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Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development (DIIFSD)

Expert Group Meeting

“Dialogue and Mutual Understanding across Generations”

Convened in observance of the International Year of Youth 2010 – 2011

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As part of preparations for the
Twentieth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family, 2014

8-9 March 2011, Doha, Qatar

Annotated Agenda

8 March 2010	
8:00-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:15	Welcome by H.E Abdulla Bin Nasser Al khalifa, Chair of the Board of the Doha International Institute.
9:15-9:30	Opening Statement by H.E Noor Al Malki, SG of Supreme Council for family affairs.
9:30-9:45	Objectives and expected outcomes of the meeting Ms. Renata Kaczmarek, Focal Point, Programme on the Family, Social Integration Branch, Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD), UN/DESA
10:00-10:30	Break
10:30-12:15	Session I: The Framework of the International Year of Youth and best ways to achieve it <u>Moderator:</u> Professor Pat Dolan <u>Introductory remarks:</u> Mr. Falko Mohrs, Ms. Nicola Shepherd <u>Questions for discussion:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ How do we raise awareness of youth issues and increase the involvement of all stakeholders?○ How can we mobilize, engage and increase youth participation

	<p>and partnership?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ By what ways and means can we connect and build bridges among youth to increase intercultural dialogue? ○ What institutional arrangements are needed to promote the objectives of the Year? <p><i>Roundtable discussion</i></p>
12:15-13:45	Lunch Break
13:45-15:15	<p>Session II: Priority areas of the World Programme of Action for Youth and their relevance to the objectives of the International Year of Youth.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Ahmad Alhindawi</p> <p><u>Introductory remarks:</u> Ms. Jacqueline Koroi, Professor Rami Khouri, Mr. Ahmad Younis, Ms. Gihan Abouzeid</p> <p><u>Issues for discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Youth education ○ Youth employment ○ Youth participation ○ Girls and young women's involvement ○ Intergenerational relations <p><i>Roundtable discussion</i></p>
15:15-15:45	Break
15:45-17:45	<p>Session III: Intergenerational Relations</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Ms Donna Butts</p> <p><u>Introductory remarks:</u> Professor Makiwane Monde, Professor Ana, Maria Goldani, Professor Jenny Gierveld, Rasha Fityan</p> <p><u>Issues for discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transitions to adulthood ○ Challenges of ageing ○ Intergenerational solidarity ○ Other issues <p><i>Roundtable discussion</i></p>
17:45-18:00	Wrap-up by the Rapporteur of day one

9 March 2011	
9:00-10:45	<p>Session IV: Overview of youth and family related issues at regional levels.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Rami Khouri</p> <p><u>Introductory remarks:</u> Mr. Khaled Louhichi, Mr. Paul Tacon, Mr. Ahmad Alhindawi, Ms. Maha Fayyad</p> <p><u>Questions for discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What inter-generational issues are of particular concern in the regions? ○ What national/regional initiatives have been taken to promote intergenerational, intercultural dialogue and understanding? <p><i>Presentation of national case studies and discussion</i></p>
10:45-11.00	Break
11:00-12:30	<p>Session V: Existing frameworks for dialogue and mutual understanding across generations: family, community, educational institutions and workplace.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Falko Mohrs</p> <p><u>Introductory remarks:</u> Ms. Samah Hadid, Professor Thang Leng Leng, Ms. Donna Butts</p> <p><u>Questions for discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What is the role of the family in promoting dialogue and mutual understanding across generations? ○ How do changing family trends influence cross-generational communication? (Demographic changes, living arrangements, labour and market trends, migration, etc.) ○ What is the impact of parenting on youth development? ○ What is the impact of extended families vs. nuclear families on intergenerational communication and solidarity? ○ What role can young people play in promoting inter-generational dialogue within their communities/family/education? ○ What is the role of communities in shaping intergenerational dialogue? ○ What is the role of educational institutions in promoting dialogue and mutual understanding across generations? ○ What are the measures that could be taken in work place to support intergenerational understanding? ○ What work-life balance strategies can be used to positively

	<p>influence intergenerational interactions?</p> <p><i>Roundtable discussion</i></p>
12:30-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-15:30	<p>Session VI: Lessons learnt from existing approaches to promote dialogue and understanding and enhance youth involvement.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Ms Gihan Abouzeid</p> <p><u>Introductory remarks:</u> Professor Pat Dolan, Ms Paola Silva, Marwa Jabou</p> <p><u>Questions for discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What socio-economic policies and practices can facilitate intergenerational dialogue? • What are the impediments of such policies in specific country circumstances? • How can youth be involved in the development, monitoring, assessment and implementation of policies and programmes promoting dialogue and mutual understanding? • What frameworks should be created to engage youth? <p><i>Roundtable discussion</i></p>
15:30-16:00	Break
16:00-17:45	<p>Session VII: Distillation of findings and finalization of recommendations</p> <p>Ms Amina Mesdoua, DIIFSD Ms Nicola Shepherd, UN/DESA</p>
17:45-18:00	Adoption of the recommendations
18:00 -18:15	<p>Concluding remarks, farewell and closing</p> <p>Dr Richard Wilkins, DIIFSD Ms. Renata Kaczmarek, UN/DESA</p>