



INTERNATIONAL  
DAY OF FAMILIES  
15 MAY 2014

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES 2014**  
***Families Matter for the Achievement of Development Goals***  
***International Year of the Family + 20***  
**DPI/NGO BRIEFING IN PARTNERHIP WITH DESA/DSPD**  
**Thursday, 15 May 2014, 11 AM – 1 PM**  
**TRUSTEESHIP CHAMBER (CRB)**

***Programme***

**Moderator**

**Daniela Bas**

Director, Division for Social Policy and Development,  
Department of Economic and Social Affairs

**Speakers**

**Benjamin Frier**

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

***Message of the Secretary-General***

**Karen Bogenschneider**

Rothermel Bascom Professor of Human Ecology & Family Policy Specialist,  
University of Wisconsin-Madison/Extension

***Building Better Public Policy for Families: Communicating Research and  
Analysis to Policymakers***

**Noor Al-Malki Al-Jehani**

Executive Director, Doha International Family Institute

***Beyond the 20th Anniversary: Make Families Matter***

**Video presentation:** ***Highlights from the International Conference:  
Empowering Families: A Pathway to Development\****

**Peter Crowley**

Secretary, Vienna NGO Committee on the Family

***Documenting Contributions of Civil Society Organisations to the Well-being of Families: a Study Update\*\****

**Video presentation:** ***Civil Society Working for Families Worldwide***

**Raymond Mutura**

Area Vice-President for English-Speaking Africa, International Federation for Family Development, IFFD

***Civil Society Declaration on the Occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family: Integrating a Family Perspective by Introducing a Family Impact Report\*\*\****

**Video presentation:** ***Civil Society in Support of the Declaration***

**Donna Butts**

Executive Director, Generations United

***Presentation of Family Futures\*\*\*\****

*Family Futures is an Illustrated landmark publication by Tudor Rose with over 100 authors relating their work on family policy development and actions at international, regional, national and local levels (all participants will receive a copy).*

**Discussion**

**The event will be followed by a light lunch sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations.**

***\*Doha International Conference “Empowering Families: A Pathway to Development”, 16-17 April 2014***

The conference was organized by the Doha International Family Institute (DIFI), a member of Qatar Foundation. This nongovernmental gathering, served as a platform for discussion and debate among policy makers, NGOs, experts, academics and other stakeholders regarding the central role of the family in society. It stressed the need to empower families in overall development efforts. The Doha Call to Action emphasized the importance of designing, implementing and monitoring of family-oriented policies, especially in the areas of poverty eradication, full employment and decent work, work-family balance and social integration and intergenerational solidarity and called on Governments to empower and enable families to contribute to development.

<http://www.difi.org.qa/about/doha-declaration/doha-international-conference-on-the-family/doha-international-conference-on-the-family>

***\*\*Documenting Contributions of Civil Society Organisations to the Well-Being of Families study update***

This study update incorporates various approaches to well-being and family well-being by several authors, and looks at restraining factors, as well as enabling factors, for well-being. Empirical analyses are carried out on textual data from families-oriented civil society organisations (CSOs) world-wide, to observe IYF+20 in 2014 and on textual data entered by CSOs ten years earlier, to observe IYF+10 in 2004. The results of the analyses are compared with criteria for well-being, to discern as to what extent the CSOs, included in this empirical research, contribute to the well-being of families. It is the aim and task of this study update to endeavour to make explicit what is implicit, by empirical evidence, in the activities and services of these CSO actors, as well as to further establish civil society as a resource entity, as well as a discourse entity, by creating a ‘cyber street’ of knowledge resources. The analysed textual data of the CSOs is further compared with the three focus themes, chosen by the United Nations to observe IYF+20 in 2014.

[www.20yearsIYF.org](http://www.20yearsIYF.org)

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***\*\*\*Family Futures***

***Family Futures*** has been published by Tudor Rose, a commercial publisher and information provider with considerable experience in UN publishing since 1999 to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2014. It is a fully illustrated 200-page book with sixty authors relating their efforts in the three priority areas guiding the preparations for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary: confronting family poverty; ensuring work-family balance and advancing social integration and intergenerational solidarity.

The authors include Heads of State, National Government Ministers, academics and civil society representatives. Their commentaries draw upon experiences around the world reflecting the importance of strengthening the role of the family in present and future societies. The book contains examples of family programmes in 74 separate countries.

By focusing on different levels of society, but particularly the experiences and livelihoods of local communities in vulnerable human habitats, it projects the benefits of experience in improving the lives of families worldwide, and advance shared commitment to the importance of families as both agents and beneficiaries of sustainable development and their particular role in advancing social integration and intergenerational solidarity. In this latter respect, Family Futures amplifies and contributes to the international dialogue that is being created by the 20th Anniversary of the IYF. As an outreach publication it will be used to emphasize the role of families in sustainable human development and highlight the ongoing benefits that the Year has generated. The digital edition is available at <http://digital.tudor-rose.co.uk/family-futures/>  
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**\*\*\*\**Civil Society Declaration on the Occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of the Family***

The Declaration emphasizes that family-focused policies have proven both valuable and efficient in many areas of social development and urges Member States to promote and implement family-friendly policies aimed at providing sustainable, affordable and quality living conditions for families; and to empower families and recognize their role in social cohesion and economic development. It was sponsored by 23 international entities, 240 national organizations from 65 countries and 560 representatives of civil society organizations, academics and policy makers from 83 countries (as of 25/04/2014).  
<http://www.family2014.org/declaration.php>  
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