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Lisbon was highly praised by the ancient Europeans both for its geographical position on the banks of the Tagus River and for its fertile soil. It became a battleground for the Phoenicians, Greeks and Carthaginians but was taken over by the Romans in 205 BC.

The legendary Moors, who invaded in 714, resisted repeated Christian attacks for 400 years but were finally expelled until 1147, when King Afonso Henriques, the first king of Portugal, took a hand. In that same year, he demolished the city’s main Moorish mosque and ordered a cathedral to be built on the same site.

Lisbon became the official capital of Portugal in 1255. In the 15th and 16th centuries, Lisbon boomed as the epicentre of the vast Portuguese empire after explorer Vasco da Gama found a sea route to India. The magnificent Mosteiro dos Jerónimos, founded in the capital in 1501, is one of several monuments to Portugal’s Great Age of Discovery still standing.

By the 1700s, Lisbon had become the center of international trade in gold, as well as spices, silk and jewellery, but at 9:30am on November 1st 1755, everything changed when three major earthquakes hit the city, unleashing a devastating fire and tsunami.

Although as many as a third of Lisbon’s 270,000 inhabitants died and much of the city was flattened, a massive rebuild, which created today’s formal city grid system, was undertaken by the Marquis of Pombal just a short time later.

Today, Lisbon is a cultural haven with world-class music, opera and ballet in abundance. The Portuguese Symphony Orchestra and Portuguese National Ballet Company are renowned throughout the world, as is the Gulbenkian Orchestra and Choir.
**Vision:**
Humankind has achieved unprecedented social and economic progress over the past several decades. However, the progress has been uneven. Everywhere, some individuals and groups confront barriers that prevent them from fully participating in economic, social and political life, leaving them behind. The focus of the Agenda 2030 and the core aspiration of the World Family Summit 2019 is to highlight the inclusion of the family in the process of development with No Family Left Behind, by strengthening local authorities and families to build cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

**Objectives:**
- Provide substantive information on the Sustainable Development Goals 4, 11 and 17 and its respective targets;
- Discuss the positive impact of strengthening the partnership between local authorities and families for the implementation of the SDGs 4, 11 and 17 at the local level;
- Promote the integration of a family-focused perspective of the SDGs 4, 11 and 17 into policy-making and service delivery at the local level;
- Provide participants with expert analysis on means to include and implement the targets of the SDGs 4, 11 and 17 into family-friendly local policies and services delivery, contributing to build strong communities with No Family Left Behind.

**Expected Results:**
- Reach a consensus among participants on the benefits of supporting and demanding the inclusion and implementation of the SDGs 4, 11 and 17 and its respective targets into local family-friendly policies formulation and services delivery, building strong communities and healthy families.
- Address mechanisms and processes for an enhanced collaboration between local governments and families for the SDGs 4, 11 and 17 implementation.
- Outline possible new collaboration models between local governments and family organizations to provide partnership schemes addressing the implementation of the SDGs 4, 11 and 17.
- Draft and approve conclusions and recommendations to the World Family Summit 2019 Declaration to be sent to the 2019 UN ECOSOC High-Level Political Forum.
Guest of Honor | Maria do Céu da Cunha Rêgo

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She was member of the Management Board and of the Experts’ Forum of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), Secretary of State for Equality, President of the Commission for Equality in Labour and Employment (CETE), the Portuguese governmental body responsible for the elimination of discrimination and the promotion of equality between women and men in labour, in employment and in vocational training - the Portuguese governmental body responsible for the elimination of discrimination and the promotion of equality between women and men in labour, in employment and in vocational training - and Vice-President of the Commission for Equality and for the Rights of Women (CIDM) – former designation of the present CIG.

For many years, she served at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on emigration and Portuguese communities department, having been Head of Division, Director of Services and advisor to the Secretary of State for Portuguese Communities.

In March 2019, Maria do Céu da Cunha Rêgo has received the “Maria Barroso Municipal Prize” created by the Municipality of Lagoa, Algarve, due to the “relevant contribution of her professional and civic activity on Gender Equality, Citizenship and Non-Discrimination”, in particular to “her strong influence on the introduction of issues associated to the work-family balance at the national and the European Union agenda.”

The theme and program of this World Summit inspire the betterment of life for individuals and their families. Because they can promote direct benefits. Because they raise the quality of the social environment that, indirectly, they can help materialize.

Hence, in saluting this Summit’s initiative and those who participate in it, with their knowledge, experience, capacity for innovation, generosity and work, both visible and invisible, I wish to emphasize the relevance of family education towards the enforcement of the daily life practice of human rights, democratic citizenship, social cohesion and sustainable development, on which peace is founded.

“The parents’ home is their children’s school,” says a Portuguese proverb, recalling the importance of what the older members of any given family say, teach and do, on the way their children will learn and develop their life’s skills.

“Building peace in the minds of men and women” is the magnificent motto of UNESCO that must be become a reality and be brought within everyone’s reach. It is also a goal that requires the generalization of the knowledge of Human Rights so that they can constitute a common practice for humanity. It is vital that education systems include Human Rights Education at their various levels. But the practice of human rights in families is also fundamental. And that practice is too many times absent, due to various forms of violence and injustice often anchored in gender stereotypes, of which people are not always aware because they have not learned to see, to question, to reflect, to intervene.

Therefore, this must be a lifelong learning and awareness for everyone’s benefit, including families and communities. To that purpose, coherence is needed, as well as adequate, adapted and available resources.

