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Profiles of Speakers



Ms. Daniela Bas, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Daniela Bas, politologist, graduated in Political Science/International Relations at the Università degli Studi di Trieste (Italy) in 1985. Since May 2011 she has been appointed Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs.

Ms. Bas is also a certified Life Coach and Journalist. As broadcaster, she has promoted the concept of "tourism for all" in radio and TV programmes. Other roles she covered from 1986 to May 2011: UN Professional Officer on Humanitarian Affairs until 1995; Italian representative on the topic of "tourism for all" to the European Commission; Special Adviser on Fundamental Rights of the Vice President of the European Commission, and Member of the Board of Directors of the European Union Agency of Fundamental Rights. She also covered managerial roles as Director of Training Centres and Project Leader for the Municipality of Trieste (Italy).

From 2005 until March 2011, she worked as adviser and expert for Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Presidency of the Council of Ministers on social policies and humanitarian affairs.



Dr. Benjamin Frier, Recording Secretary, NY NGO Committee on the Family, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Fairleigh Dickinson University

Ben Freer is an assistant professor of psychology at Fairleigh Dickinson University and received his doctorate in Experimental Psychology at the University of Kentucky with a focus on child cognitive development. He is currently the recording secretary at the NGO Committee on the Family-New York. Dr. Freer maintains two active research projects focused on how children and families respond to exposure to potentially traumatic events. His first line of research is a project exploring the effect of temporary parental absence due to military service on children. The project investigates the protective role of the family for these children. The project further attempts to understand and reduce the stigma of mental health services for individuals who have experienced traumatic events. His second line of research examines the effect of parental trauma history on a child's likelihood to be exposed to traumatic events and the child's academic success. This project has found that parents who have experienced a greater number of traumatic events are more likely to have children who perform poorly in school and qualify for a greater number of academic services.



Dr. Karen Bogenschneider, Rothermel Bascom Professor of Human Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Family Policy Specialist at University of Wisconsin-Extension

Since its inception in 1993, Professor Bogenschneider has served as director of the Wisconsin Family Impact Seminars—a series of presentations, briefing reports, and discussion sessions for state policymakers. Since 1999, she has served as Executive Director of the Family Impact Institute, which is currently providing training and technical assistance to 25 states and the District of Columbia that have conducted over 175 seminars on topics such as early childhood education and care, evidence-based budgeting, health care, jobs, long term care, school finance, welfare reform, workforce development, and so forth.

In 2010, Dr. Bogenschneider's co-authored with Thomas Corbett, *Evidence-Based Policymaking: Insights from Policy-Minded Researchers and Research-Minded Policymakers*. The third edition of her book, *Family Policy Matters: How Policymaking Affects Families and What Professionals Can Do*, is forthcoming in January, 2014. Dr. Bogenschneider was invited to write the family policy decade review in 2000 and 2010 for the *Journal of Marriage and Family*. She also has published widely in academic journals like *Child Development* and in applied journals like *Family Relations*.

Dr. Bogenschneider holds a named professorship, the highest award given to professors at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In 2013, she received the President's Award from the National Council on Family Relations, and in 2010 she received the Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Contributions by an Extension Specialist from the National Extension Family Life Specialists. In 2008, she received the Engagement Award from the Board of Human Sciences of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges and, in 2006, she was named a fellow of the National Council on Family Relations. She has also received several awards from her university for faculty excellence, land grant scholarship, and quality outreach.



H.E. Mrs. Noor Al-Malki Al Jehani, Executive Director, Doha International Family Institute, Qatar

H.E. Ms. Al Jehani is the Executive Director of the Doha International Family Institute (DIFI) and serves on the Board of the Governors of DIFI. H.E. Ms. Al Jehani is also a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, and the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against women (CEDAW).

Before joining DIFI, H.E. Ms. Al Jehani worked as Secretary General for the Supreme Council for Family Affairs (SCFA), a national entity entrusted with preparing strategies, policies and programs relating to the family. She was also a member of the National Committee for Human Rights in the State of Qatar since its formation in 2003 until 2011. H.E. Ms. Al Jehani was Qatar's representative in the Arab Women Committee (Arab league) and Women Committee (UNESCWA) and a lead delegate and member of many national delegations to regional and international conferences on the family, women, and child rights.

