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***Family-oriented policies for Sustainable Development:
Towards the Second World Summit for Social Development
2025***

Bionotes of Speakers



María del Rosario Esteinou Madrid

Professor and Researcher, Center of Research and Higher Studies in Social Anthropology, Mexico

Professor Esteinou got her PhD in Sociology at the University of Turin, Italy. She is a family sociologist and has been a researcher for over 30 years at the Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS - Center of Research and Higher Studies in Social Anthropology) in Mexico City. She is fellow of the National System of Research of the National Council of Science and Technology, the Mexican Academy of Sciences, the National Council of Family Relations, and the International Sociological Association. She has published articles, chapters, and books about the family in Mexico, especially in the fields of sociology, anthropology, demography, history and social psychology. Her research interests focus on family and couple relationships, parenting, adolescents and youth, and family policy. She has been a visiting professor at the Centre of Family Research at the University of Cambridge, the London School of Economics in the United Kingdom, the University of Newcastle in Australia, and the University of Nebraska in the United States.



Vivian Lou Weigun

Professor, Department of Social Work & Social Administration, University of Hong Kong

Professor Lou Vivian W. Q. is the Director of Sau Po Centre on Ageing, and Professor at Department of Social Work & Social Administration at the University of Hong Kong. Her research interests focus on family gerontology, in particular family caregiving for dementia, stroke, end-of-life older adults, and social adaptation and mental health of Chinese older adults and family caregivers. She has committed to cross-sector collaboration with community partners, social enterprises, and the market. Prof. Lou has been appointed as a member of the Statistics Advisory Board, Community Investment and Inclusion Fund, Senior Police Call Central Advisory Board, and Elderly Academy Development Foundation of the HKSAR Government. She is a fellow of the Gerontological Society of America, and a Council member of Hong Kong Association of Gerontology and Consortium of Institutes of Family Limited (CIFA). Professor Lou is recognized as Healthy Ageing 50 leaders transforming the world to be a better place in which to grow older in 2022 and Woman Change Maker in STEM in 2023.



Anna Nagy

Founder and Leader, Single Parent Families Foundation Centers, Hungary

Ms. Anna Nagy is a journalist, communications expert, and former government spokesperson. Ms. Nagy founded the Single Parent Families Foundation in 2005, and since 2017, she has been dedicating herself fully to the mission of supporting single-parent families. Before that, she had served as a government spokesperson, deputy secretary of State and foreign affairs spokesperson, among others. She holds a degree in English and French literature; a postgraduate degree in International Relations and Affairs, and a degree in mental health.



Patricia Debeljuh

Director, Centro Conciliación Familia y Empresa, IAE Business School

Professor Debeljuh is the Director of the Research Center for Work and Family Balance, IAE Business School - Austral University, Buenos Aires (Argentina). She has over twenty years of academic experience. Her areas of specialization include business ethics, corporate social responsibility, work and family balance and women leadership. Member of a faculty, in charge of Executive MBA courses and training seminars for executives, mentor and director of doctoral theses and master's degrees. Author of several publications and books. Lecturer and speaker at international events in all Latin American countries. academic career in promoting the development of women in business, awarded by Confederación Argentina de la Mediana Empresa (CAME).

**Francisca Lawson Tettevie**

Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies, University of Nebraska Lincoln

Francisca Lawson Tettevie, MS, is a second-year doctoral student in the Global Family Health and Well-being program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She represents the IFFD Working Groups for the preparations of the Second World Summit for Social Development, 44

young researchers from 18 countries coordinated by the International Federation for Family Development (IFFD). She serves in roles that allow her to advocate and contribute to interventions that are centered on meeting the needs of families. Francisca hopes to continue to collaborate, partner, and work with communities globally on family-friendly policies and interventions.