



2014 - TWENTIETH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE
INTERNATIONAL
YEAR OF THE FAMILY

The Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development (DIIFSD),
The International Federation for Family Development (IFFD)
and The Committee of the Regions of the European Union
in cooperation with the
Focal Point on the Family, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
are pleased to invite you to the

Raise Awareness Meeting

Poverty, work-family balance and intergenerational solidarity

convened as part of preparations for the Twentieth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family, 2014

Programme

9:00 Registration

9:30 Welcome Address

Noor Al-Maki, Executive Director, Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development
Marina Robben, President, International Federation for Family Development

9:40 Opening Speeches

Thomas Wobben, Director of the Directorate for horizontal policies, EU Committee of the Regions
Anna Záborská, Chairwoman of the Working Group on the Family, European Parliament

10:45 Coffee Break

11:15 Round Table

Renata Kaczmarska, Focal Point on the Family, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
Dominic Richardson, Policy Analyst, OECD Social Policy Division
Barbara Trentin, Head of Cabinet, Regional Minister of Social Affairs, Veneto Region

12:45 Closure Speech

Lieve Franssen, EU Director Responsible for Europe 2020: Social Policies

5 June 2012 · 9:30-1:00

Venue: Committee of the Regions - Jacques Delors building (Rue Belliard 99 - 101 Brussels) - Room JDE 51

Interpretation: English / French / Spanish

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The twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family offers an opportunity to refocus on the role of families in development; take stock of recent trends in family policy development; share good practices in family policy making; review challenges faced by families worldwide and recommend solutions.

Owing to rapid socio-economic and demographic transformations, families find it more and more difficult to fulfil their numerous responsibilities. Many struggle to overcome poverty and adequately provide for the younger and older family members. It is also more and more difficult for them to reconcile work and family responsibilities and maintain the intergenerational bonds that sustained them in the past.

In response to these trends, the preparations for the twentieth anniversary of the IYF will focus on exploring family-oriented policies and strategies aiming mainly at confronting family poverty; ensuring work-family balance and advancing social integration and intergenerational solidarity. The preparatory process is to accelerate progress in family policy development; demonstrate its relevance for overall development efforts and draw attention to the role of different stakeholders in achieving these goals.

Governments, United Nations agencies and bodies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, research and academic institutions and the private sector are encouraged to play a supportive role in promoting the objectives of the twentieth anniversary for the benefit of families worldwide.