

Regional Forum for NHRIs, Concludes in Oman and Recommends Enhancing Cooperation, Sharing Expertise

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Salalah, July 27 (QNA)– In its closing session held in Salalah, Sultanate of Oman, on following up on the implementation of human rights-based national visions, the regional forum for national human rights institutions underlined the importance of reinforcing cooperation among National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), in addition to sharing expertise in planning and following up on the implementation of national visions, in collaboration with the United Nations, and other international organizations.

The two-day forum came out with an array of recommendations, including expanding the circle of consultations to encompass civil society organizations, particularly the primary segments that have the priority for care and engagement in all stages of national visions' relevant planning and

implementation.

The event recommended the importance of unifying efforts in capacity-building area, collecting and analyzing data related to human rights and sustainable development to ensure effective monitoring and evaluation of implementing human rights-based national strategies, in collaboration with stakeholders.

HE Chairperson of Qatar NHRC, Maryam bint Abdullah Al Attiyah, so far, underlined that the participation in the third edition of the regional forum came to highlight the superb national, regional and global cooperation with Oman Human Rights Commission, alongside the remaining partners in protecting human rights.

Al Attiyah emphasized the importance of reviewing the NHRIs' role in planning and following up on implementing national visions in human rights fields, specially that numerous countries have crafted national plans for human rights and national visions for development.

She added that such plans are not only dedicated to upholding international obligations, as the case with the recommendations of Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action 1993, or responding to the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 (SDGs), but rather to innovating consistent responses to challenges and concerns facing national and global human rights, in addition to

devising free, innovative, effective, and sustainable solutions, in which everyone engages without exception, including the most marginalized, vulnerable, and affected groups, so that stakeholders, can monitor the progress made, and enable rights holders to claim their rights, with duty bearers fulfilling their obligations.

HE Al Attiyah added that throughout the past three decades, a global direction has been emerged on human rights-based planning, along with a sheer number of human rights sectoral plans, such as labor and health.

Her Excellency highlighted that every single persons who reviews both the recommendations of comprehensive periodical review and the regional and international human rights commissions, will see that there is no document, whatsoever, which is devoid of a recommendation related to human rights-based planning with its total and partial levels, particularly in the national visions for development.

She pointed out that the world has went far beyond the traditional notion of development which is based on pure benevolence and economic dimensions, to the concept of human rights which deems development as an expansion of human's options, freedom and rights, in addition to extricating humans from the scourges of ignorance, disease and poverty.

The Forum brought together over 170 persons representing more than 50 institutions, UN organizations, alongside International and regional organizations, relevant entities, national human rights institutions, government agencies, and civil society organizations.