



## Statement by NIHR on International Day of Older Persons

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The Kingdom of Bahrain joins the international community in the global celebration of the International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) on October 1 every year with a view to increasing attention to the elderly group, and enhancing the protection of their rights, by focusing on the needs and challenges faced by many elderly people around the world, being a top priority care group.

On the occasion of the International Day of Older Persons (IDOP), it is celebrated this year under the theme “**Digital Equity for All Ages**”, in order to highlight the importance of taking advantage of digital technologies to fully achieve Sustainable Development Goals 2030, since enabling all the world’s populations to access and use digital technologies and bridge digital gaps represents a challenge that should be addressed by raising awareness of the importance of digital inclusion for the older persons.

On this occasion, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) commends the care and attention provided by the Kingdom of Bahrain to the elderly group and to enhancing their capabilities, in order to ensure their full integration in all activities and programmes of the society, in line with the Economic Vision 2030 of the Kingdom of Bahrain, which aims to transform it into a smart kingdom for all individuals, especially the older persons.

On this occasion, the NIHR states that it follows-up and monitors the commitment to the international conventions and treaties ratified by the Kingdom of Bahrain, which are concerned with the promotion and protection of the rights of the older persons, calling at the same time for concerted national efforts towards more work and striving to improve the services provided to older persons.