



Statement by NIHR on the World Environment Day

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On June 5 every year, the world celebrates the World Environment Day in order to contribute to urge members of the society to respect and preserve the environment through changing consumption patterns, and increase international awareness of the problems facing the environment, such as air pollution, sustainability and food security, to name a few.

The World Environment Day's theme for this year is **“Reimagine, Recreate, Restore”**, since the world is still exploiting and destroying the ecosystems of the planet. This day also coincides this year with the commencement of the UN Decade on “Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030”, which aims to restore ecosystems by halting the degradation of ecosystems on every continent and in every ocean, which will effectively contribute to eradicating poverty, combating climate change and preventing mass extinctions.

On this occasion, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) commends the great efforts of the Kingdom of Bahrain in implementing national plans and strategies, approving laws and legislation, and establishing institutions and official bodies that guarantee the protection of the environment and the sustainability of the development process in line with the Economic Vision 2030, through which it gained the confidence of the international community by assuming prestigious positions in the field of the environment, as well as hosting Regional Offices of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) and the United Nations Human Settlements Program (Habitat).

On this occasion, the NIHR states that it follows-up the commitment to the international conventions and treaties ratified by the Kingdom of Bahrain in the field of human rights, including those related to the right to a healthy environment, calling at the same time all parties of society to continue effective cooperation in order to preserve the environment and make optimal use of natural resources in a way that supports the sustainable development process.