

Statement by the NIHR on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities

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Since 1992, the United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) has been celebrated annually on the 3rd of December. This year's theme focuses on "achieving the 17 sustainable development goals of the future that we want", entitled "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient society for all", which refers to the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals and their role in building a more inclusive and equitable world for persons with disabilities.

The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) takes this opportunity to express its great appreciation for the efforts of the Kingdom of Bahrain to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities, being the group of priority care in all aspects of life, including political, social, economic and cultural aspects, by providing opportunities for all the concerned parties, governmental, non-governmental and private sectors, to take part and focus on innovative and motivating measures that aim to increase the implementation of international norms and standards relating to persons with disabilities, through educational and training institutions as well as higher education institutions to make contributions to the development of awareness among the parties concerned with the social, cultural, economic, civil and political rights of persons with disabilities.

The NIHR also appreciates the role of the UN in promoting and protecting the rights and welfare of persons with disabilities through the issuance of a series of

international charters, notably the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol attached thereto, as their rights are an integral part of human rights sponsored by the UN.

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