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Families and Climate Action: Focus on SDG13

**Civil Society Briefing
Thursday, 16 May 2019, 11 am - 12:45 pm
UN HQ New York
ECOSOC Chamber**

Background Note

The annual observance of the International Day of Families reflects the importance the international community attaches to families and their role in development.

Since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, the annual observances of the International Day of Families focused on the role of families and family policies for the achievement of SDGs1-5 and SDG16. This year's observance focuses on SDG13: Climate Action.

The main goal of the event is to focus on SDG 13 target 13.3: Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning and SDG 13 target 13.2: integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning

The topics to be covered in panel discussion include:

-  The role of families in improving education, awareness-raising and human capacity on climate change
-  Innovative ways to integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning
-  Intergenerational perspectives on sustainability
-  Youth perspectives on climate action
-  Sustainable development education & practice
-  Sustainable family farming from indigenous perspective
-  The United Nations and sustainable action including 'greening the blue' initiatives
-  Good practices at local and community levels

The observance is organised by the Division for Inclusive Social Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Global Communications Civil Society.

The event is open to the public and targets civil society, Permanent Missions, academics and practitioners. Special passes will be secured for those without a valid UN ID by the UN Global Communications Civil Society. More information on registration will follow.

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