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Biographical Notes of Speakers





Ms. Daniela Bas, of Italian nationality, is the Director of the Division for Inclusive Social Development at the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs since May 2011.

Political scientist with a major in International Politics, she graduated Magna Cum Laude with a dissertation on “The elimination of architectural barriers and the employment of people with physical disabilities”. She is also a certified journalist and multicultural/ life coach. Ms. Bas interest has always been people-centred in the various activities, associations, and professional roles she has held. In addition to her work at the United Nations from 1986 to 1995, she held managerial roles from 1996 until 2011 in

the private sector in Italy and was, inter alia, adviser for the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and for the Presidency of the Council of Ministers on human rights and social affairs.

Ms. Laura Turquet is a Policy Advisor at UN Women, where she leads the organisation's flagship report, Progress of the World's Women.

For the past decade, she has worked at UN Women leading major research and data initiatives that inform the organization's advocacy objectives and empower civil society and governments to seek and implement change.

She is a co-founder of the UN Feminist Network and previously worked at various NGOs.





Ms. Rosario Steinou got her PhD in Sociology at the University of Turin, Italy. She is a family sociologist and has been a researcher for over 30 years at the Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS - Center of Research and Higher Studies in Social Anthropology) in Mexico City. She is fellow of the National System of Research of the National Council of Science and Technology, the Mexican Academy of Sciences, the National Council of Family Relations, and the International Sociological Association. She has published articles, chapters and books about the family in Mexico, especially in the fields of sociology, anthropology, demography, history and social psychology.

Currently, her research interests focus on family and couple relationships, parenting, adolescents and youth, and family policy. She has been a visiting professor at

the Centre of Family Research at the University of Cambridge, the London School of Economics in the United Kingdom, the University of Newcastle in Australia, and the University of Nebraska in the United States. She has participated in different Expert Group Meetings organized by the UN and other institutions.

Mr. Dominic Richardson, PhD, is a Chief, Social Policy and Economic Analysis at UNICEF, Office of Research - Innocenti where he leads research on issues of equity in education and the relationships between schooling, school outcomes and child well-being. Present projects include: Time to Teach, a study of the determinants of teacher absenteeism in Sub-Saharan Africa; Sports for Development evidence on learning and social inclusion; and, violence in schools. Dominic previously worked with OECD Social Policy Division on child well-being, evaluating family policies, and studies of extreme poverty and vulnerability. Dominic has led or co-authored several reports on comparative child and family well-being including: How's Life for Children? in OECD's 2015 How's Life?, OECD's Doing Better for Children and Doing Better for Families as well as UNICEF Innocenti Report Cards 7, 9 and 14. Dominic is presently the coordinator of a global project on Family Policies and the SDGs, a full version of which will be published in May 2020.





Mr. Ignacio Socias has a Ph.D. in Law by the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Spain). He works as Director of International Relations of the International Federation for Family Development, an umbrella organization for more than 250 Family Enrichment Centers that operates in 70 countries, benefits over 90,000 people annually and has been granted reclassification of the consultative status at ECOSOC from special to general. His job involves the design, team coordination and direction of activities: with United Nations and other agencies; in the European Union, through its participation in research and dissemination programmes, as well as negotiation and intermediation with European Parliament members and intergroups; with local, regional and national governments of the countries

where the Federation operates.

Ms. Isabelle Pypaert Perrin first joined the long-term ATD Fourth World Volunteer Corps in 1981 and worked in low-income communities in her native Belgium as well as in Guatemala, Haiti, Mauritius, France, Switzerland, and southeast Asia. All her work has been underpinned by the goal of reaching and empowering people most likely to be left behind. As part of ATD Fourth World's international leadership team since 2008 and its director general since 2012, Isabelle Pypaert Perrin is responsible for grassroots cultural projects and policy advocacy work in 34 countries. Her ethos of leadership is based on horizontal governance that begins with people experiencing the worst forms of poverty. In 2009–2012, she led an international participatory research project published under the title Extreme Poverty Is Violence – Breaking the Silence – Searching for Peace. More recently, she was a speaker at the High- Level Segment of the ECOSOC at the United Nations in July 2019, where she spoke of the interconnection between social justice and environmental justice. Isabelle Pypaert Perrin's degree is in social work from the Institut Cardijn Haute École Louvain en Hainaut, Belgium.

