



## **Statement by NIHR on the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**

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The world celebrates the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on March 21 every year to emphasise that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and have the capacity to contribute constructively to the development of their societies.

This year's occasion is celebrated under the theme “**Youth standing up against racism**”, aiming at promoting a culture of tolerance, equality and anti-discrimination, and calling on everyone to oppose racial prejudice and intolerant attitudes.

On the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) expresses its pride in the record of the Kingdom of Bahrain in combating all forms of racial discrimination, especially with the spread of COVID-19, as it has been limiting the negative humanitarian and economic effects of the pandemic on citizens and residents alike, and provided healthcare and safe and free vaccines in a manner that preserved the health and safety of everyone without exception or discrimination.

On this occasion, the NIHR states its continued cooperation with all partners and stakeholders on local, regional and international levels in order to promote and protect human rights without racism or discrimination in accordance with universal principles of human rights.