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 Kaczmarska

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