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Geographical Representation

In preparation for the IYF+30, DIFI & partners have organized multiple regional expert group meetings (EGM) around the world.



- 1 Cairo, Egypt - 2023
- 2 New York, USA - 2019-2024
- 3 Pretoria, South Africa - 2023
- 4 Mexico City, Mexico - 2023
- 5 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia - 2024
- 6 Sydney, Australia - 2024



EGM ON TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE AND THE FAMILY IN THE ARAB REGION



ABOUT THE EGM

- DIFI organized an EGM in partnership with **UNDESA and the United Nations Population Fund in the Arab States Region**, held in **Cairo, Egypt**;
- The two-day meeting shed light on the topics of **technological change and the family in the Arab region**;
- EGM focused on:
 - a. The positive and negative effects of technology on the Arab family,
 - b. A review of international experiences on digital parenting programs,
 - c. The importance of technology in supporting work-family balance,
 - d. Enhancing the provision of family care services for the elderly through assistive technology;
 - e. Violence and cyberbullying
 - f. Digital addiction and its impact on marital and parenting relationships

SELECTED RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Recognize the family as the agent of sustainable development and prioritize the social development through effective family-oriented policies at the national levels.**
2. **Expand families' access to information technology and develop family capabilities** in this regard.
3. **Develop parenting education programmes** to protect families, especially children and adolescents, from violence and cyberbullying, and develop related manuals
4. Consider the spatial and organizational capabilities of the house and its traditional functions to accommodate the experience of working and teaching during crises.
5. **Invest in assistive technologies to provide better care for older persons and inclusion for persons with disabilities** and all vulnerable members of the family.

SELECTED RECOMMENDATIONS

6. Develop monitoring and following-up mechanisms with regard to the family, fertility data and population dynamics.
7. Conduct studies on the impact of Covid-19 on fertility-behavioral trends.
8. Encourage sharing of good practices and research on IYF+30 mega trends.
9. Invest in impact assessment research to evaluate family policies.
10. **Evolve digital literacy and digital parenting programs to respond to technology advances and new usage patterns**

EGM ON DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE AND FAMILY WELLBEING IN AFRICA



ABOUT THE EGM

- The EGM was held in Pretoria, South Africa, organized by DIFI in partnership with the University of Pretoria, the UNDESA and IFFD;
- The three-day meeting shed light on the topic of ‘Demographic Changes and Family Wellbeing in Africa’;
- The EGM focused on:
 - a. The major family formation trends in Africa and how these changes affected family wellbeing,
 - b. The role of technology in these changes and its impact on digital parenting,
 - c. The challenges and opportunities presented by social protection policy frameworks towards supporting elderly care in the region,
 - d. The interlinkages between demographic trends, migration and urbanisation in contemporary Africa, and
 - e. The major lessons learned in developing and implementing national and regional family policies.

SELECTED RECOMMENDATIONS

1. focus to social determinants of health to address underlying vulnerabilities of the region;
2. Improve the use of existing migration platforms to coordinate information and data sharing to inform policymakers;
3. Redesign the workplaces, including the following policies: minimum six months of paid parental leave; breastfeeding facilities and compensated breastfeeding breaks for the first six months; affordable, accessible and quality childcare services; child grants that support all families with children; labor regulations to improve the working conditions of families with children in the formal and informal sectors;
4. Enhance traditional family system of parenting by integrating new means of supporting family and upbringing through institutions and the establishment of permanent or transitional policies;
5. Support communities with new technologies access and training;

SELECTED RECOMMENDATIONS

6. Invest in research agenda and data collection including the development of family wellbeing indicators;
7. Use family lens in policy formulation, monitoring and evaluation;
8. Invest in research on migration, divorce and other relevant issues and their impacts on families;
9. Develop culturally adapted parenting education programmes;
10. Extend urban design, currently aimed at urban minorities in well-to-do suburbs to informal urban settlements.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FAMILY AND CONTEMPORARY MEGATRENDS



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CAN POLICY SHAPE TECHNOLOGICAL, MIGRATION, URBANIZATION, DEMOGRAPHIC AND CLIMATE CHANGE TO PROTECT AND EMPOWER FAMILIES?

DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE

URBANIZATION AND INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE

CLIMATE CHANGE



CONFERENCE OVERVIEW


WHEN?
 Oct 29-31
 Day 1: Youth Summit
 Day 2 & 3: Global Conference


YOUTH-LED SESSIONS


WHERE?
DOHA - QNCC


ARABIC-LED SESSIONS


Speakers ~100


Sessions ~30


EXPECTED AUDIENCE
2000


TARGET AUDIENCE

Leaders	Policymakers	NGOs
Academics	Practicioners	Youth

THANK YOU

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE



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