

**National Report of the Kingdom of Bahrain on the Progress Made
in Implementing the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action+30***

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Introduction

Within the framework of the Kingdom of Bahrain's international commitments, including the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995, and as part of the required periodic reports to monitor progress made in the status of women in critical areas of concern at all official and civil levels, this report was prepared using a participatory methodology supervised by the Supreme Council for Women. It brought together all relevant national entities, including government ministries, official institutions, private sector institutions and civil society organizations, which in turn, gratefully provided all data and information according to the required methodology and mechanism, to convey the reality of progress made and the extent of their compliance and commitment to implementing the Beijing Platform for Action, since the submission of the previous report in 2020.

The State ecosystem, with its various official and civil institutions, works towards achieving the supreme values enshrined in both the National Action Charter and the amended Constitution of the Kingdom of Bahrain. The comprehensive development process of the Kingdom of Bahrain has charted a clear path towards further progress and advancement, and many gains have been achieved in various scientific, political, economic, social and cultural fields. The highest levels of prosperity, coexistence, tolerance, justice and development have also been achieved. Bahraini women have had a prominent and effective presence in the national construction process, through the support of the wise leadership of the Supreme Council for Women and the strengthening of its work to continue its role in proposing public policy in the field of development and advancement of women's affairs in constitutional and civil society institutions. This has contributed to making Bahraini women a model of continuous giving and an effective partner in renaissance of the Kingdom, through institutional work methodologies that make women's participation a sustainable development role and provide them with fair opportunities by integrating their needs in order to achieve equal opportunities and gender balance in national construction throughout our contemporary history.

Through the collaborative national efforts of all government institutions, the private sector and civil society, the Kingdom of Bahrain has been able to establish a phase of work characterized by its qualitative outcomes in terms of empowering and advancing Bahraini

women, bridging gaps and implementing the principle of equal opportunities in various sectors. The basic pillars for monitoring the status of women and achieving gender balance at the national level include the Supreme Council for Women implementing its mandate to propose public policy in the field of development and advancement of women's affairs, developing a draft national plan for the advancement of Bahraini women, integrating women's needs into comprehensive development programmes (the national model for gender balance), raising community awareness of the role, rights and duties of women and representing Bahraini women in international forums and organizations.

The National Strategy for the Advancement of Bahraini Women, which was approved by His Majesty the King of the Kingdom of Bahrain in 2005, and the subsequent national plans to implement this strategy, constitute a roadmap that charts the steps forward for Bahraini women to become worthy partners in building the nation.

The Government Action Plan is one of the effective policies for implementing Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030 and a means for managing national development axes and supporting the productive and service sectors in enhancing women's contribution to economic growth. The National Plan for the Advancement of Bahraini Women is one of the key achievements of the Supreme Council for Women, ensuring the flexible integration of women's needs into government action plans and programmes. This was achieved through mechanisms of cooperation and coordination between the Supreme Council for Women and the executive authority.

HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa Award for the Advancement of Bahraini Women, which has been implemented nationally since 2004 and has been adopted globally by UN-Women, is considered one of the key initiatives that have contributed to highlighting the Bahraini model for supporting the empowerment and advancement of women. The first edition was in 2017 and the second in 2021. This comes within the framework of the Supreme Council for Women's efforts to highlight the successes achieved that reflect the progress made in the status of Bahraini women at the national level, disseminate best practices to enhance the status of women at the global level and strive to achieve development goals related to achieving justice, equal opportunities and gender balance.