



البحوث لدعم السياسات الأسرية Research to advance family policies

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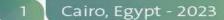
**REGIONAL PARTNERS** 

#### **Geographical Representation**

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







2 New york, USA - 2019-2024

3 Pretoria, South Africa - 2023

4 Mexico City, Mexico - 2023

Kuala Lampur, Malaysia - 2024

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



- 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.



- 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.



- 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;



- 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

#### FAMILY AND CONTEMPORARY MEGATRENDS



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















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**Practicioners** 

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#### **CONFERENCE STRUCTURE**



#### PARALLEL SESSIONS



CHILDREN FRIENDLY ZONE



EXPERT FAMILY COUNCILING SPEAKERS



VOICE OF WISDOM



**COMMUNITY SPACE** 



DIFI CAFE



CLOSED ROUNDTABLE



**TED TALKS FORMAT** 



PERSONAL STORIES



DEBATE FORMAT





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