



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

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The world countries, including the Kingdom of Bahrain, celebrate the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March each year, emphasizing the importance of establishing lasting peace, which is based primarily on the right to equality and non-discrimination, regardless of race, gender, language, religion, creed, political difference or otherwise.

This year's occasion is celebrated under the theme **“The Urgency of Combating Racism and Racial Discrimination, 75 years after the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)”**, in order to urge the countries of the world to make more efforts to advance equality and combat racism and racial discrimination by committing to taking specific and urgent actions.

On the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) commends the initiatives taken by the Kingdom of Bahrain to reject all forms of racial discrimination and intolerance, and to consolidate the approach of moderation, in accordance with the National Action Charter, constitutional provisions and legislation, which aim to combat racial discrimination and support the principle of equality, as well as the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, to which the Kingdom of Bahrain has acceded.

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”.