

Suggestions for NGOs and Civil Societies

- (1) The NGO Sector could encourage and assist in the selection of their objectives and in the preparation of a national-wide programme to be implemented by 2004.
- (2) A joint strategy should involve encouragement to Governments and NGOs to set up mechanisms to stimulate, plan and coordinate activities by the appropriate governmental and non-governmental bodies and agencies.
- (3) All NGOs could encourage their organizations to undertake, as part of their activities for 2004, a comprehensive review of policies concerning families, and of services for families.
- (4) NGOs and the Programme on the Family could encourage broad and extensive discussions at meetings of relevant inter-governmental bodies and NGO structures and bodies on the Tenth Anniversary.
- (5) Joint collaboration could concentrate on various aspects of the 5 areas of focus identified by the Programme on the Family cited above.
- (6) NGOs – Programme on the Family collaboration is also possible in three particular arena: (a) a review and appraisal of progress achieved and obstacles encountered in the implementation of IYF objectives; (b) the organization of seminars on IYF topics to increase in-depth knowledge and information about family policy development and megatrends assessments at the national, regional and global, etc.; and (c) exchange of information and advocacy.