2021 Strategic Pillars, Smart City, Desired Society, Technology Hub, and Happiest People, framing a renewed purpose in line with the Dubai 2021 Plan. His leadership has also driven infrastructure modernization, end-to-end process reengineering, and a corporate culture reset focused on agility and impact.

His earlier roles include Chief Audit and Risk Officer at Dubai International Financial Centre Authority (DIFCA), where he established the internal audit and risk department. He has also held senior positions at Dubai World and the Ports, Customs and Free Zone Corporation, bringing a strong foundation in finance, operations, and governance.

In addition to his executive responsibilities, Mr. Buhannad contributes to Dubai's national digital transformation efforts as a member of the Dubai Free Zone Council's Digital Committee.

He holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a Higher Diploma in Accounting from the Higher Colleges of Technology, Dubai.