

Empowering Families: A Pathway to Development
April 16 & 17, 2014

Agenda

Day One

08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:30	Opening Session
Speakers	Ms. Noor Al Malki Al Jehani, Welcome Address Chairperson, Conference Planning Committee (CPC) Info-graph - The State of the Family in the World Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser ,Opening Statement Chairperson, Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development
09:30-10:30	Plenary Session 1: Families Matter
Synopsis	Article 16 (3) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights stipulates that the family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State. Investing in family policies and mainstreaming a family perspective in policy making creates the conditions for families to perform their functions, which support society and a nation's economic competitiveness. Yet despite their contribution to society and overall development, families are rarely considered when policies are made. This session will discuss why the family should be a priority for policy makers and the social and economic implications, when for whatever reasons, families fail.
Moderator	Ms. Jane Dutton Senior News Presenter, Al Jazeera English
Speakers	H.E. Dr. Abdullah Saleh Mubarak Al-Khulaifi Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Qatar H.E. Mr. Vincent Meriton Minister for Community Development, Social Affairs and Sports, Seychelles H.E. YB Datuk Azizah Mohd Dun Deputy Minister of Women, Family and Community Development, Malaysia Dr. Tuve Martin Hugo Skånberg von Beetzen Swedish Parliamentarian Dr. Bahira Sherif Trask Professor, Associate Chair, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Delaware Dr. Deisi Noeli Weber Kusztra President, World Family Organization
10:30-11:00	Break
11:00-12:00	Panel Discussion 1: Family and Poverty
Synopsis	Families affected by a range of different circumstances may have insufficient means to meet



	basic needs. This often sharply reduces their children's opportunities to succeed in education and employment and thereby allowing them to break cycles of intergenerational poverty. This session will consider why it is important to use the family as the unit of analysis when designing efforts to alleviate poverty, and will also look at policies and good practices for confronting family poverty.
Moderator	Dominic Richardson Policy Analyst, OECD Social Policy Division
Speakers	Khaled Abu Ismail Chief of Economic Policy Section, UN ESCWA Dimitri Mortelmans Head, Centre for Longitudinal and Life course Studies (CLLS) Christian Guy Director, Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) Catherine Bernard Director, Service and Research Institute on Family and Children (SERFAC) Zitha Mokomane Senior Research Specialist, Population Health, Health Systems and Innovation (PHHSI), Human Sciences Research Council
12:00-12:30	Discussion
11:00-12:00	Panel Discussion 2: Family and Work Balance
Synopsis	Work-family balance policies aim to support working parents in being productive individuals while ensuring the physical and emotional well-being of their children. Nearly all countries have implemented some policies aiming to support reconciliation of work and family life but their types, coverage and effectiveness vary. This session will discuss how to design effective policies to support family work balance and will look at policies and good practices.
Moderator	Lee Swepston Visiting Professor, Raoul Wallenberg Institute and Lund University/ Former Senior Advisor of Human Rights of the International Labour Organization (ILO)
Speakers	Margaret O'Brien Director, Thomas Coram Research Unit, Institute of Education, University of London Zafiris Tzannatos Senior Consultant for Policy and Research, SILATECH Dima Jamali Professor and Associate Dean, Olayan School of Business, American University of Beirut A.H. Anne Gauthier Senior Researcher, Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI) Anne-Claire de Liedekerke President, MMM Europe
12:00-12:30	Discussion
12:30-13:45	Lunch & Prayer Break
13:45-14:45	Panel Discussion 3: Family and Intergenerational Ties
Synopsis	As the most basic social institution, the family is the natural and essential social structure in which intergenerational solidarity is created and reinforced. During the past decades there have been significant changes in demographic behavior that affect intergenerational relations. In light of these changes, intergenerational bonds among family members may be even more important today than in the past. This session will explore how intergenerational solidarity could be strengthened through public policies and actions and will consider policies and good practices.
Moderator	Sergei Zelenev Executive Director, International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW)