In my view, the human rights dimension is a basic competence for life. That’s why its absence from the education systems and lifelong learning is a hindrance to quality education. And its absence from the daily life of families, would left those families behind.

Because the theme of the Summit “No Family Left Behind: Families and Local Authorities working together to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all”, my message to the participants is that we strive to develop a coherent Human Rights Education both in our education systems and in families, to fully achieve the key goal of this happy initiative that has brought us here together.

Maria do Céu da Cunha Rêgo

Welcome Message
The Commission for Equality in Labour and Employment - CITE was established 40 years ago by Decree-Law No. 392/79, of 20 September, known as the “Equality Law”, which predated both Portugal’s access to the European Economic Community and the ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). Currently, it is Decree-Law No. 16/2012 that set up CITE’s management structure.

CITE has a tripartite and equilateral composition, comprising 4 members from the State, 4 members from the trade union confederations (CGTP-IN and UGT) and 4 members of the employers’ confederations (CCP, CIP, CAP and CTP). Notwithstanding its tripartite structure, CITE is under the supervision of the Ministry of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security, which nominates its president.

CITE’s purpose is to fight discrimination and promote equality between men and women in labour, in employment and in vocational training, in both the private and public sectors. It aims at protecting parenthood (maternity, paternity and adoption), reconciling professional, personal and family life, as well as assessing and monitoring situations of gender equality. To fulfill its purpose CITE acts at various levels.

As a body that fights against discrimination and pursues equality, CITE develops a regular activity of communication and dissemination of information on these rights, through its website - www.cite.gov.pt and its toll-free number; provides legal support and assistance to purported victims of gender-based discrimination; receives complaints and issues legal advice on equality and non-discrimination in work and employment.

In 40 years of work CITE has issued 5,240 legal documents.

CITE promotes awareness raising and tailor-made training related with gender equality in the labour market targeting different strategic public, such as trade unions and workers’ representatives, Labour Inspectorate and HR staff. It also develops training programmes.

In order to encourage employers to achieve gender equality in the workplace, since 2000, CITE has promoted the Award “Equality is Quality” (PIQ) that distinguishes companies and other employers with policies in the area of gender equality, work-life balance and good practices for preventing and fighting domestic and gender-based violence.

CITE promotes and implements studies, research and projects to fight against the persistence of gender gaps in the workplace and provide tools and resources to overcome these gaps and put the issue of gender equality on the agenda of the social partners, the employers, the media and the general public.

To raise public awareness and disseminate information on inequalities between men and women in the workplace, the main issues among the main agents within the labour market, enterprises and employers’ associations of the major economic sectors as well as the social partners, CITE develops national campaigns on different subjects, such as Gender Pay Gap, Work-Life Balance, Women on the Boards.

Regarding national policy instruments over the years, CITE took part in the preparation and implementation of the different National Plans for Gender Equality and is currently participating in the implementation of the National Strategy for Equality and Non-Discrimination 2018-2030 - “Portugal + Igual”, taking direct responsibility for the implementation of several measures.

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CITE is a particular role in the implementation of the Law No. 52/2017, of 1st August, which establishes the regime of social representation between men and women in the administrative and supervisory bodies of public-sector entities and listed companies. This law requires state-owned companies and listed companies to draw up annual Equality Plans that have to be sent to CITE, which may issue recommendations on the Plans.

CITE is responsible for the preparation of the “Annual Report on Equal Opportunities between Men and Women” established by Law No. 15/2001, which reflects the progress made on equal opportunities between men and women in labour, employment and vocational training, at http://cite.gov.pt/pt/acite/relatproig.html.

CITE follows the agenda regarding equality and non-discrimination between men and women in labour, employment and vocational training in the European Union and international organisations.
Welcome Message

Dear Participants!

The World Family Organization is honored to receive you to the World Family Summit 2019, in an incredible rich edition when for the first time on May 15, we will Celebrate the International Day of Families together. Welcome to the beautiful Lisbon!

The main theme of our 2019 edition, aligned with the 2019 ECOSOC High Level Political Forum reviews will focus on empowering families and ensuring inclusiveness and equality. And we strongly believe that only if national, local and community actors will join efforts to implement the same development agenda our collective goals will be achieved.

In this edition of the World Family Summit 2019, besides highlighting the SDG 11 and SDG 17, our main focus will be the SDG4 – Education. All SDGs are interdependent and can only be achieved if implemented together. And since Education is not only an integral part of, but also a key enabler for sustainable development, it needs to be smartly included in national and local development plans and strategies to achieve all SDGs. Let’s advocate for it.

The World Family Summit 2019 program was conceived to allow participants to challenge and reach beyond their respective areas of work, to explore interactions between SDG4 and the rest of Agenda 2030, to explore pathways that leverage progress in multiple areas and to produce recommendations on a new and innovative ways in which multiple, diverse actors can work together towards achieving empowerment, inclusiveness and equality.

We hope that the presentations, discussions and conclusions will provide us trends and inspirational examples of how National, Sub-National, Local Authorities, Communities and Families can work together to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all Leaving No Family Behind.

Welcome to the discussions and to this unique lifelong learning opportunity!

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Dear Participants,

Welcome to the World Family Summit 2019! The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) has been a long-time partner of the World Family Organization. It is a great pleasure and privilege to work hand in hand with the World Family Organization to promote family-centric approaches to realize inclusive, sustainable and resilient societies.

