



## **Statement by NIHR on the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**

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The world celebrates the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March every year to advocate understanding, tolerance and friendship among nations, by encouraging states to adhere to the principle of equality and to take special measures to eliminate conditions that cause or help perpetuate racial discrimination.

This year's occasion is celebrated under the theme “**Voices for action against racism**”, in order to highlight the importance of promoting the participation and meaningful and safe representation of the public in all areas of decision-making to prevent and combat racial discrimination, and to emphasise the importance of full respect for the right to freedom of expression and recognition of the contribution and challenges faced by individuals and organisations who oppose racial discrimination.

On the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) commends the interest of the Kingdom of Bahrain in promoting and protecting the right to equality and combating racial discrimination, through clear legislative steps in the field of combating racial discrimination and achieving equality between male and female workers to preserve their rights without any discrimination.

On this occasion, the NIHR states that it will continue to exert efforts with all partners and stakeholders on local, regional and international levels, in order to enrich awareness of human rights issues, especially those concerned with combating racial discrimination, in order to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 10 on “Reducing inequality”.