

## Secretary-General of NHRC calls for adopting outcomes of Doha declaration on climate change, Human Rights



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Geneva, July 01 (QNA) – HE Secretary-General of the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) Sultan bin Hassan Al Jamali called on the United Nations Human Rights Council to adopt the outcomes of the Doha Declaration issued at the international conference on climate change and human rights, organized by NHRC in February 2023, in partnership with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Development Programme, the Arab League, and the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions.

In his remarks during the 59th session of the Human Rights Council, His Excellency called on the council to adopt the outcomes of the Doha Declaration issued by the International Conference on Climate Change and Human Rights, based on the negative impact of climate change on the effective enjoyment of human rights, and in line with NHRC's efforts and its follow-up of various related challenges and developments, and with recognition of the efforts made by the relevant institutions and mechanisms, foremost among which are the efforts of the special rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change.

He called for the Human Rights Council to encourage countries, and provide them with technical support, when necessary, to accelerate legislative reforms and adopt effective public policies and climate programs, while ensuring that human rights are integrated into the core of these measures.

He also called for the involvement of national human rights institutions in these efforts as essential partners, ensuring the participation of various stakeholders – including indigenous peoples and the most vulnerable groups, in formulating climate policies and making decisions, as well as assessing and reviewing their impacts, when necessary, in addition to enabling all affected parties and rights holders to access effective national redress mechanisms.