



# The Family in International Law and Social Science

## C-Fam Side Event at CSocD54

The family is recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), Article 16, as “the natural and fundamental group unit of society” and as “entitled to protection by society and the State.” This is the definitive reference for the family in international law and policy, recognizing it as the most important institution in society. All efforts to achieve development must necessarily emphasize the family because of its irreplaceable role as primary educator, economic driver, and social safety net.

Side event is sponsored by the Center for Family and Human Rights (C-Fam)

## EVENT DETAILS:

**February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 PM**  
**UN Headquarters, New York**  
**Conference Room E**

## PANELISTS:

**Rev. Paul Sullins**  
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## MODERATOR

**Austin Ruse**  
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