

Confronting Family Poverty and Social Exclusion

Panel discussion in observance of the International Day of Families 2011

Biographical Notes of Panellists

Mr. Roberto de León Huerta

Second Secretary

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Mr. Roberto De León Huerta is a graduate of Tecnológico de Monterrey. He has a degree in International Relations and Masters in Diplomatic Studies. He has been a member of the Mexican Foreign Service since 2000. In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs he has served as Secretary to the General Director of Human Rights and Director of Political Affairs at the General Direction for the United Nations system. He has been assigned to the Embassy of Mexico in Brazil and has worked at the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations since 2008. Mr. De León Huerta has represented Mexico in various sessions of the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and the Human Rights Council. He has been mainly responsible for human rights and social issues.

Ms. Isabel Ortiz

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Ms. Isabel Ortiz has over 20 years experience working in more than 30 countries in various areas of economic and social development. She was educated in Spain and the UK, where she attained a Master and a Ph.D. from the London School of Economics. Isabel Ortiz started as a lecturer and a researcher, but soon moved to development work. She worked at the Asian Development Bank (ADB) from 1995 till 2003, where she was a founding member of ADB's Poverty Reduction Unit, and directed ADB's Social Protection and Labour Strategy. From 2003 to 2005 she undertook a number of consulting assignments for DFID, UNDP, OECD and the World Bank in countries of Eastern Europe, Africa and Latin America. She worked as a Senior Interregional Adviser at the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations prior to her assignment at UNICEF. She has contributed not only to international agencies, but also to civil society organizations, such as Nobel Laureate Joseph Stiglitz's Initiative for Policy Dialogue.

Mr. Willem Adema

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Willem currently leads a team of analysts of Family and Children policies and is responsible for the on-line *OECD Family database* and the *Doing Better for Families* Policy publication released in April 2011 (www.oecd.org/els/social/family/). Working with colleagues across the OECD he is project manager of *the OECD Gender Initiative* (www.oecd.org/gender). His other responsibilities include the *OECD Social Expenditure database* (www.oecd.org/els/social/expenditure), and a labour market and social policy review of Russia. He has written extensively on a wide range of labour market, fiscal and welfare policy issues and was editor of the first issue of *Society at a Glance: OECD Social Indicators*. Willem was project manager and editor of the *OECD Babies and Bosses Reviews* on the reconciliation of Work and Family Life and from late 2005 until early 2008 he was also Head, Asian Social and Health Outreach working closely with the Joint OECD/Korea Regional Centre for Health and Social policy in Seoul. In 2008 and 2009, he was responsible for the *OECD Labour Market and Social Policy Reviews* of Chile (www.oecd.org/els/chile2009) and Israel (www.oecd.org/els/israel2010). Willem graduated from the Erasmus Universiteit in Rotterdam, and holds a doctorate from St Edmund Hall, University of Oxford. Willem is married to Caroline with three sons: Andries, Ruben and Samuel.

Ms. Cristina Diez has been a member of the International Movement ATD Fourth World's full-time volunteer corps since 2003. Prior to that she worked in the financial sector as a fund administrator.

She has a degree in Education in Deusto Jesuit University in Bilbao, a masters in Theater and Social Education in Ramon Lull University in Barcelona and training in Family Constellations in the Ecole Hellinger in Paris. She worked in grassroots projects with children and young people in poverty in disadvantaged urban areas of Spain. In 2004 she joined the Movement's international center outside of Paris, France, where her principal responsibility was in international policy and advocacy, representing people in extreme poverty to international organizations. In 2008 she joined the Spanish branch of the International Movement ATD Fourth World to coordinate recruitment and training. She has worked in partnership with Professor Jona Rosenfeld (Myers JDC Brookdale Institute of Jerusalem) to introduce the methodology of Learning from Success and Ongoing Learning as a tool for planing and training. Since 2010 she is the main representative of the organization to the United Nations.