



## Statement by NIHR On the Occasion of the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) joins the international community in commemorating the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development, observed annually on 21 May. The day was established by the United Nations General Assembly to highlight the importance of cultural diversity in fostering closer ties among peoples, promoting the values of dialogue and mutual respect, and supporting sustainable development efforts across societies.

This occasion reaffirms the importance of respecting cultural diversity as a fundamental pillar for building stable and cohesive societies, strengthening a culture of dialogue and understanding among cultures and civilizations, and contributing to the promotion of tolerance and coexistence, while reinforcing the role of culture in advancing human, social, and economic development.

On this occasion, the National Institution for Human Rights expresses its appreciation for the efforts undertaken by the Kingdom of Bahrain to promote the values of coexistence, tolerance, and cultural openness through supporting initiatives aimed at enhancing dialogue among cultures and religions, and reinforcing respect for intellectual and cultural diversity, in line with the objectives of the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

The Institution also reaffirms its continued support for efforts and initiatives aimed at promoting a culture of dialogue, respect for cultural diversity, and the values of mutual understanding and coexistence among peoples. It further emphasizes the importance of developing dialogue skills and encouraging openness and constructive communication among all segments of society, thereby contributing to the rejection of hatred and intolerance, strengthening social stability, upholding human rights principles, and supporting pathways toward sustainable development.

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