The 2018 Annual Observance of the International Day of Families on ‘Families and Inclusive Societies (SDG16)’ will be held the day before (Tuesday, 15 May 2018) at the same time and place (1.15-2.30 pm – Conference Room 6).

The event will also be open to the public and you are also cordially invited to it.

MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

The United Nations through its Secretary General, has encouraged to promote “data collection and research on family issues and the impact of public policy on families” [A/70/61-E/2015/3], because “the very achievement of development goals depends on how well families are empowered to contribute to the achievement of those goals” [A/66/62-E/2011/4]. This project takes note of the call, and seeks to highlight — for policymakers, practitioners and the general public — how the role of the family, and policies for families, can contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

With that objective, a global family expert group from Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania and America have developed pragmatic processes and procedures to assess how family policies work to affect different social progress goals (as defined in the Sustainable Development Goals) in different parts of the world; how the actions of non-government actors working in support of families contribute to the issue; and family attributes at household or national level impact on the effectiveness of the previously identified family interventions.

The final report follows a structure according to the goals and targets selected from the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Its structure portrays the research process of each expert in each meeting; addresses the challenges encountered to fulfill the objectives; updates the timeline information and suggests dissemination strategies.

PROGRAMME

Organized by the International Federation for Family Development (IFFD), in partnership with SOS Children’s Villages International, and the collaboration of UNICEF and the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA).

Roundtable discussion with audience participation

Opening Remarks

Families as active agents for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals
Ignacio Socías
General Coordinator, Director of International Relations International Federation for Family Development (IFFD)

Families, youth employment and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
Esuna Dugarova
Policy Specialist at United Nations Development Programme (New York).

Families and Sustainable Development Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
Mihaela Robila
Professor of Human Development and Family Studies at Queens College City University of New York

Rationale for undertaking the study and recommendations for integrating family interests in social policy making
Dominic Richardson
Academic Coordinator - Senior Education Specialist UNICEF, Office of Research, Innocenti (Florence)

Moderator

Alberto Padova
Chief, Social Integration Branch, Division for Social Policy and Development UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

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