Let me first congratulate Dr. Deisi Kusztra, President of the World Family Organization for organizing the World Family Summit 2019. She gave great energy and commitment to the process and always impresses me with her dynamism to the process and always impresses me with her innovative thinking and enhanced networks between all the participants. I wish the 2019 Summit a great success.

The theme of this year’s World Family Summit is “No Family Left Behind: Families and Climate Action: Focus on SDG13: Families and Local Authorities working together to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.”

Ms. Daniela Bas
Director Division for Inclusive Social Development of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DSD/UNDESA)

We will not achieve a transformative change in approach to environment without families. It is in families where future generations learn behaviours that impact our climate. It is in families, where good habits of responsible global citizenship are formed. It is in families, appreciation and respect for nature is formed. It is in families where children good habits of recycling and conserving energy. We truly need an intergenerational approach to climate action where all generations cooperate and reinforce their actions for the good of environment and our sustainable future.

Under SDG13 target 13.3 notes the importance of improving education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning. This important topic, together with SDG4 on education, relates to the theme of your summit “No Family Left Behind: Families and Climate Action: Focus on SDG13: Families and Local Authorities working together to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.”

It is my hope that the critical aspect of education, expressed in target 13.3 will be addressed at the Summit. The environmental clock is ticking. The transformative change is up to us and our families. It’s time for climate action now!
Mr. Navid Hanif
Director, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

On behalf of the Financing for Development Office - UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, I wish to extend my heartfelt greetings and best wishes to the World Family Summit 2019! Also, I would like to express my appreciation for the diligent leadership that the World Family Organization has shown during the past 70 years working on behalf of families all over the world and the promise to promote long-term partnerships with governments, civil society organizations and families to implement family-friendly policies and programs to improve families’ lives and well-being under the vision of the Agenda 2030.

This year’s Summit theme, encompassing with the ECOSOC High Level Political Forum 2019 reviews, is very important since empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality is an essential platform for implementing the vision of the Agenda 2030. I would like to express my appreciation for the diligent leadership that the World Family Organization has shown during the past 70 years working on behalf of families all over the world and the promise to promote long-term partnerships with governments, civil society organizations and families to implement family-friendly policies and programs to improve families’ lives and well-being under the vision of the Agenda 2030.

And recognizing education as a public good and a public responsibility, its fundamental to recognize the importance of the financial aspects of education for promoting domestic public expenditure for education ensuring more efficient and equitable allocation, efficiency and accountability in expenditure and strengthening domestic mobilization through tax reforms, anti-corruption actions as agreed in the Addis Ababa Conference on Financing for Development. And in order to leave no one behind, NO FAMILY LEFT BEHIND, the partnership among all society actor from government, civil society organizations and the World Family Organization has shown during the past 70 years working on the issues related to financing for development, as well as the means of implementation is imperative.

The UN Financing for Sustainable Development Office provides coherent and integrated support to Member States in addressing the issue related to financing for development, as well as the means of implementation for achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and plays a critical role in supporting various work streams to implement the New Agenda and compromising with the vision, objectives, goals and expected results of the Agenda 2030.

I am convinced that once more the World Family Summit 2019 will be remembered as a significant contribution to finding practical solutions to leave no family behind. Dear Participants, please accept my best wishes for the success of the World Family Summit 2019!

Mrs. Joana Rabaça Gíria
President of the Commission for Equality in Labour and Employment - CITE, of the Ministry of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security.
The former United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon said: “The Sustainable Development Goals are our shared vision of humanity and social contract between the world’s leaders and the people.”

To turn this inspiring vision into reality, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development needs to be based on genuine shared responsibilities between public and private actors and further develop the cooperation at the global, regional, national and local levels, fostering synergies between the different actors and a coherent response to challenges. The challenges of 2030 Agenda also require new partnerships and new concerted and determined efforts, as well as a greater international solidarity.

The Sustainable Development Goals integrate a strong human rights dimension and equality and non-discrimination are deeply embedded in it as a crosscutting concern. Therefore, the SDGs have a great potential for tackling inequalities while paying particular attention to gender equality issues, targeting people that experience inequality (SDG1, SDG3, SDG5 and SDG10) and mainstreaming an equality perspective (SDG2, SDG3, SDG4, SDG10, SDG11, SDG16 and SDG17).

The focus of the 2019 World Family Summit will be on the SDG 4 and SDG 17 - Inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong learning, and to strengthen global partnerships to support and achieve the ambitions and targets of the 2030 Agenda – which are crucial to achieve a sustainable and developed world, where all human beings fulfill their potential in dignity and equality.


I welcome you all and wish an inspiring and fruitful Summit.
Mr. Isidro de Brito
Vice President for Legal and Administrative Affairs of World Family Organization
ANJAF – Associação Nacional para a Acção Familiar - President of Executive Board

On Behalf of the National Association for Family Action - ANJAF, I would like to extend my cordial welcome to all distinguished guests from coming afar from various parts of the world, and my warm congratulations to World Family Organization, one of the most committed advocates for Families issues Worldwide, for the successful preparation of the World Family Summit 2019, at beautiful multicultural city of Lisbon.

The World Family Summit 2019 main goal Education, and in the Family of the objectives of the Sustainable Development Goals.

On this occasion, I would like to thank Dr. Deisi Noeli Weber Kusztra – President of World Family Organization for her determination and great leadership and the hard work and family-friendly public policy development, leading to mutual respect and tolerance, communication among people of various cultures and languages, leading to mutual respect and tolerance, promoting a transformation of society as a whole -- social, economic and political.

