



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

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On the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD), the international community, including the Kingdom of Bahrain, celebrate this day, which falls on December 3 of each year, with an emphasis on the importance of providing support on topics related to the disabled and promoting awareness of them, and demonstrating the importance of establishing an inclusive and accessible society for all, in which more than one billion people live, or approximately 15% of the estimated 8 billion world population, with a form of disability.

This year, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) is celebrated under the theme **“Transformative Solutions for Inclusive Development: The Role of Innovation in Fuelling an Accessible and Equitable world”**, in order to state the importance of highlighting all kinds of disabilities in support of human rights, sustainable development and peace, to fulfil the promise of the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030 in ensuring that no one is left behind.

On the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD), the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) commends the national efforts made by the Kingdom of Bahrain to care for persons with disabilities in all social and development fields, where the Kingdom of Bahrain pays a great attention to this group in order to ensure equal rights among all members of society without any discrimination, and the Constitution of the Kingdom has guaranteed the rights of people with disabilities through the enactment of laws to protect their rights. In addition, the National Human Rights Plan 2022 – 2026 has enshrined the rights of this group to be promoted and supported.

On the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD), the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) emphasises that it works to follow-up and monitor the extent of compliance with the international conventions and treaties ratified by the Kingdom of Bahrain, which are concerned with the protection of persons with disabilities, and calls on for more cooperation between the public and private sector and civil society organisations in order to develop strategies in the interest of persons with disabilities in which they can participate and undertake.