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Agenda

United Nations online Expert Group Meeting
New York, 16-18 June 2020
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM (NY time)

Families in Development: Assessing Progress, Challenges and Emerging Issues: Focus on Modalities for IYF+30, Parenting Education and the Impact of COVID-19

Tuesday, 16 June

10:00-10:15

Opening Session

Welcoming remarks

Masumi Ono Chief, Social Integration and Participation
Branch, SIPB/DISD/UNDESA

Opening remarks

Daniela Bas Director, Division for Inclusive Social
Development DISD/UNDESA

Introduction of participants

10:15 - 11:30

Session I

**Appropriate ways and means of preparations for and
observance of the 30th anniversary of the International
Year of the Family (2020-2024)**

**Moderator & opening remarks: Renata Kaczmarska “IYF
process and objectives”**

Presenter: Bahira Trask “Mega trends and families”

Issues for discussion

- IYF process
- UNDESA priorities
- Assessment of responses to Note Verbale from Member States, UN entities and other stakeholders
- Assessment of civil society proposals
- Mega trends and their impact on families

- Families and technology
- Families, urbanization and international migration
- Families and demographic change
- Families and climate change
- Family policies to counteract negative effects of trends above
- Priority SDGs and targets & family policies important for their implementation
- Topics to be addressed in preparation for IYF+30
- Emerging issues
- Regional issues/perspectives/meetings/events
- Civil society and advocacy efforts

11:30-12:30

Session II

Positive parenting for promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development and social cohesion

Moderator & Introductory remarks: Renata Kaczmarska

Presenters:

Ignacio Socias “Positive parenting: concept and applications”

Benjamin Freer “Global perspective on corporal punishment and its effects on children”

Issues for discussion

- Relevance of positive parenting for the achievement of SDG16 (overall and in the context of target 16.2)
- Positive parenting at different stages in children’s lives
- Links between positive parenting education and early childhood education
- Academic & civil society perspectives on positive parenting
- Positive parenting to prevent children’s neglect and abuse including corporal punishment
- Violence against children in families and beyond
- Types of abuse and neglect
- Perceptions and cultural constraints
- Negative consequences of violence against children (on children and other family members)
- The harms of corporal punishment
- The state of corporal punishment around the world

- Promotion of non-violent forms of discipline
- Awareness raising and advocacy efforts
- Relevance of SDG16 targets

Roundtable discussion issues from Day 1

Wednesday, 17 June

10:00-11:00

Session III

Regional perspectives on parenting education

The impact of COVID-19 on families & parenting around the world

Moderator & Opening remarks: Elizabeth Gosme

Presenter:

Mihaela Robila “Parenting education in Europe”

Nora Spinks “COVID-19 and parenting in Canada”

Issues for discussion

- Regional perspectives on parenting education: western countries
- Similarities and differences in approaches in Western and Eastern Europe
- Parenting education in the United States
- Parenting education in Canada
- Academic and civil society perspectives
- The impact of COVID-19 on parenting

11-12:30

Session IV

Parenting education: regional and sub-regional perspectives

Moderator: Sharifa El-Amadi

Presenters:

Rosario Esteinou “Parenting education in Latin America”

Ahmed Aref “Parenting Styles and Programs: What works for better Parenting in the MENA Region?”

Issues for discussion

- Differences and similarities in parenting styles: global and regional perspective
- Overview of parenting education in Latin America
- Overview of parenting education in Asia and MENA region
- Progress and challenges

Thursday, 18 June

10:00-11:00

Session V

Parenting, unpaid work and gender equality. The role of fathers

Moderator: Kinga Joó

Presenters:

Esuna Dugarova “Unpaid care work in times of the COVID-19 crisis”

Clara Alemann “Parenting education: the role of fathers”

Issues for discussion

- Care and household responsibilities
- Unpaid work
- The impact of COVID-19 on unpaid work
- Parenting education and its importance for gender equality
- The role of fathers

Roundtable discussion with audience participation

11:00-12:00

Session VI

Parenting education for strong intergenerational interactions: the role of grandparents, including grandparents who are primary care givers. Civil society perspectives on parenting education and the role of grandparents.

Moderator: Regina Maroncelli

Presenters:

Soohyun Kim “Grandparenting: focus on Asia”
Alex Vazquez “Civil society perspectives on parenting education and grandparenting”

Issues for discussion

- Grandparenting in Asia (rural/urban comparisons, challenges in data collection, valuing of grandparents' contributions)
- Regional perspectives on grandparenting
- Grandparents as primary care givers
- Indicators for strong intergenerational relations
- Effective grandparenting for intergenerational solidarity

12:00-12:30

Session VII

Conclusions, recommendations & the road ahead

Moderator & Closing remarks: Renata Kaczmarska

Recommendations on:

- 1) IYF+30 modalities
- 2) parenting education
- 3) other emerging issues

will be elaborated via email exchanges with academic experts and civil society representatives.