Speakers	<p>Jane Barratt Secretary General, International Federation on Ageing (IFA)</p> <p>Donna M. Butts Executive Director, Generations United</p> <p>Hassan Hammoud Associate Professor, Department of Social Sciences, Lebanese American University</p> <p>Nico van Nimwegen Honorary Fellow, Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI) and Executive Director, European Association for Population Studies</p> <p>Ravi Karakara Global Advisor for the World Youth Conference and the UN Inter-agency Network on Youth Development/ Focal Point on Youth and the Post-2015 Development Agenda</p>
14:45-15:15	Discussion
13:45-14:45	Panel Discussion 4 : Families in Special Circumstances
Synopsis	Families who are refugees, living in war zones, fleeing natural disasters or coping with large-scale death due to diseases such as HIV/AIDS are living in extreme sets of circumstances, which can put intolerable burdens on them and make it impossible for them to perform their essential functions. Given the long-term impact on the well-being of an adult, their ability to contribute to society and also its impact on children this session will consider the required actions by national governments and international community to support families in these circumstances.
Moderator	<p>Froma Walsh Mose and Sylvia Firestone Professor Emerita, University of Chicago</p>
Speakers	<p>Sheikha Hessa Al Thani Special Envoy of the Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs, League of Arab States</p> <p>Yamina Chakkar Director, UNAIDS Regional Support Team for MENA</p> <p>Rima Salah Former Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF and Assistant Clinical Professor Yale School of Medicine, Child Study Center</p> <p>David Mikkelsen Troensegaard Co-Founder of Refugees United</p> <p>Abdulla Faraj Al-Abdulla Director of Quality, Impact & Strategy, Reach Out to Asia (ROTA)</p>
14:45-15:15	Discussion
15:15-15:30	Break
15:30-16:30	Open Program 1: World Family Map Launch of Findings
Synopsis	The Doha International Family Institute partnered in the 2014 World Family Map Project. The project produces an annual World Family Map that provides numerous family indicators; determines how family strengths are related to important social, economic, and health outcomes; and explores various factors that strengthen or undermine family life. This open program will launch the 2014 report which examines how family structure and poverty affects children's health outcomes in dozens of countries in the developed and developing world.
Speakers	<p>W. Bradford Wilcox Senior Fellow, Institute for Family Studies and Co-Director, World Family Map Project</p> <p>Laurie DeRose Director of Research for the World Family Map Project and Professor, University of Maryland</p> <p>Noor Al Malki Al Jehani Executive Director, Doha International Family Institute</p>



15:30-16:30	Open Program 2: Family Impact Seminars (Best Practices)
Synopsis	The Family Impact Seminars are a series of presentations, briefing reports, and discussion sessions for communicating high-quality, objective research to policymakers. Operating in 25 states in the USA, the Seminars encourage policymakers to view policies through the lens of family impact, and provide nonpartisan opportunities for policymakers to engage in open dialogue for fostering relationships and finding common ground. The program will highlight best practices for using research to build better public policy for families.
Speaker	Karen Bogenschneider Rothermel Bascom Professor of Human Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
16:30-17:00	Discussion
19:00-21:00	Gala Dinner

Day Two

09:00-10:00	Plenary Session 2: Family and the Post 2015 Development Agenda
Synopsis	The Millennium Declaration and the MDG framework have inspired development efforts, helped set global and national priorities and galvanized unprecedented actions to meet the needs of the world's poorest. The Millennium Declaration did not mention the family although the majority of the Millennium Development targets are difficult to attain unless the strategies to achieve them focus on the family. This might be due to the fact that the family is often viewed as a recipient rather than a contributor to development. Since the 20th anniversary of the IYF is coming at the eve of the target year (2015) of the MDGs, this session will discuss the need to stress the role of the family as a contributor to sustainable development in the ongoing efforts to achieve the current and future United Nations development goals.
Moderator	Prof. Deepak Nayyar Emeritus Professor of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Speakers	H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al Nasser UN High Representative of the Alliance of Civilizations H.E. Mrs. Amina J. Mohammed Special Adviser of the Secretary-General's on Post-2015 Development Planning Prof. Dr. Rolph van der Hoeven Human Resources and Local Development, International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam Ms. Nicole Bates-Eamer Former Researcher Consultant, Toward a Post-2015 Development Paradigm, CIGI Mr. Taj Hamad Secretary General, World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (WANGO)
10:00-10:30	Break
10:30-11:30	Panel Discussion 1: Family and Gender Equality
Synopsis	Gender equality is a human right and a cornerstone for development. The treatment of women in the family and society must uphold the principle of gender equality. This session will discuss how to advance women's equality in the family and society without overly focusing on the rights of one of the sexes over the other and will explore the need for a relational perspective to issues of gender which emphasizes the importance of gender equality for building strong societies and healthy families.
Moderator	Ranjana Kumari Director, Center for Social Research
Speakers	Maria Cruz-Saco Professor of Economics, Connecticut College Amira Sonbol



