



Statement by the NIHR on the Universal Children's Day

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The countries of the world, including the Kingdom of Bahrain, celebrate Universal Children's Day, on the 20th of November each year, in order to remind everyone of the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, to remind everyone of the importance of working to promote the well-being of children in the world and to protect their non-negotiable rights as children of a promising future.

This year's Day is celebrated under the theme **“Inclusion, for every child”**, in order to support the joint efforts of the countries of the world in building a suitable environment for children to live in, based on dialogue, by focusing on various issues related to human rights, especially children's rights, climate change, education, mental health and the elimination of racial discrimination.

On the occasion of the Universal Children's Day, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) notes the great interest that the Kingdom of Bahrain attaches to the protection and promotion of children's rights, through the issuance of several laws and legislations concerned with children's rights, the latest of which is the issuance of the Restorative Justice Law for Children and their Protection from Abuse, as this law represents an important qualitative leap being a law that fulfills and takes into account the best interests of the child in all stages of the criminal case.

On the occasion of the Universal Children's Day, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) states that it is working to follow-up and monitor commitment to the international conventions and treaties ratified by the Kingdom of Bahrain, which are concerned with the promotion and protection of the rights of the child, and at the same time calls on everyone to activate community partnership to support the rights of the child, and to continue efforts to contribute to building an environment that is appropriate for all children in the world without exception.