

Statement by NIHR on the World Environment Day

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On the fifth of June each year, the Kingdom of Bahrain joins the international community in celebrating the World Environment Day, in order to urge everyone to bring about radical changes in consumption habits, and in national and international environmental policies, by raising awareness and highlighting urgent environmental issues and growing fears of ozone layer depletion, toxic chemicals, desertification and global warming.

On the occasion of the World Environment Day, the theme of this year is entitled “**Beat Plastic Pollution**”, as more than (400) million tons of plastics are produced annually around the world, almost half of which are designed for one-time use only, causes a real environmental disaster that affects the health of all creatures.

On this occasion, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) commends the efforts and initiatives of the Kingdom of Bahrain in the field of environmental protection, and the steps it has taken to avoid harm to public health and the environment through the support and care it provides to promote and protect the right to a safe and healthy environment, given the fact that the environment represents the main pillar in the comprehensive development process of the Kingdom of Bahrain, which is fully compatible with the Economic Vision 2030.

On this occasion, the NIHR affirms that it works to follow-up and monitor the extent of compliance with the international conventions and treaties ratified by the Kingdom of Bahrain related to the environment, calling on all governments of countries, companies, civil society institutions and stakeholders to unite to develop scientific means to address the problem of plastic waste that flows into ecosystems and destroy them.