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Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)  
Division for Social Policy and Development

**Draft Agenda**

United Nations Expert Group Meeting  
New York, 15 – 16 May 2018  
Conference room S- 2725

**“Family policies for inclusive societies”**

**Tuesday, 15 May**

9:00-9:30

**Registration**

9:30-10:00

**Opening Session**

**Welcoming remarks**

**Daniela Bas**, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

**Introduction of participants**

10:00-12:00

**Session I**

**Family friendly migration policies and family reunification.**

**Moderator: Renata Kaczmarska**, Social Affairs Officer, DSPD/DESA

**Presenters:**

**Denise Spitzer** *“Family oriented migration policies and social integration”*

**Mihaela Robila** *“Refugees and social integration in Europe”*

*Issues for discussion*

- Recent trends in family oriented migration policies
- Family reunification policies
- Good practices in social integration of migrants and refugees and their family members

12:00-13:15      **Lunch Break**

13:15-14:45      **Session II (conference room 6)**

**Observance of the 2018 International Day of Families:**

*Families and Inclusive Societies*



INTERNATIONAL  
DAY OF FAMILIES  
15 MAY 2018

**Moderator: Yan Ruth Xia**

**Keynote address:**

**Bahira Sherif Trask** *“Families and family policies for inclusive societies: focus on SDG16” \**

**Presenters:**

**Monde Makiwane** *“Families and inclusive societies in Africa”*

**Shanti Thambiah** *“Family policies for social inclusion in Asia with a gender perspective”*

**Maria Cruz Saco** *“Indigenous families and social inclusion in Latin America”*

*Issues for discussion*

- The relevance of family policies for inclusive societies
- Current trends in social inclusion, integration and cohesion
- Regional perspectives on families and family policies for inclusive societies

- Relevant SDG16 targets & indicators and family policies
- Inclusive societies agenda: a way forward

*Roundtable discussion with audience participation*

14:45-15:00

Break

15:00-17:00

**Session III**

**Social protection for social inclusion: regional perspectives**

**Moderator: Charaf Ahmimed**

**Presenters:**

**Ntombizonke Gumede “Social protection priorities in Africa”**

**Expert (TBC)**

*Issues for discussion*

- The importance of social protection for social inclusion
- Regional perspectives on social protection priorities
- Birth registration and access to social protection & basic services

*Roundtable discussion on SDG16 issues from Day 1*

**Summary & policy recommendations on family policies to promote the achievement of SDG16**

**Wednesday, 16 May**

9:00-11:00

**Session IV**

**Making cities more inclusive for families with different needs**

**Moderator: Denise Spitzer**

**Introductory remarks: Bahira Sherif Trask “An overview of family-oriented policies for the achievement of SDG11”**

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**Presenters:**

**Charaf Ahmimed** *“Inclusive cities: trends and new initiatives”*

**Megan Smith** *“Making cities inclusive for persons with disabilities”*

*Issues for discussion*

- Inclusive urbanization, practical solutions for inclusive cities
- Families as focus of interventions for better access to housing
- Families and sustainable human settlement planning and management
- Public spaces for all generations
- Housing and life choices including family formation
- Making cities more inclusive for families with various needs
- Families with persons with disabilities and accessible cities
- Trends and good practices

11:00-12:00

**Session V**

**Inclusive education**

**Moderator:** **Maria Cruz Saco**

**Presenter:**

**Dominic Richardson** *“Inclusive education for children from vulnerable families”*

*Issues for discussion*

- Education and inclusive societies
- The importance of inclusive curricula
- Access to education for migrants & refugees
- Access to education for children from ethnic minorities
- Inclusive education for children with disabilities
- Life-long education and skills development
- Parenting education and inclusion

12:00-13:15      **Lunch break**

13:15-14:45      **Session VI – Sustainable Development Goals and Families: project launch (public session, conference room 6)**



**Moderator & introductory remarks: Ignacio Socias (topic TBC)**

**Presenters:**

**Dominic Richardson (topic TBC)**

**Mihaela Robila (topic TBC)**

*Issues for discussion*

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

*Roundtable discussion with audience participation*

14:45-15:00      **Break**

15:00-16:30      **Session VII**

**Inclusive urbanization for all generations**

**Moderator: Monde Makiwane**

**Presenters:**

**Yan Ruth Xia “Inclusive urbanization in China”**

**Donna Butts “Intergenerational sites: new trends in urban planning, global trends and good practices from the US and beyond”**

- Urban planning for all generations
- Intergenerational living arrangements
- Intergenerational sites
- SDG11 targets and family policies

**Roundtable discussion:**

16:30 – 18:00

**Session VIII**

**Cross-cutting issues**

**Distillation of findings and recommendations**

**Value added of family policies for the achievement of SDGs 16 & 11 \* \*\***

**Finalization of recommendations**

**Moderator: Renata Kaczmarska**

**Roundtable discussion**

**Closing remarks**

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**SDG 16**

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Targets:

16.3 Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all

16.9 Provide legal identity for all, including birth registration

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**SDG11**

Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Targets

11.3

Enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries.

11.7

Provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible green and public spaces, in particular for women and children and older persons.