

UAE's ATRC launches Global Tech R&D platform with \$200M allocation

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On 13th Feb at the World Governments Summit (WGS) 2024, Abu Dhabi's Advanced Technology Research Council (ATRC) unveiled a pioneering initiative aimed at facilitating global access to cutting-edge technology solutions. The newly launched "ATRC Global Tech R&D Platform" serves as a channel for countries worldwide to tap into the UAE's technological expertise to address their unique challenges in each sector.

As the driving force behind Abu Dhabi and the wider UAE's advanced research and development (R&D) ecosystem, this initiative underscores ATRC's commitment to fostering inclusive growth and global prosperity. In an era of rapid technological transformation, the platform seeks to bridge technology gaps experienced by nations worldwide by offering tailored solutions to their pressing needs.

To initiate applications through the platform, ATRC is allocating \$200 million in funding to accelerate innovation, particularly for emerging and developing nations. By committing to absorb resource and research costs, the funding facilitates the development of sophisticated technology solutions, empowering these nations to keep pace with the latest advancements.

ATRC is calling on nations to collaborate and contribute to the global technological landscape.

The ATRC Global Tech R&D Platform invites applications from governments, organizations, and eligible stakeholders all over the world, prioritizing collaboration, and inclusivity. Through a rigorous evaluation process, initiatives aligned with the platform's mission will receive support in six priority sectors: Aerospace and Space; Food and Agriculture; Healthcare; Safety and Security; Sustainability, Environment, and Energy; and Transport.

Over the span of almost four years, ATRC has developed a robust R&D ecosystem, with over 850 researchers from more than 70 countries. It has built an entire ecosystem that systematically supports every critical stage of a technology's development journey. Its entity ASPIRE crowdsources global talent through grand challenges and global competitions and identifies technology gaps with its clients. The Technology Innovation Institute (TII) is focused on applied research with intentional outcomes and houses its leading researchers and scientists, while VentureOne commercializes its solutions, taking R&D products and services from lab to market. From identifying an entity's tech pain point to developing bespoke R&D solutions, ATRC orchestrates the complete lifecycle of technology advancement for companies and countries that need support. Situated at the global crossroads, it extends its reach to entities worldwide, facilitating innovation on a truly global scale.