

MESSAGE FROM THE CFNHRI CHAIR

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As we unite to celebrate Human Rights Day, let us reflect on the fundamental principles that bind us as a global community. This year bears profound significance as we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), a pivotal milestone in our shared commitment to the principles of dignity, freedom, and justice for all.

Reflecting on the theme "Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for all," the yearlong campaign, in collaboration with the UN Human Rights 75 Initiative, has been instrumental in rejuvenating the spirit of the UDHR. Together, we have celebrated its legacy, demonstrated its continued relevance, and showcased its activism in addressing the pressing needs of our time.

This year's advocacy focused on critical intersections between human rights and thematic areas such as Climate, Sport, Health, Business and women and girls. In Climate and Human Rights, we advocated for environmental justice, aligning our efforts with the principles of the UDHR. Recognizing the unifying power of sports, we are fostering inclusivity and fair treatment within the sporting arena under Sport and Human Rights. Our dedication extends to advocating for accessible and equitable healthcare, reaffirming the right to health as a fundamental human right within Health and Human Rights. We actively participated in the global campaign of 16 Days of Activism to acknowledge the urgency of addressing gender-based violence. Lastly, in the domain of Business and Human Rights, we emphasized responsible business conduct in alignment with the principles of dignity, freedom, and justice.

May this Human Rights Day serve as a reminder of the progress we have made and the work that remains.

Together, we continue to be catalysts for positive change, fostering a world where the dignity, freedom, and justice of every individual are upheld.