



Statement of the National Institution for Human Rights on the occasion of the World Day for Cultural Diversity and Development

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Coinciding with the anniversary of the United Nations World Day for Cultural Diversity and Development on May 21 of each year, the National Institution for Human Rights expresses its appreciation and the appreciation of the whole world to the bold steps taken by the Kingdom of Bahrain in order to consolidate the spirit of dialogue, the principles of development and a culture of political empowerment considering that the place of culture at the heart of development policy is an essential investment in the future of the world and a precondition for successful globalization processes that take into account the principles of cultural diversity and that narrowing the gap between cultures is necessary and urgent for peace, stability and development.

Cultural diversity is a driving force for development not only on the level of economic growth, but also as a means for the intellectual, moral and spiritual more complete life, as it is a human right that achieve sustainable development.

Article 6.2 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights emphasized the obligation of states to secure the right to development as a human right. It stipulates that: "The steps to be taken by each of the states parties to the present covenant to achieve the full realization of this right have to provide guidance programs and training for technologists and professionals. It has to take, in this area, policies and techniques to achieve a steady economic, social and cultural development and full and productive employment under conditions safeguarding political and economic freedoms for individuals".

The United Nations campaign for the 2013 Cultural Diversity aims for Dialogue and Development to raise universal awareness about the importance of dialogue between cultures, the necessary relationship between culture and development, and the importance of the role of information and communication technology in this relationship, and strive to deepen cultural diversity values to build "live together" communities in a more harmonized way.

Accordingly, the National Institution for Human Rights, which was established by Royal Decree No. 46 of which calls for 2009 amended by the Royal Order No. 28 of 2012, calls to the need for concerted government and non-governmental organizations efforts to work together for the interest of activating the right to cultural diversity, dialogue and development, and work on the development of purposeful mechanisms that will spread the culture of dialogue, and to ensure the diversity of effective development aids.

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