Wednesday, 7 September

9:30-9:45 Opening Session
Welcoming remarks
Masumi Ono Chief, Social Inclusion and Participation Branch, Division for Inclusive Social Development, DISD/UNDESA
Introduction of participants

9:45 - 11:00 Session I

New technologies and families

Moderator & Introductory remarks: Renata Kaczmarska Focal Point on the Family, DISD/UNDESA

Presenters:
Susan Walker “Digital technologies: interlinkages with megatrends & regional perspectives”
Benjamin Freer “Online child abuse prevention: best practices for parents, communities and Governments”

Issues for discussion
• Regional perspectives on technological changes & their impact on families
• Interlinkages between digital technologies, migration and urbanization
• Digital inclusion
• Vulnerable families and access to digital technologies
• Digital technologies and family and children’s wellbeing
• Consequences of telework during and after COVID-19 pandemic
• Online child abuse prevention

11:00-12:30  Session II

Urbanization and Families

Moderator: Sharifa Al-Emadi

Presenter: Bahira Sherif Trask “Urbanization trends around the world: regional perspectives & approaches”

Issues for discussion

• Urbanization trends at global & regional levels
• Vulnerable families and urbanization
• Adequate housing conditions
• Migration and urbanization linkages
• Gender perspective on urbanization
• Intergenerational approaches to urbanization
• Good practices around the world

12:30 – 13:30  Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00  Session III

Urbanization and family wellbeing – Europe and MENA region

Moderator & Introductory remarks: Ignacio Socias “Urbanization trends & good practices in Europe”  
Presenter:
Ahmed Aref “The state of urbanization, migration and the family in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)”

Issues for discussion

- Urbanization trends in Europe
- Urbanization trends in MENA region
- Interlinkages between urbanization and migration in Europe and MENA region
- Vulnerable families and access to decent housing
- The impact of COVID-19

15:00 – 16:30
Session IV
Migration & Urbanization trends in the Americas

Moderator & Introductory remarks: Alex Vazquez
“Urbanization trends & good practices in Latin America”
Presenter: Rosario Esteinou “Migration trends in Latin America and the Caribbean”

Issues for discussion

- Regional migration trends
- Internal, regional and international migration
- Sending and receiving countries
- Family reunification policies
- Families displaced by conflict
- Refugees and displaced populations
- Transnational families
- Transnational motherhood
- Families and mental health

Thursday, 8 September

9:30-11:00
Session V
Migration trends and family wellbeing: Regional Perspectives: Focus on Asia

Moderator: Renata Kaczmarska
Presenter: Xuefei Ren “Urbanization and migration trends in Asia & their impact on families”
Issues for discussion

- Urbanization trends in Asia
- Urbanization in China and India
- Rural to urban migration in China & India
- Urbanization, migration and family wellbeing in the region

11-12:30  Session VI
Migration and Urbanization trends in Africa

**Moderator:** Ahmed Aref

**Presenter:**
Pragna Rugunanan “Migration and urbanization trends in Africa”

Issues for discussion

- Internal & international migration
- Migration and conflicts
- Displaced populations
- Migration and urbanization impacts on families

12:30 – 13:30  Lunch break

13:30-15:00  Session VII
Megatrends and family wellbeing: focus on homelessness, disability and indigenous issues

**Moderator:** Benjamin Frier

**Presenters:**
Jean Quinn “Transforming our cities: how empowering families can break the cycle of urban homelessness”
Margo Hilbrecht “Migration and urbanization trends and family wellbeing: focus on disability and indigenous issues: Canadian perspective”

Issues for discussion

- Homelessness in urban areas
- Family homelessness
• Migration and urbanization trends in North America with focus on Canada
• Migration and urbanization impacts on families, focus on indigenous families and families with disabilities
• Good practices

15:00-16:30

Session VIII
Megatrends: Interlinkages & policy implications
Good practices and civil society activism

Moderator: Renata Kaczmarska
Presenters:

Lara Hicks “Climate-induced migration: symptoms, causes, and examples of innovative, locally-led solutions for vulnerable families in the Philippines”
Juan Antonio López Baljarg “Good practices in family-oriented urbanization policies: Mexican perspective”

Roundtable discussion with experts & civil society representatives

Issues for discussion

• Family-oriented policies vis a vis megatrends
• Urbanization, migration and climate change
• Challenges and obstacles to family policymaking dealing with megatrends
• The role of civil society in family policy advocacy & research
• Good practices

Roundtable discussion with audience participation

16:30-17:00

Closing session
Conclusions and recommendations*

Closing remarks: Renata Kaczmarska

* Final recommendations will be elaborated via email exchanges with participants