On this occasion, I would like to thank Dr. Deisi Noeli Weber Kusztra – President of World Family Organization for the implementation, especially at the local and in the Family of the objectives of the Sustainable Development Goals.

We believe education is one of the most powerful instruments for human resources development, a key factor in reducing poverty and inequality. We stress that education is a key strategic factor for development in an increasingly integrated and knowledge-based economy. Education is central to the world efforts to breaking the cycle of poverty for millions of the world’s most disadvantaged and vulnerable people. It broadens people’s freedom of choice and action, raises economic productivity, empowers them to participate in economic and social lives of their societies and equips them with the skills they need to develop their livelihoods and help their families.

Education should also contribute to better communication among people of various cultures and languages, leading to mutual respect and tolerance, promoting a transformation of society as a whole -- social, economic and political.

On this occasion, I would like to thank Dr. Deisi Noeli Weber Kusztra – President of World Family Organization for her determination and great leadership and the hard work to support the Families issues all over the world.

I look forward to a successful World Family Summit and I’m sure the coming out resolution with concrete proposals will be a reference for the future role of all families in development, because our goal is "No Family Left Behind".

Dr. Deisi Noeli Weber Kusztra
World Family Organization - President

Welcome to the World Family Summit 2019!

The World Family Organization is proud to receive you in the beautiful city of Lisbon, Portugal for one more edition of the World Family Summit. This year our Summit is very special as we are for the first time celebrating together the International Day of Families.

The International Day of Families is observed on the 15th of May every year. The Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 1993 with resolution A/RES/47/237, and reflects the importance the international community attaches to families. The International Day of Families provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase knowledge of the social, economic, environmental and peace and security processes affecting families, and their members, at all the levels.

We have many reasons to celebrate. Over the past 70 years the World Family Organization has built an extensive and solid platform to improve the existence of many families all over the world. In partnership with the United Nations, Governments at National Sub-National and Local levels, Universities, NGOs and Communities we have been able to mobilized efforts to jointly address the challenges and opportunities to include the family in the process of sustainable development.

The Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals, are directly related to the family well-being and as promised at the previous editions of the World Family Summits, we want to be part of this integrated policy action approach to ensure inclusive economic, social and environmental growth, environmental sustainability, peace and security that responds to the aspirations of all families for a world free of want and fear.

Having “No Family Left Behind” as our core aspiration, the World Family Summit 2019 theme “Families and Local Authorities working together to promote lifelong learning opportunities for all”, will devise many aspects of the SDGs. Education which is regarded as key for the progress of all other SDGs. And we should emphasize that to the implementation at local level and in the family is an exceptional opportunity to achieve better integration between community needs and family-friendly public policy development, leading to a renewed hope, framing, jobs and growth, while ensuring sustainability and peace.

Distinguished Participants, we are happy to host you in the beautiful Lisbon City and to count with your full energy in giving your contribution to the discussions and decisions on how to implement the Agenda 2030 and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, strengthening the local-level and ensuring that No Family Will Be Left Behind.
Mrs. Hanifa Mezoui, PhD
AICESIS – New York Representative
IGO In Observer Status with ECOSOC

Dear WFO Participants,

It is a pleasure to send my warmest greetings to everyone who has gathered for the annual WFO Summit program titled: “No Family Left Behind: Families and Local Authorities working together to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.”

In recent decades, humanity has made unprecedented social progress. However, this progress has not reached the required speed and too many challenges remain. All over the world—marginalized groups cannot participate fully in economic, social and political life, thus are left out. The goal of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the main aspiration of the World Family Summit is to involve families in the development process so that no one is left behind.

Aware of the fundamental role played by the family unit as the foundation of every society throughout the world, the World Family Organization works daily to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Created in the aftermath of the Second World War and having obtained its general consultative status with ECOSOC, WFO is present on 5 continents to act in favor of human rights through the lens of family. I believe WFO contains aspects that distinguish it from all other international organizations created to date. For this reason, it deserves to be monitored and praised. The aim of WFO is to promote families at the level of the States, international governmental and non-governmental organizations, parliament, businesses and civil societies. WFO provides on-the-ground assistance in emergency situations by building hospitals as humanitarian and social projects. Most of all, WFO works in partnership with governments, UN agencies, NGOs, the private sector and individuals to address the factors that cause inequality.

The SDGs, to be achieved within the next 11 years, commit to leaving no one behind and to reach those who need it most, as a priority. They specifically call for the reduction of inequalities between men and women, between rural and urban areas and between socioeconomic groups, youth and persons with disabilities. Through the current theme of HLPF 2019 “Empowering people and ensuring inclusive and equality”, WFO tackles six SDGs: quality education, inclusive growth and decent work, reducing inequalities, climate action, peaceful societies and global partnerships—all of which relates to Family.

The United Nations values WFO’s commitment in making these goals happen. I wish to express my confidence that WFO will continue to be an SDG enabler. But we have to add that the implementation of the SDGs will not be possible without adequate funding. We must be creative in mobilizing funding from all possible sources and ambitious in exploring how to work together to provide incentive for our global system to support these goals!

