



Expert Group Meeting Families and Climate Change

15-16 May 2024

15 May: 09:00 to 17:00, New York time

16 May: 09:00 to 17:00, New York time

All sessions will be held in Conference Room 1521 – 15th floor of the Secretariat Building except Session I which is open to the public and will be held in Conference Room 11 (Conference Building)

AGENDA

| Wednesday, 15 May 2024 | |
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| 9:00-9:45 | Registration |
| 10:00-11:45 (CR 11) | <p>Session 1:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Observance of the International Day of Families “Families and climate change”</p> <p><u>Moderator & introductory remarks:</u> Masumi Ono, Chief, Social Integration & Participation Branch, Division for Inclusive Social Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, DISD/UNDESA</p> <p><u>Launch of publications:</u></p> <p>M. Gamal Abdelmonem, Chair in Architecture & Founding Director of Research, University of York, United Kingdom <i>“Home, family and climate change: Understanding the power of home to transform societies in the face of climate emergency”</i></p> <p>Renata Kaczmarek, Focal Point on the Family, DISD/UNDESA & Chista Behbin-Guirand, Intern, UNDESA <i>“Main findings and recommendations of the background paper on ‘Climate change and families’</i> (authored by Professor Lena Dominelli, University of Stirling, United Kingdom)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Observance of the 30th anniversary of the</p> |

International Year of the Family

International forum on IYF+30 achievements and the way forward

**Regional expert group meetings,
symposiums, awareness-raising events
& national and local good practices & initiatives**

Presenters:

Irwan Nadzif bin Mahpul, Researcher at the Population and Family Research Division, National Population & Family Development Board, NPFDB, Malaysia

*The Development of Family Wellbeing Index : Malaysia Experience
EGM on Interlinkages between Migration, Urbanization, New Technologies, Demographic Trends and Climate Change in Asia*

Sharifa Al-Emadi, Executive Director, Doha International Family Institute, DIFI

*EGM on Technological Change and the Family in the Arab Region
EGM on Demographic Change & Family Wellbeing in Africa
International Conference on Family and Contemporary Megatrends*

Ignacio Socias, Director of International Relations, International Federation for Family Development, IFFD

*EGM on Population Ageing and Family Wellbeing in Europe
Event at the European Parliament on the Impact of Climate Anxiety on Family Formation (Understanding the Controversy on the Decline in Fertility and the Future Evolution of it)*

Vivian Lou Weigun, Professor, University of Hong Kong and Representative of the Consortium of Family Institutes in Asia, CIFA

EGM on Demographic Changes & Ageing of Population in Asia

Juan Antonio López Baljarg, Director general, Instituto de Analisis de Politica Familiar, IAPF

EGM on Megatrends and Families: Focus on Demographic Change in Latin America

Donna Butts, Executive Director, Generations United

Symposium "Changing Demographics can Result in Strengthening Families"

Dominic Richardson, Managing Director, Learning for Wellbeing Institute, Netherlands

EGM on Parenting, Caregiving, Work-family Balance and Family Policies

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| | <p>Roberto Ciambetti, President, Regional Council of Veneto Region <i>Family Policies and the Impact of Climate Change</i></p> <p>Diosdado Marasigan, President, Educhild Foundation, Inc. <i>Parenting education initiatives & IFFD Congress, Philippines</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Civil Society Declaration</p> <p>Presenters: Alex Vazquez, Representative to the UN/Strategic Partnerships Coordinator, IFFD Madeleine Wallin, Secretary General, European Federation of Parents and Carers at Home, FEFAF <i>Unpaid care and domestic work and early childhood development</i> Regina Maroncelli Florio, President, European Large Families Confederation, ELFAC <i>New technologies & the wellbeing of families at home, at work and in the community</i></p> |
| 11:45-13:00 | <i>Lunch break</i> |
| 13:00-15:00 | <p>Session 2: Climate change and demographic trends</p> <p>Moderator: David Harris, President of Children’s Research and Education Institute</p> <p>Presenters: Zitha Mokomane, Professor & Head of the Department of Sociology, University of Pretoria, <i>“Population growth and environmental sustainability”</i> Ignacio Socias, IFFD <i>“The impact of climate anxiety on family formation”</i></p> <p><i>Issues for discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High fertility and environmental concerns • Impact of growing population on the planet • Climate anxiety & family formation • Climate change and mental health • Perceptions of Governments’ responses to the climate crisis |
| 15:00-15:15 | <i>Coffee break</i> |