	<p>Professor of History, Georgetown University Ronald Wiman Development Manager, National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) Maya Morsy Gender Practice Team Leader for the Arab Region, UNDP Regional Center Julie Newton Manager Research Policy and Practice: Food Security and Livelihoods, Save The Children in Bangladesh</p>
11:30-12:00	Discussion
10:30-11:30	Panel Discussion 2 : Men in Families
Synopsis	Men have been traditionally seen as economic providers for the family and their other contributions to the family were ignored. Many family policies unintentionally presumed men to be absent from the family and/or do not fulfill their expected family responsibilities. Thereby, men were excluded from policy considerations. This session will consider the contribution of men to the family and the impact of absence of males and particularly fathers for family well-being whether this is involuntary or voluntary.
Moderator	Richard F. Doyle Co-founder of “Men Defense Association”
Speakers	Philip Hwang Professor of Psychology, University of Gothenburg Tom Beardshaw Co-founder of Dad Info, fatherhood specialist at Employees Matter and Partner, Native HQ Adrienne Burgess Joint Chief Executive and Head of Research, Fatherhood Institute Zaven Kouyoumdjian Media figure, talk show host and producer
11:30-12:00	Discussion
10:30-11:30	Panel Discussion 3: Family Data and Research
Synopsis	In order for governments to understand and design policies to meet the needs of families, updated cross sectorial national statistics and data on the situation of families and children are essential. Reliable studies are also required to determine the scale of the problems families face, and trusted analyses should be available of the underlying drivers. This session will discuss and assess the availability of statistics, data and families as well as how they can be improved to inform policy design and implementation.
Moderator	Simone Cecchini Economist, Social Development Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
Speakers	Mihaela Robila Professor, Human Development and Family Studies Fellow, American Psychological Association Dominic Richardson Policy Analyst, OECD Social Policy Division Ahmed Abdel Monem Manager of the Pan Arab Project for Family Health (PAPFAM), League of Arab States (LAS) Samantha Callan Associate Director for Families and Mental Health, Centre for Social Justice Anjli Panalal Doshi Deputy Director General (Policy), Malaysian National Population and Family Development Board



11:30-12:00	Discussion
12:00-13:00	Lunch & Prayer Break
13:00-14:00	Panel Discussion 4: National Institutions and Family Policy
Synopsis	Countries need to define and strengthen national mechanisms that address family policies and mainstream a family perspective in public policies. They also need to adopt a comprehensive range of “family policies” which all explicitly aim to support family functions. This session will look at these institutions, their roles and challenges they face. It will also discuss the design and implementation of family policies and how it could be enhanced.
Moderator	Renata Kaczmarek Focal Point on the Family, DSPD/DESA
Speakers	Maria Francesca Mireille Martin Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare, Republic of Mauritius Aynur Sofiyeva Mammadiyya Deputy Chair, State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs, Azerbaijan Republic Faeqa Saeed Al Saleh Assistant Secretary-General of the League of the Arab States, Head of Sector for Social Affairs Karen Bogenschneider Rothermel Bascom Professor of Human Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison Mark Belsey Former Advisor, Maternal, Child and Family Health, World Health Organization (WHO)/ Author of "AIDS and the Family"
14:00-14:30	Discussion
13:00-14:00	Panel Discussion 5: Family and Civil Society
Synopsis	Civil society plays an important role in defining the family agenda at the national and international levels. Non-governmental organizations provide essential ‘connective tissue’ between the families whose benefit is being sought by policies and the national (and local) governments who have directed their implementation. This session will consider the role of civil society organizations in family policy making through promotion, implementation and monitoring of family policies and programs. It will also discuss how the partnerships between civil society and governments can be improved.
Moderator	Andrei Abramov Chief of the NGO Section, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)
Speakers	Amal Al Mannai Executive Director, Social Development Center Susan Roynance Founder, United Families International Ignacio Socías Director, Communication and International Relations, International Federation for Family Development (IFFD) Ike Nnaedozie National President, Nigerian Association for Family Development (NAFAD) Jamal bin Obaid Al Bah Chairman, Arab Family Organization Ray Mutura President, Voice of the Family in Africa
14:00-14:30	Discussion



14:30-14:45	Break
14:45-16:00	Closing – Presentation of Outcome