



Expert Group Meeting

“Protecting the Arab Family from Poverty: Employment, Social Integration and Intergenerational Solidarity ”

In this time of socio economic changes and political turmoil, families in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region are struggling to overcome poverty, to reconcile work and family responsibilities and to maintain intergenerational bonds that sustained them in the past.

The Doha International family Institute (DIFI) will organize an Expert Group Meeting (EGM) entitled “Protecting the Arab Family from Poverty: Employment, Social Integration and Intergenerational Solidarity” in Doha on the 2nd and 3rd June 2013.

The EGM is convened as part of the preparations for the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2014.

The main issues to be discussed are:

- Social and economic trends affecting families and the need for adequate policy response
- Anti-poverty family-focused policies
- Employment, family and work balance/policies and practices
- Recent trends in family poverty and social exclusion
- Demographic & social trends impacting intergenerational relations
- Social integration and intergenerational solidarity.

14 high profile experts will undertake a comprehensive review of what has been achieved in the MENA region in confronting family poverty, ensuring work-family balance and advancing social integration and interrogational solidarity, highlight challenges and success, explore good practices and lessons learned and provide policy recommendations.