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| 15:15-17:00 | <p>Session 3: Climate change perspectives</p> <p>Moderator: Susan Walker, Associate Professor Emeritus, Family Social Science, University of Minnesota</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <p>Ruben P. Viramontez Anguiano, Professor, University of Colorado <i>“Climate change, Indigenous perspectives and sustainable family farming”</i></p> <p>Martin Bujard, Deputy Director of the Federal Institute for Population Research, Germany <i>“Why families are essential for future climate protection policy”</i></p> <p>Kinga Joo, European Policy and International Affairs Advisor, National Association of Large Families, Hungary, NOE <i>“EU climate action: Engaging families for sustainable change”</i></p> <p><i>Issues for discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous peoples & climate change • The importance of sustainable family farming • Families and climate change advocacy • Good practices |
| Thursday, 16 May 2024 | |
| 09:30-10:45 | <p>Session 4: Family and intergenerational perspectives on climate change</p> <p>Moderator: Donna Butts, Generations United</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <p>Ahmed Aref, Planning and Content Manager, Doha International Family Institute, DIFI <i>“Family stability & environmental sustainability: an interdependent nexus”</i></p> <p>Regina Maroncelli Florio <i>“Families, circular economy, education and environmentally friendly habit formation”</i></p> <p><i>Issues for discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is family perspective absent from climate change considerations? • Climate change and responsibilities towards future generations • Environmentally friendly education and habit formation • Circular economy and families • Families and ‘voting with your wallet’ • Families living under one roof: less of an environmental footprint and shared use of resources |
| 10:45-11:00 | <i>Coffee break</i> |

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| 11:00-12:30 | <p>Session 5: Climate change, migration, and urbanization</p> <p>Moderator: Kinga Joo, NOE</p> <p>Presenters: Bahira Trask, Professor, Human Development & Family Science, University of Delaware “<i>Interlinkages between climate change, forced migration and displacement and sustainable urbanization</i>” Gamal Abdelmonem, Chair in Architecture, University of York “<i>Sustainable city design and families</i>” (virtual) Antonio Franzina, Regional Council of Veneto Region “<i>Sustainable urbanization: Good practices from Veneto region</i>”</p> <p><i>Issues for discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal & international migration • Migration and conflicts • Displaced population • Migration and urbanization impacts on families |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch Break |
| 13:30-15:00 | <p>Session 6: Climate change and new technologies</p> <p>Moderator: Sharifa Al-Emadi, DIFI</p> <p>Presenters: Susan Walker, University of Minnesota “<i>Climate change, family technology use and the role of tech in promoting climate action</i>” Patricia Debeljuh, Director, Centro Conciliacion Familia y Empresa, IAE Business School & Angeles Destefano, IAE Business School “<i>Redefining workspaces: Human ecology, families and environmental footprint</i>”</p> <p><i>Issues for discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental impacts of technology use in families • New technologies and climate change action • Energy savings from telework • Good practices |
| 15:00-15:15 | Coffee break |
| 15:15-16:30 | <p>Session 7: IYF+30 way forward: The roles of stakeholders: Governments, academics, civil society, families & home</p> <p>Moderator: Alex Vazquez, IFFD</p> <p>Madeleine Wallin, FEFAF “<i>Climate Change – How families can make a difference?</i>” Mercedes Jaureguibeitia, Executive Director, Home Renaissance Foundation & Angela de Miguel, Project and Media Manager, Home Renaissance Foundation “<i>Care in the home, care of the common home</i>”</p> |

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| | <p><i>Issues for discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IYF+ 30 outcomes and recommendations • The role of academics, civil society and Governments in family policies research, advocacy and implementation • The Second World Summit for Social Development in 2025 • Decade for family policy implementation (2024-2034)? • VNR reviews • Family wellbeing indices • Outreach and engagement with civil society |
| <p>16:30 -16:45</p> | <p>Closing session: Conclusions and recommendations *</p> <p><u>Closing remarks:</u> Renata Kaczmarska, DISD/UNDESA</p> <p>* Final recommendations will be elaborated via email exchanges with participants</p> |
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