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

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On the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, observed annually on 3 December, the Kingdom of Bahrain joins countries around the world in commemorating this day, which aims to promote awareness of the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities across all areas of society and development. This day serves as an opportunity to highlight the challenges they face and to strengthen efforts to ensure their inclusion and empowerment in political, social, economic, and cultural spheres.

The United Nations has chosen the theme “Building Disability-Inclusive Societies that Advance Social Progress” for this year, in light of the challenges persons with disabilities continue to face in relation to poverty, employment, and social protection, as well as the risks of practices that may undermine their dignity and independence. The theme underscores the interconnectedness of the three pillars of social development—poverty eradication, decent work for all, and social inclusion—and affirms the importance of engaging persons with disabilities as active partners in the development process.

On this occasion, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) values the significant efforts undertaken by the Kingdom of Bahrain to support and empower persons with disabilities. These efforts include educational initiatives aimed at integrating students with disabilities, providing healthcare services, and offering financial and social support programs. They also include the endorsement of the National Disability Strategy and its accompanying Executive Plan for 2023–2027, which collectively serve as a comprehensive national framework for enhancing services, empowering this group, and advancing their inclusion across all areas of life.

The National Institution for Human Rights reaffirms its continued commitment to monitoring compliance with relevant national and international standards concerning the rights of persons with disabilities and to verifying the alignment of policies and practices with these standards. The NIHR calls upon relevant authorities to adopt further effective measures that guarantee persons with disabilities the full enjoyment of their rights on an equal basis with others and that strengthen their participation across various fields. Such efforts contribute to building a more inclusive and sustainable society through the collective engagement of all stakeholders.

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