

Doha Briefing

Civil Society Statement on Parenting

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Agenda

Opening Remarks

HE. Sheikha Alya Al-Thani (tbc) (5 min)

Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations

Dr. Sharifa Al-Emadi (5 min)

Executive Director, Doha International Family Institute (DIFI)

Moderator

Eve Sullivan

Co-Founder and President, Parents Forum

Panel

Ron Ferguson (10 min)

Director, The Achievement Gap Initiative, Harvard Kennedy School

Anis Ben Brik (10 min)

Director of Family Policy Department, Doha International Family Institute (DIFI)

Rashed Al Dosari (10 min)

Executive Director, Family Consulting Center (WIFAQ)

Ignacio Socias (10 min)

Director of Communications, International Federation on Family Development (IFFD)

Renata Kaczmarek (10 min)

Social Affairs Officer, Focal Point on the Family, Division for Inclusive Social Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)

Discussion (15 min)

Background

The Doha International Family Institute (DIFI), in partnership with the the Division for Inclusive Social Development in the Department of Economic and Social affairs (UNDESA) and the International Federation for Family Development (IFFD), and in collaboration with nine civil society organizations¹ aims to hold the Doha Briefing to present the “Civil Society Statement on Parenting.” The Civil Society Meeting highlighted the role of parenting in contributing to sustainable development, while improving quality education and health outcomes. Other topics discussed included ways to promote gender equality and shared responsibility in the home, preventing the reproduction of families in vulnerable situations, promoting intergenerational solidarity and inclusive urbanization, and creating an enabling environment for the meaningful contribution of civil society organizations.

Objectives

- Provide a platform for policy dialogue to enable a better understanding of progress made and challenges faced by families, and to exchange experiences and lessons learned concerning new evidence and innovations targeted at families;
- Present the “Civil Society Statement on Parenting” launched during the civil society meeting hosted by DIFI in partnership with IFFD on 22 October 2018 in Doha, Qatar.

Discussion Questions

- What measures can governments take to support parents in performing the essential functions of procreation and socialization of their children?
- What measures can governments take to enhance all family members’ capacity for nurturing, caring and socialization of children?
- What measures can governments take to facilitate the intergenerational transfer of knowledge and traditions that support adult children in caring for elderly parents, and support grandparents in caring for their grandchildren?
- What steps can Member States take to support meaningful contributions of civil society organizations in the design, implementation and monitoring of family policies and programs?

About DIFI

The Doha International Family Institute (DIFI), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), was established in 2006 by Her Highness Sheikha Moza Bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation. The Institute works to strengthen the family through the development and dissemination of high-quality research on Arab families, encouraging knowledge exchange on issues relevant to the family and making the family a priority to policy makers through advocacy and outreach at the national, regional and international levels. The Institute has special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

¹ The International Federation of Family Development (IFFD); World Family Organization; International Federation for Home Economics; Focus on the Family Malaysia; Fathers in Africa; Ngala Parenting with Confidence; European Large Families Confederation; Parents Forum