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Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)
Division for Social Policy and Development

Agenda

United Nations Expert Group Meeting
New York, 12 – 13 May 2016
Conference room 12

Family policies and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda

12 May

9:00-9:30

Registration

9:30-10:00

Opening Session: The relevance of family policies in advancing the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda

Welcome & opening remarks

Daniela Bas, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

Objectives and expected outcomes of the meeting

Jean-Pierre Gonnot, Chief, Social Integration Branch, DSPD/DESA

Introduction of participants

10:00-12:00

Session I

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages – the role of family policies in achieving SDG3: Reduction in global maternal mortality & Access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, including for family planning, Information and education, and the integration of reproductive health into national strategies and programmes (SDG3: 3.1 & 3.7)

Moderator – Bahira Trask

Introductory remarks

Ann Biddlecom *“Role of family policies in achieving SDG3 targets on maternal, sexual and reproductive health”*

Issues for discussion

- Family policies and SDGs 1-5
- SDG3 indicators and family policies
- Maternal health
- Sexual and reproductive health services
- Gender equality and fertility

12:00-13:15

Lunch Break

13:15-14:45

Session II

SDG3 & beyond

Observance of the 2016 International Day of Families:

Families, healthy lives and sustainable future



INTERNATIONAL
DAY OF FAMILIES
15 MAY 2016

Moderator & Introductory remarks

Dominic Richardson *“Families, family policies and Sustainable Development Goals”*

Presentations:

Daryl Higgins *“Safe and supportive family environments and children’s well-being”*

Zitha Mokomane *“Work-family balance and health outcomes”*
Scott Behson *“The effects of involved fatherhood on families & how fathers can be supported both at the workplaces and in the home”*

Rosario Esteinou *“Families, parents and youth well-being”*

Wendy Wang *“Families, intergenerational transfers and well-being of older adults”*

Roundtable discussion with audience participation

14:45-15:00

Break

15:00-17:00

Session III

Family policies to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages. (SDG3; 3.3 by 2030 end the epidemics of AIDS and other communicable diseases; 3.4 reduce premature mortality from non-communicable diseases through prevention and treatment and promote mental health and well-being)

Moderator – Mahmoud Meskoub

Introductory remarks

Abdullah Badahdah “Family policy & HIV/AIDS”

Mihaela Robila ”Families, mental health and well-being”

Issues for discussion

- Family policies in the context of health issues
- Universal health insurance
- HIV/AIDS prevention
- Mental health, family relations and family policies

Roundtable discussion on all SDG3 issues from Day 1

17:00- 18:00 Summary & policy recommendations on family policies to promote the achievement of SDG3

13 May

9:00-10:30

Session IV

Family policies for poverty and hunger eradication: lessons learnt from MDGs and a way forward (SDG1) (1.2 reduction of poverty in all its dimensions; 1.3. social protection; 1.4 access to basic services; 1.b create sound policy frameworks at the national, regional and international levels, based on pro-poor and gender-sensitive development strategies) Family-oriented policies for ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition (SDG2): 2.2. By 2030 end all forms of malnutrition)

Moderator – Mihaela Robila

Introductory remarks

Zitha Mokomane “Family oriented policies for poverty and hunger eradication in developing countries and indicators of progress”

Esuna Dugarova "Implementing SDG1: poverty eradication through family support policies and social protection measures in transition economies"

Issues for discussion

- Benefits of family-focused policies to achieve SDG1: focus on developing countries & countries in transition
- Challenges and prospects of implementing family-oriented policies to eradicate poverty
- Families as focus of interventions for better nutrition

10:45-12:00

Session V

Ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all (SDG4): 4.2.ensure that all girls and boys have access to quality early childhood development, care and pre-primary education..; 4.6. ensure that all youth ...achieve literacy and numeracy.

Moderator – Rosario Esteinou

Introductory remarks

Mahmoud Meskoub ”Towards achieving SDGs: how social policies can support families/households to achieve their needs”

Keiko Hirao “Education for sustainable future”

Issues for discussion

- Types of support for families & households to promote education
- Education for sustainable future
- Parents and other family members & their role in promoting educational achievement of children and youth
- The role of men in education promotion

12:00-13:15

Lunch break

13:15-14:45

Session VI

Cross-cutting issues affecting families and family policy development (SDGs 1-5)

Moderator – **Renata Kaczmarska**, Focal Point on the Family, DSPD/DESA

Introductory remarks

Bahira Trask “*Gender equality perspective to achieve SDGs 1-4*”

Issues for discussion

- Cross-cutting issues affecting family policy development
- Gender equality focus in selected SDGs

14:45-15:00

Break

15:00-18:00

Session VII

Anchoring family policy in the 2030 Agenda through relevant family research and indicators

Moderator– **Renata Kaczmarska**, Focal Point on the Family, DSPD/DESA

Introductory remarks

Annemie Drieskens (COFACE) “*The role of civil society in the achievement of SDGs*”

Ignacio Socias (IFFD) “*Civil Society and family policy research support and dissemination*”

Followed by

Rountable discussion with academics and civil society:

Overview of current research and recommendations for future family policy research areas

FamiliesandSocieties (Ignacio Socias)

Family impact and indicators (Dominic Richardson)

Research at National Council on Family Relations (Mihaela Robila)

Issues for discussion

- Current areas of family research including large-scale family research projects & family impact studies
- Overlooked areas of family research
- Type of research to help in promoting of family-oriented policies for the achievement of SDGs 1-5 Indicators

Concluding remarks, farewell and closing