On the morning of 15 May, we will also be celebrating the International Day of Families. Let’s recall that, on 20 September 1993, the General Assembly decided that 15 May will be recognized as the International Day of Families (Resolution 47/237). This International Day is an opportunity to raise awareness on family issues, as well as the social, economic and demographic processes that affect families. The International Day of Families has inspired a series of awareness-raising actions, particularly at the national level.

As we acknowledge the strength in our diversity, I would like to congratulate Dr. Deisi, my dear friend, to continue to be a valuable partner to the United Nations, united in purpose and united in action. She simply translates the ambitions of the SDGs into action. Thanking you all for your engagement and support.
The new agenda is a promise by leaders to all people everywhere. It is a universal, integrated and transformative vision for a better world. It is an agenda for people, to end poverty in all its forms. An agenda for the planet, our common home. An agenda for shared prosperity, peace and partnership. It conveys the urgency of climate action. It is rooted in gender equality and respect for the rights of all. Above all, it pledges to leave no one behind.

-UN Secretary General BAN Ki-moon

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The Global Goals
For Sustainable Development
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1. NO POVERTY
2. ZERO HUNGER
3. GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
4. QUALITY EDUCATION
5. GENDER EQUALITY
6. CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
7. AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY
8. DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
9. INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
10. REDUCED INEQUALITIES
11. SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
12. RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
13. CLIMATE ACTION
14. LIFE BELOW WATER
15. LIFE ON LAND
16. PEACE AND JUSTICE, STRONG INSTITUTIONS
17. PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

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Theme: No Family Left Behind: Families and Local Authorities working together to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.
Education plays a key role in building sustainable, inclusive and resilient societies and has reciprocal linkages with almost all other goals in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. As we are living in an increasingly interconnected and interdependent world, new levels of complexity, tensions and paradoxes are rising. Families’ vulnerability, inequalities and exclusion. This Panel will discuss the reciprocal linkages between education and development and the potentialities to offer new knowledge horizons and opportunities for Families with strengthened solidarity in our collective endeavour for inclusive and sustainable human and social development.

Moderator: Dr. Deisi Kusztra – World Family Organization President

Panelists:  
Mr. Miguel Cabrita – State Secretary of Employment - Portugal  
Mrs. Daniela Bass – Director of Division for Inclusive Social Development – UN DESA New York  
Mr. Navid Hanif – Director of Financing for Sustainable Development Office – UN DESA New York  
Mrs. Mihoko Kumamoto – Director of Hiroshima Office – UNITAR Geneva  
Ambassador Edrees Mohamed – Permanent Representative UN Mission of Egypt  
Mrs. Mafalda Troncho – Director of ILO Office – Portugal  
Mr. Ricardo Barros – Federal Parliamentarian, Lider of Local Authorities Movement - Brazil
11:00  Electronic Session 2 – Transforming Our World: Quality Education


The 2030 Agenda is universal, holistic and indivisible, with a special imperative to leave no one behind. Within the Sustainable Development Agenda, meeting the education goals is regarded as a key for progress of all other SDGs. This Panel will focus on the challenges and strategies to overcome persistent barriers for vulnerable and marginalized families, excluded from equal education opportunities on the grounds of gender, ethnicity, ability, socio-economic status or other parameters. It also aims to highlight innovative and promising educational policies and strategies to reach all learners, respecting their diverse needs, abilities and characteristics and to eliminate all forms of discrimination in the learning environment.

Moderator: Dr. Anjli Doshi – World Family Organization Regional Focal Point for Asia – Malaysia

Keynote Speaker I – Empowering Families: ensuring inclusiveness and equality of educational opportunities:
Mrs. Ana Maria Bettencourt, Ph.D – President of the General Council of the Lisbon Polytechnic Institute - PORTUGAL

Keynote Speaker II – Empowering Teachers: rethinking the role of teachers and educators in the new educational landscape in shaping the success of future generations:
Prof. Ameur Ahmad Jeridi - Secretary General of the Tunisian Organization for Family Education – Tunisia

Keynote Speaker III – Financing quality education for all: mobilizing, distributing, utilizing and managing resources effectively:
Mr. João Casanova de Almeida – Former State Secretary of Education – Portugal

12:00  Discussions and Recommendations
12:30  Lunch – Restaurant Eduardo VII
Moderator: Mrs. Leena Raman, Coordinator for Child Labor Program – ILO Syria

Keynote Speaker I –
Empowering Children: reinstating the urgency and importance of investing in quality pre-primary education as an indispensable part of a child's learning process.
Mrs. Cristina Fangueiro - Chairwoman of the Board of Directors of Casa Pia de Lisboa – Portugal

Keynote Speaker II –
Empowering Youth: Applying a youth development lens on education 2030 from a life-course perspective, from an education perspective and from a stakeholder perspective.
GLOBAL COMPACT YOUTH PROGRAM

Keynote Speaker III –
Youth Employment – Challenges, gaps and opportunities to 2030: the contribution of technical and vocational skills development to reduce youth income inequality, offer better revenues through decent jobs.
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14:45 Discussions and Recommendations

15:00 Electronic Session 4 – Working as one for Education
15:05 Plenary Session III – Civil Society Perspective: the bottleneck and ways forward in SDG4 implementation.

The Education 2030 Framework of Action recognizes the important role of civil society organizations play in advancing SDG4 and called for CSOs engagement at all stages from planning to implementation to monitoring to evaluation. The CSOs efforts within these processes to guarantee attention to issues of equity, non-discrimination, building effective implementation, accountable and inclusive institution at all levels and participatory decision making, are decisive for good governance. This Panel will discuss the experiences and bottlenecks of CSOs in different levels, performing different actions to advance SDG4.

