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Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)  
Division for Inclusive Social Development

### **Agenda**

United Nations Expert Group Meeting  
New York, 15 – 16 May 2018  
Conference room S- 2725

### **“Family policies for inclusive societies”**

**Tuesday, 15 May**

9:00-9:30

**Registration**

9:30-10:00

**Opening Session**

**Welcoming remarks**

**Daniela Bas**, Director, Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD) (formerly the Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

**Introduction of participants**

10:00-12:00

**Session I**

**Family friendly migration policies and family reunification.**

**Moderator:** **Renata Kaczmarska**, Social Affairs Officer, DISD/DESA

**Presenters:**

**Denise Spitzer** *“Family oriented migration policies and social integration”*

**Mihaela Robila** *“Refugees and social integration in Europe”*

*Issues for discussion*

- Recent trends in family oriented migration policies
- Family reunification policies
- Good practices in social integration of migrants and refugees and their family members

12:00-13:15

**Lunch Break**

13:15-14:45

**Session II (conference room 6)**

**Observance of the 2018 International Day of Families:**

***Families and Inclusive Societies***



INTERNATIONAL  
DAY OF FAMILIES  
15 MAY 2018

**Moderator: Yan Ruth Xia**

**Opening remarks: Daniela Bas**

**Keynote address:**

***Bahira Sherif Trask “Families and family policies for inclusive societies: focus on SDG16” \****

**Presenters:**

***Monde Makiwane “Families and inclusive societies in Africa”***

***Shanthi Thambiah “Family policies for social inclusion in Asia with a gender perspective”***

***Maria Cruz Saco “Indigenous families and social inclusion in Latin America”***

*Issues for discussion*

- The relevance of family policies for inclusive societies
- Current trends in social inclusion, integration and cohesion
- Regional perspectives on families and family policies for inclusive societies
- Relevant SDG16 targets & indicators and family policies
- Inclusive societies agenda: a way forward

*Roundtable discussion with audience participation*

14:45-15:00

Break

15:00-17:00

**Session III**

**Regional perspectives on family policies and social Inclusion**

**Moderator: Charaf Ahmimed**

**Presenter:**

**Yan Ruth Xia “Migration, urbanization and social inclusiveness”**

*Issues for discussion*

- Differences and similarities in regional approaches to social inclusion
- Regional perspectives on social inclusion priorities
- Legal identity, birth registration, access to social protection & basic services
- Migration in the context of inclusive urbanization: challenges & opportunities for the cities
- Family-oriented social protection and inclusion

*Roundtable discussion on SDG16 issues and recommendations from Day 1*

**Wednesday, 16 May**

9:00-11:00

**Session IV**

**Making cities more inclusive for families with various needs**

**Moderator: Denise Spitzer**

**Introductory remarks: Bahira Sherif Trask “Overview of family-oriented policies for the achievement of SDG11” \***

**Presenters:**

**Charaf Ahmimed “Inclusive cities: trends and new initiatives”**

**Mohammed Ali Loutfy “Making cities inclusive for persons with disabilities”**

*Issues for discussion*

- Inclusive urbanization, practical solutions for inclusive cities
- Families as focus of interventions for better access to housing
- Families and sustainable human settlement planning and management
- Housing and life choices including family formation
- Making cities more inclusive for families with various needs
- Families with persons with disabilities and accessible cities

11:00-12:00

**Session V**

**Inclusive urbanization for all generations**

**Moderator: Monde Makiwane**

**Presenter:**

**Donna Butts “Intergenerational sites: new trends in urban planning, global trends and good practices from the US and beyond”**

*Issues for discussion*

- Urban planning for all generations
- Intergenerational living arrangements
- Intergenerational sites
- Job and health conditions in the cities
- SDG11 targets and family policies

12:00-13:15

**Lunch break**

13:15-14:45

**Session VI (conference room 6)**

**Project presentation**

***SDGs & Families. Results of the Global Research Project***



**Moderator: Alberto Padova**

**Opening remarks: Ignacio Socias “Families as active agents for achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”**

**Presenters:**

**Esuna Dugarova “Families, youth employment and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”**

**Mihaela Robila “Families and SDG 3: ensure healthy lives and well-being for all at all ages”**

**Dominic Richardson “Rationale for undertaking the study and recommendations for integrating family interests in social policy making”**

*Issues for discussion*

- Cross-cutting issues affecting family policy development for the achievement of SDG 1-5, 8 & 16
- Family policies and gender perspective
- Family well-being and development goals

*Roundtable discussion with audience participation*

14:45-15:00

**Break**

15:00-16:00

**Session VII**

**Inclusive education**

**Moderator: Maria Cruz Saco**

**Presenter:**

**Dominic Richardson “*Inclusive education for children from vulnerable families*”**

*Issues for discussion*

- Education and inclusive societies
- The importance of inclusive curricula
- Access to education for migrants & refugees
- Access to education for children from ethnic minorities
- Inclusive education for children with disabilities
- Life-long education and skills development
- Parenting education and inclusion

16:00 – 18:00

**Session VIII**

**Good practices in inclusive urbanization  
Distillation of findings and recommendations**

**Moderator: Renata Kaczmarek**

**Presenters:**

**Ignacio Socas “*Inclusive Cities for Sustainable Families Project*”**

**Irma Rognoni “*Barcelona es Familia Project*”**

*Issues for discussion*

- Cross-cutting issues
- Overview of good practices
- Value added of family policies for the achievement of SDGs 16 & 11 \*

Roundtable discussion on SDG11 issues from Day 2, summary of recommendations from Day 1 & 2 & closing remarks

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## **SDG 16**

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Targets:

16.3 Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all

16.9 Provide legal identity for all, including birth registration

## **SDG11**

Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable  
Targets

11.3

Enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries.

11.7

Provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible green and public spaces, in particular for women and children and older persons.