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Agenda

Regional Expert Group Meeting for North America
in preparation for the 30th anniversary of the International Year of Family,
(IYF+30) 2024
Orlando, Florida, 11 November 2023

**Megatrends & Families:
Focus on Demographic Change,
Migration and Urbanization in North America**

8:00 – 8:30 Coffee and networking (optional)

8:30 – 9:00 **Opening Session**

Welcoming remarks

- **Norma J. Bond Burgess, NCFR President**
- **Renata Kaczmarska, United Nations Social Affairs Officer, Focal Point on Family**

Introduction of participants

9:00 - 11:00 **Session I**

Demographic change in North America

Moderator: Renata Kaczmarska

Presenters: Hilary A. Rose, Shelley Clark & Sarah Brauner-Otto, & Mihaela Robila

Issues for discussion

- Demographic change in the United States, Canada and Mexico
- Fertility & nuptiality trends
- Ageing trends
- Demographic trends and health
- Impacts of COVID-19
- Care arrangements for children and older persons

11:00-12:30

Session II

Urbanization trends in North America

Moderator: Renata Kaczmarska

Presenter: Bahira Sherif Trask & Raeann Hamon

Issues for discussion

- Urbanization trends in the United States, Canada and Mexico
- Vulnerable families and urbanization
- Adequate housing
- Gender perspective on urbanization
- Intergenerational approaches to urbanization
- Homelessness

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00

Session III

Migration trends in North America

Moderator: Bethany Letiecq

Presenter: Ruben P. Viramontez Anguiano & Yan Ruth Xia

Issues for discussion

- Regional migration trends

- Family reunification policies in the USA & Canada
- Transnational families
- Transnational motherhood
- Families and mental health
- Differences between US and Canada in accepting immigrants

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee break

15:15 – 16:45 **Session IV**
Interlinkages between demographic change, urbanization and migration: Policy implications

Moderator: Colleen Vesely

Presenter: Ignacio Socias & Margo Hilbrecht

Issues for discussion

- Family-oriented policies tackling demographic change, urbanization and migration in the region
- Challenges and obstacles to family policymaking dealing with megatrends
- The role of civil society in family policy advocacy & research
- Good practices

Roundtable discussion

16:45 -17:00 **Closing session**
Conclusions and recommendations*

Closing remarks:

- **Joseph Grzywacz**
- **Renata Kaczmarek**

*** Final recommendations will be elaborated via email exchanges with participants.**