As former chair of the drafting committee to the Sectorial Strategy on Family Cohesion and Empowerment of Women H.E. Ms. Al Jehani participated in drafting national policies and plans including Qatar's first national development strategy from 2011-2016. Additionally, Her Excellency reviewed and drafted several legislations

pertaining to social and women's issues which included organizing and supervising numerous workshops, panel discussions, and awareness raising campaigns on women issues such as domestic violence, family law, and women's political rights.



Dr. Peter Crowley, Secretary, Vienna NGO Committee in the Family

Dr. Crowley is a Philosophy Graduate, University College Dublin, Psychology Graduate, University of Dusseldorf, Germany and holds a Ph.D. from the University of Salzburg. He is also a guest Lecturer in Communication Science, University of Salzburg. He has served as an NGO affiliate representative to the United Nations since 1987. Currently he is the Secretary, and former Chairperson of the Vienna NGO Committee on the Family. He participated in the UN Expert Group Meetings on family issues from 1983 to 2012 and was responsible for the submission of yearly oral NGO statements to the United Nations Commission for Social Development, 2000 – 2004.

He is the editor of a study 'Documenting Contributions of Civil Society Organisations to the Well-Being of Families' at: www.10yearslyf.org in 2004 and author of the study update at: www.20yearslyf.org in 2014. He published, inter alia, on 'Family Therapy Approach to Addiction', United Nations Bulletin on Narcotics, UN Office on Drugs and Crime and on 'Information and Communication Technologies, Society and Human Beings' 2010.



Mr. Raymond Mutura, Vice President of the English-speaking area of Africa, International Federation for Family Development, IFFD

Mr. Mutura is the President of the Voice of the Family in Africa International (VOFA) and of the Programme for Family Development (PFD), and Vice President of the English-speaking area of Africa in IFFD. He also serves on the board of the IFFD.

Mr. Mutura holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Marriage Education and Family, Institute of Advanced Family Studies, Open University of Catalunya, Barcelona Spain and a Masters in Information Technology (Network Engineering & IT Projects Management Option), 2003, Charles Stuart University (Australia). He is currently pursuing a Masters in Applied Philosophy & Ethics - School of Humanities & Social

Sciences, Strathmore University and writing his thesis on “The Public Officer and Ethics” with emphasis on the influence by the family.

He is among the founders of the Centre for Research Organization Work and Family, a research and think-tank on Work-Family Research at Strathmore Business School in 2006. He was a pioneer in family enrichment courses in Kenya since 2001. He has been instrumental in the Program for Family Development (PFD) in SBS and presently steers the committee that runs the different courses throughout the country. The current courses are 6 and PFD manages to reach 400 couples every year and about 50 unmarried professionals. PFD aims at giving its courses to the parents of *“Every School in every village, in every town in Africa!”*. On a day-to-day basis, Raymond is the General Manager in the Software Development Unit of Fintech. Raymond is married to Evelyn and they have four children; David, Margaret, Elizabeth and Peter-John.



Ms. Donna Butts, Executive Director, Generations United

Donna Butts has been the Executive Director of Generations United since 1997. For nearly three decades, Generations United has been the catalyst for policies and practices stimulating cooperation and collaboration among generations, evoking the vibrancy, energy and sheer productivity that result when people of all ages come together. In 2013, Butts was honored to be named to the NonProfit Times Power and Influence Top 50 for the second year in a row. In 1998 she was appointed by then DHHS Secretary Donna Shalala to serve on the National Kinship Advisory Panel. She is a respected author and speaker who serves on several boards including the International Consortium for Intergenerational Programmes, the National Human Services Assembly and the Journal on Intergenerational Relationships. She is a graduate of Stanford University's Executive Program for Non-Profit Leaders and was honored with the 2004 National Council on the Aging's Jack Ossofsky award for leadership, creativity and innovation in programs and services for older persons. She served as an at large delegate to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging and has been invited by the United Nations to sit on four expert panels on intergenerational solidarity and other issues. Butts has over 35 years of experience working with non-profit organizations including Covenant House, the YWCA and National 4-H Council.