Moderator: Amany Asfour – World Family Organization Regional Focal Point For Africa

Keynote Speaker I – Civil Society Perspectives: Promoting mobilizations and raising public awareness, enabling the voices of citizens to be heard in Policy development.
Mrs. Emily McGlone - Director of Peace Boat

Keynote Speaker II – Keynote Speaker II – Civil Society Perspectives: Developing innovative and complementary approaches that help advance the right to education, specially for the most excluded families.
Mr. Edmundo Martinho – Provedor da Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Lisboa – Portugal

15:45 Discussions and Recommendations

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 Eletronic Session 5 – Building Peaceful and Inclusive Societies

16:35 Plenary Session IV

Success Story I – Citizenship Factory - presented by Mr. Diogo Costa Ferreira – Portugal

Success Story II – Afel-Restoring Lebanese Childhood – presented by Mrs. Amal Farhat - Lebanon

17:30 Closing

20:30 Gala Diner – National dressing welcome!
May 14 – Morning

9:00 Opening – Electronic Session 6 – Sustainable Development begins with Education

9:05 Plenary Session V – Opening Doors to Refugees and Migrant Families: Teaching and Learning respect for cultural diversity.

Leaving no one behind is among the most aspirational and often cited global commitments of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Migration and displacement are two global challenges the agenda needs to address in achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Families affected by migration and displacement include those who move, those who stay and those who host immigrants, refugees or other displaced populations and interact with education in many ways. In a global context, marked by the rise of new and continued threats to global peace, democracy, justice and human rights, the global community is increasingly struggling with the notion of what it means to “respect cultural diversity” as well as “teach and learn” about respect for cultural diversity in a complex and globalized world. This session will focus on the importance of promoting an appreciation of cultural diversity and the challenges to ensure that policy commitments to cultural diversity are aligned with education policies and practices that support peace, justice and social inclusion.

Moderator: Mrs. Rachel Aird – World Family Organization Director for Coordination and Outreach – South Africa

Keynote Speaker I – Open the doors: Ensuring the rights to education for migrants, refugees and other displaced families in national and local education systems.
Prof. Raimundo Chaves Neto – Faculty of Family Law – European University – Portugal

Keynote Speaker II – Global Citizenship Education: Developing attitudes of empathy, solidarity and respect for cultural differences and diversities.
Mr. Pedro Calado – High Commissioner for Migration and CEO Choices Program – Portugal

Keynote Speaker III – No family left behind and reach the furthest behind first: Efforts to readily validate migrants and refugees prior learning and qualifications allowing them to find work consistent with their skills.
Mrs. Michelle Breslauer – Senior Manager on Peace and Governance UN Global Compact – USA

10:00 Discussions and Recommendations

10:30 Coffee Break
Moderator: Dr. Jamila Suliman Khanji – World Family Organization Regional Focal Point for Middle East

Keynote Speaker I – Skilling and reskilling: The global challenges of all countries to develop and implement effective education, lifelong learning and training policies that includes all forms of learning and provision of multiple entry points. 
Mr. António Valadas da Silva – Institute for Employment and Professional Education

Keynote Speaker II – Realizing the potential of lifelong learning: Investing in learning throughout life improves people’s health and well-being, makes families and communities more resilient and fosters democratic citizenship.
Mrs. Mihoko Kumamoto – Director of Hiroshima – UNITAR Office - Japan

Keynote Speaker III – Learning Cities Approach: A people-centred and learning-focused approach, providing collaborative and action-oriented framework, enhancing families access and participation on a healthy, equitable and inclusive living environment.
Mrs. Claudia Vieira – Adviser to the Mayor of the Gondomar Municipality - Portugal

11:15 Discussions and Recommendations

Our world today is characterized by accelerated and unprecedented pace of change. Globalization, new technologies, migration, changing labour markets, and transnational environmental and political challenges will demand new skills and knowledge needed for work, citizenship and life in the twenty-first century. Technological development, particularly digitization, deserves increasingly attention. Due to automation, new occupations are emerging while others are no longer in demand. The digital economy itself is also bringing in new types of informality and vulnerability. At a time when millions of families will need the skills that is required for work and life, the challenge for all countries is to develop and implement effective education, lifelong learning and training policies that include a focus on re-skilling and upskilling. This Panel will focus on the policy measures and solutions that can simultaneously equip the current and next generation of workforce with the skills they need for a not-yesterday-imagined future.
May 14 – Afternoon

14:00 Opening – Electronic Session 9 – Rethinking Education – Spoken Word!

14:05 Plenary Session VIII – Higher Education, Technology, Innovation and Future of Learning: The connection between a rapidly changing world of work impacted by the digital revolution, evolving demand for generic competencies and technical skills and a changing role of providers, with an emphasis on lifelong learning.

The Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development aims to “leaving no one behind”. Access, insertion, permanence, and completion of quality higher education is of great interest for society. There has been a growing recognition of the need to rethink education and better understand its capacity to achieve transformation, not only at the individual level, but also at the family and societal level, promoting another more just and sustainable model of development. Greater attention to inclusion will contribute to strengthening the relationship between social integration and education, which is fundamental to the goals of development, democracy and peace. Countries must rethink social and human development and design from there the future that we want for all, including the relationship between higher education and the world of work. This Panel will discuss how higher education will be affected by and contribute to a fast-changing learning and work environment while increasing inclusive access and enhancing equal opportunities of success.
Moderator: Mrs. Cristina Archer - Responsible for the new Inclusion at IBM group

Keynote Speaker I – Higher Education Institutions: Actors within evolving lifelong learning systems and tools necessary to enable the changing nature of the world of work and a change of skills demand.
Mrs. Clara Raposo, PhD – President of Lisbon School of Economics Management – Portugal

Keynote Speaker II – Technology and Innovation in Schools: Increasing access to quality education, providing adequate learning resources and innovative education provision approaches.
Prof. Millad M SAAD, PhD – Education Technology – Lebanese University – Lebanon

14:45 Discussions and Recommendations

15:00 Electronic Session 10 – Equal jobs = Equal pay

15:05 Plenary Session IX
Success Story I – presented by Mrs. Alexandrina-Liana Kiss – Romania
Foundation for People Development: The Pata Rat Program - Education changes life

Success Story II – presented by Mrs. Giulia Meschino – Belgium
• NIK - Newcomers In the Kitchen - Promoting integration of migrants and refugees and their families in the communities through training in the kitchen sector.
• SOLITY - VET Social Utility Monitor / NIK - Newcomers In the Kitchen, promoting the integration of migrants and refugees and their family

15:45 Discussions and Recommendations

16:00 Coffee Breakup

16:30 Electronic Session 11 – Ten Targets of Sustainable Development Goal 4

16:35 Plenary Session X – Negotiations for the Declaration

17:30 Closing

20:30 Diner – Restaurant Eduardo VII
May 15 – Morning

9:00  Opening:  Electronic Session 12 – Learning to Live Together in Peace Through Citizenships Education

9:15  Declaration Presentation and Approval

10:00 Awarding Ceremony

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1. Guest of Honor
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2. Câmara Municipal de Lisboa

3. CITE – Comissão para a Igualdade no Trabalho e Emprego

4. Santa Casa de Misericórdia de Lisboa

5. Instituição Particular de Solidariedade Social – SIC Esperança

6. Associação Nacional para a Acção Familiar - Anjaf

Closing Ceremony

"Celebrations of the International Day of Families" (Statements, Cultural Presentation, etc...)

12:00 Farewell Lunch – Restaurant Eduardo VII
Nidhal Ben Cheikh (born in 1974) is economist, Advisor of the Ministry of Social and Agrarian Development. He has been engaged for the past 20 years in implementing poverty alleviation programs and local development. He has experience in the areas of travel, tourism, and event management. He worked in training, certified in training and event management. He has been involved in the training of officers and staff of the Ministry of Social and Agrarian Development. He has received many national and international awards for his work in the field of poverty alleviation.

Mikkel Seth is currently the United Nations Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations University Institute for Training and Research (UNU-IETR). During his career with the United Nations since 1995, Mr. Seth has also led the Division for Sustainable Development (DESA), Head of the Rio+20 Secretariat, Special Assistant and Chief of Staff to the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. He was also the Chief of the Policy Coordination Branch in the Division for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, among other functions.

Nikhil Chandavarkar is the Secretary General and Executive Director of Interorganizational and Social Development. He has been in the Secretariat for Social Development for over 10 years and has worked in Africa, Europe, Middle East and North America. He has also served in Brazil, Paraguay and Colombia with UNDP. He has also served in the American Health Organization, World Bank, Interamerican Institutions, such as the World Health Organization, Pan-American Health Organization and the United Nations. He has also worked in many countries in Latin America and is now based in South America, from where he networks with the world on issues.

Since December 1999, as the President of the World Family Organization, Dr. Kustos represents the Organization at the United Nations, Governments and inter-governmental organizations level.

Dr. Kustos is a Consultant to many international organizations, such as the World Health Organization, Pan-American Health Organization, UNHCR and other agencies. He is also the Advisor to many civil society organizations for the implementation of partnerships with increasing complexity to ensure the realization of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the post-MDGs. He is also a member of the UN Advisory Board on Universal Health Coverage.

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Mrs. Hafsa Moezzi, PhD. - A team leader at the international and national level, responsible for the coordination of a gender and development project. She has managed and coordinated major projects in the field of gender and development, including the Gender and Development Project (GDP) and the National Gender Development Project (NGDP). She has also been involved in the development of the Gender and Development Policy in Morocco. She has received many national and international awards for her work in the field of gender and development.

Mrs. Daniela Bas was appointed Director of DESA Division for Social Development on 9 May 2011. A political specialist in international politics, human rights and social development, Mrs. Bas has recently served as Senior Consultant designated by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Development as an expert in human rights to institutions that operate internationally. She has participated in several high-level international meetings and conferences. Mrs. Bas has worked for close to 15 years for the UN as a Professional Officer in social development and human rights, traveling around the world. She has also been the chair of the UN Human Rights Council in 2009.

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Mr. Mohamed Fathi Almed Edrees is an Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations, New York and until 2018 he was the Chargé d'Affaires in Beijing and China. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Egypt in 1987, and worked in different departments within the Ministry. Mr. Edrees was the Assistant Foreign Minister for African Affairs from 2003 to January 2014. He served as Ambassador of Egypt in Ethiopia, as well as in his country’s Permanent Representation in the African Union and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, from 2011 to 2015. From 2010 to 2011, Mr. Edrees was Deputy Assistant Minister for African Quasi-Ambassadors, while from 2007 to 2010, he was Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York and until 2018 he was the Chair of G-77 and China. Prior to his diplomatic service, he was a resident doctor within the Ministry of Health. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt, in 1987, and worked in different departments within the Ministry.

