



Statement by the NIHR on the World Intellectual Property Day

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The international community, including the Kingdom of Bahrain, celebrate World Intellectual Property Day on the 26th of April each year, in order to highlight the importance of protecting intellectual property rights and encouraging innovation and creativity, which help stimulate economic growth and sustainable development.

This year's Day is celebrated under the theme “**Accelerating Innovation and Creativity: Women and IP**”, in order to celebrate the innovative, creative and adventurous women around the world who are building new frontiers with their pioneering ideas, despite the significant challenges they face in accessing the knowledge, skills, resources and support they need to thrive.

On the occasion of the World Intellectual Property Day, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) commends the status the Kingdom of Bahrain has achieved in the field of protecting and promoting intellectual property rights through its accession to the Copyright Treaty of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), and through the laws and legislation that it enacted with the aim of increasing patents, embracing inventions and turning them into projects that contribute to creating job opportunities for citizens in the Kingdom.

On the occasion of the World Intellectual Property Day, the NIHR confirms that it follows-up and monitors the extent of compliance with the international conventions and treaties ratified by the Kingdom of Bahrain, which are concerned with the promotion and protection of intellectual property rights, calling at the same time for organising awareness-raising events and seminars on the importance of intellectual property and its impact on economic and social development, as well as the importance of continuing to support and encourage innovation, creativity and development in all fields.