



Statement by NIHR on International Women's Day

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On the occasion of the International Women's Day, the international community, including the Kingdom of Bahrain, celebrate this day on the 8th of March each year, in appreciation of the efforts of women, and to highlight their great capabilities and achievements in all fields out of any other considerations such as nationality, ethnicity, language, culture, the economic environment or others.

This year's theme is **“DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality”**, since 37% of women are still unable to use the internet, although they represent nearly half of the world's population, emphasising the importance of honouring and celebrating women and girls who advocate the advancement of transformative technology and digital education.

On the International Women's Day, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) commends the efforts made by the Kingdom of Bahrain to protect and promote women's rights in all fields, which is reflected in the positive indicators that measure the progress of Bahraini women's status, especially at all levels.

On this occasion, the NIHR states that it will continue 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 women's rights, calling at the same time for the importance of supporting women - in all countries of the world - to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the process of technological transformation to ensure their equal participation in shaping that process, in order to achieve Sustainable Development Goals, especially SDG 5 on Gender Equality.