Mrs. Mihoko Kumamoto has over 20 years of professional experience in the development cooperation field and has been with the United Nations for 17 years. As Director of the UNITAR Hiroshima Office, Ms. Kumamoto leads training programmes for countries in the Arab States, Asia, and the Pacific and Indian Oceans on diverse topics, including peacekeeping, social entrepreneurship, and sustainable development. Ms. Kumamoto earned her Master’s in Economic Development at Columbia University. In 2001, she joined the United Nations Development Programme and served in Vietnam Country Office as a Junior Professional Officer. In 2003, she moved to the UNDP headquarters in New York and became signature programmes that promoted the capacity development of institutions and individuals, including the Africa Adaptation Programme. In 2005, Mr. Kumamoto worked for the UNDP in the headquarters to New York and became signature programmes that promoted the capacity development of institutions and individuals, including the Africa Adaptation Programme. In 2005, Mr. Kumamoto worked for the UNDP in the headquarters to New York and became signature programmes that promoted the capacity development of institutions and individuals, including the Africa Adaptation Programme. In 2005, Ms. Kumamoto worked for the UNDP in the headquarters to New York and became signature programmes that promoted the capacity development of institutions and individuals, including the Africa Adaptation Programme. In 2005, Ms. Kumamoto worked for the UNDP in the headquarters to New York and became signature programmes that promoted the capacity development of institutions and individuals, including the Africa Adaptation Programme. In 2005, Ms. Kumamoto worked for the UNDP in the headquarters to New York and became signature programmes that promoted the capacity development of institutions and individuals, including the Africa Adaptation Programme. In 2005, Ms. Kumamoto worked for the UNDP in the headquarters to New York and became signature programmes that promoted the capacity development of institutions and individuals, including the Africa Adaptation Programme. In 2005, Ms. Kumamoto worked for the UNDP in the headquarters to New York and became signature programmes that promoted the capacity development of institutions and individuals, including the Africa Adaptation Programme. In 2005, Ms. Kumamoto worked for the UNDP in the headquarters to New York and became signature programmes that promoted the capacity development of institutions and individuals, including the Africa Adaptation Programme. In 2005, Ms. Kumamoto worked for the UNDP in the headquarters to New York and became signature programmes that promoted the capacity development of institutions and individuals, including the Africa Adaptation Programme. In 2005, Ms. Kumamoto worked for the UNDP in the headquarters to New York and became signature programmes that promoted the capacity development of institutions and individuals, including the Africa Adaptation Programme. In 2005, Ms. Kumamoto worked for the UNDP in the headquarters to New York and became signature programmes that promoted the capacity development of institutions and individuals, including the Africa Adaptation Programme. In 2005, Ms. Kumamoto worked for the UNDP in the headquarters to New York and became signature programmes that promoted the capacity development of institutions and individuals, including the Africa Adaptation Programme. In 2005, Ms. Kumamoto worked for the UNDP in the headquarters to New York and became signature programmes that promoted the capacity development of institutions and individuals, including the Africa Adaptation Programme. In 2005, Ms. Kumamoto worked for the UNDP in the headquarters to New York and became signature programmes that promoted the capacity development of institutions and individuals, including the Africa Adaptation Programme. In 2005, Ms. Kumamoto worked for the UNDP in the headquarters to New York and became signature programmes that promoted the capacity development of institutions and individuals, including the Africa Adaptation Programme. In 2005, Ms. Kumamoto worked for the UNDP in the headquarters to New York and became signature programmes that promoted the capacity development of institutions and individuals, including the Africa Adaptation Programme. In 2005, Ms. Kumamoto worked for the UNDP in the headquarters to New York and became signature programmes that promoted the capacity development of institutions and individuals, including the Africa Adaptation Programme. In 2005, Ms. Kumamoto worked for the UNDP in the headquarters to New York and became signature programmes that promoted the capacity development of institutions and individuals, including the Africa Adaptation Programme.
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Mr. Edmundo Martinho holds a degree in Social Work from the Superior Institute of Social Service of Lisbon and a Master's degree in Project Management.
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Mrs. Ana Maria Bettencourt, Ph.D. was born in Lisbon, Portugal and graduated in U.A. Applied Linguistics. Mrs. Jeridi is the Founder of the Observatory of Social Inequality and development.
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Michelle has significant experience managing complex communication strategies on an international scale, including five years tenure at the 9/11 Memorial & Museum of the World Trade Center. She holds a master’s degree in Peace Studies and a bachelor’s degree in international affairs.
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Services for Elders, Positive Parenthood training, European
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risk of exclusion. He is a member of the Portuguese Council for
Family. He also headed the Association of Women in Portugal (AMIRF)
in Portugal in a project called “ RESET for a country” to involve
the young girls in social causes and organises beauty
pageants. This association have the rights for the Portuguese
from the main international Pageants in Miss World,
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Miss Grand International and several others.
He was Manager of several European Projects,
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the Portuguese Council for Family Affairs and Vice-President in
1998. Was advisor of the Secretary of State for Youth in
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Mr. Isidro de Brito holds a Degree in Human
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Management Project in Partnership.
He speaks fluent Portuguese, English, French and Spanish.

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of Associations for the Protection of Mothers, Children and
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