



INTERNATIONAL  
DAY OF FAMILIES  
15 MAY 2013

**International Day of Families\* 2013**  
***“Advancing social integration & intergenerational solidarity”***  
**16 May 2013, 10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Conf. Room 1 (NLB)**

***Information Note***

The 2013 observance of the International Day of Families, with a theme: "Advancing Social Integration and Intergenerational Solidarity" is organized jointly by the NGO Relations Section of the Department of Public Information and the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. It follows a format of a DPI NGO briefing.

A panel discussion will take place on 16 May (10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) in the (newly renovated) ECOSOC Chamber of the UN Conference Building (not North Lawn Building) at UN Headquarters in New York. All are invited to attend.

The panel discussion will address the following issues:

- Trends impacting social integration and intergenerational solidarity
- Ageing & youth issues
- Types of policies and programmes advancing social integration & intergenerational solidarity
- Initiatives supporting intergenerational solidarity
- Examples of good practices
- Perspectives on the role of civil society, Governments, UN entities and academia in advocacy, design and implementation of intergenerational programmes

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\*The International Day of Families is observed on the 15th of May every year. This year's observance takes place on the 16th of May in the form of a DPI NGO briefing (offered weekly on Thursdays).

The Day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly resolution in 1993 (A/RES/47/237) and reflects the importance the international community attaches to families. The International Day provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and increase the knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting families. The Day may become an opportunity for all countries to demonstrate support to families. Governments, non-governmental organizations, educational institutions and individuals are encouraged to organize observances of the Day to promote a better understanding of the functions, problems, strengths and needs of families.