2019 IFFD Briefing at the United Nations

How can unpaid care and domestic work get the recognition they deserve?

The topic will be analyzed from a threefold approach: parents, civil society and the private sector

New IFFD Awards to Austria and the International Federation for Home Economics

New York, February 5th, 2019.- The International Federation for Family Development is organizing the 2019 IFFD Briefing at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on February, 12th. As in the past 6 years, it will take place during the Session of the Commission for Social Development and the IFFD Family Awards will be presented during the event to the persons or territories distinguished by the promotion of family values.

The topic for this year will be ‘The Value of Unpaid Care and Domestic Work’. Different experts will analyze the feasibility of one of the targets of the 2030 Development Agenda directly related to this topic: “Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies, and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate”.

The event is co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations, the Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations, the United Nations Division for Inclusive Social Development and the Doha International Family Institute (DIFI).

Panelists will speak about the topic from three different approaches: Mrs. Regina Maroncelli, president of the European Large Families Confederation, will address the role of parents, while Anis Ben Brik, Director of Family Policy at the Doha International Family Institute, will talk about the role of civil society. Also, the well-known entrepreneur Brian Mazza will deal with the role of employers.

The 2019 IFFD Awards have been granted to the International Federation for Home Economics, for its continuous improving the quality of everyday life for individuals, households and communities, while contributing for a sustainable future for many families for more than a century; and to the government of Austria, the long-standing tradition and continuity on helping families in fulfilling their role through social policies and programs established and improved since the introduction of the Family Fund more than 60 years ago. The awards will be presented by the world president of the International Federation for Family Development and the executive director of the Doha International Family Institute.

The whole Briefing will explore ways to overcome inequalities and gender discrimination from that threefold approach and will try to raise awareness and recommend policies in order to enhance dialogue and partnerships between social policymakers and relevant stakeholders, including families, family associations, business sector, trade unions and employers to develop and improve family-friendly policies and practices in the workplace.

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