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## ***Families and Urbanization***

**Online Webinar in Observance of the  
2022 International Day of Families**

**Friday, 13 May, 10:00-11:15 AM (New York time)**

### ***Programme***

#### **Introductory remarks**

**H.E. Alya Ahmed bin Saif Al-Thani**

**Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations**

***“The Importance of the Thirtieth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family, 2024”***

#### **Moderator**

**Angela Mwawi**

**Chief, Human Rights and Social Inclusion Unit  
Urban Practices Branch, Global Solutions Division  
UN-Habitat**

**Launch of Background Paper & Keynote Address**

***"Migration, Urbanization and the Family Dimension"***

**Bahira Sherif Trask, PhD.**  
**Professor & Chair**  
**Human Development & Family Sciences**  
**University of Delaware**

**Panelists:**

**Brenna Hassinger-Das, PhD.**  
**Assistant Professor**  
**Psychology Department**  
**Pace University**  
***"Designing Cities for Children and Families"***

**Piotr Całbecki**  
**President**  
**Kujawsko-Pomorskie Region, Poland**  
***"Venice Declaration on Inclusive Cities for Sustainable Families: Good Practices at the Local Level"***

**José Alejandro Vázquez Alarcón, PhD.**  
**Representative to the United Nations (NY)**  
**Strategic Partnership Coordinator**  
**International Federation for Family Development (IFFD)**  
***"Civil Society Declaration for IYF+30"***

**Q&A Session**

**Issues for discussion:**

- The importance of the Thirtieth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family, 2024 (IYF+30)

- Current urbanization trends & family-related issues
- Family-oriented policies facilitating the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals linked to urbanization (SDGs 1, 3, 10 & 11)
- Good practices in sustainable and family-friendly urbanization
- Current preparations for IYF+30
- Civil society initiatives including Venice Declaration\* & Civil Society Declaration for IYF+30\*\*

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<http://www.familyperspective.org/icsf/VeniceChart.pdf>

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[Civil Society Declaration](#) for IYF + 30 will be launched 17 May 2022