



**Commission on
Population and
Development**
Fifty-fourth session

Official Virtual
Side Event

**Tuesday,
April 20, 2021**

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM EDT

Putting the Family Back at the Center of Development

Beginning with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, international agreements have affirmed that the family, as the natural and fundamental group unit of society, is entitled to protection by society and the state. In recognition of this fundamental obligation under human rights law, UN member states have supported placing the family at the center of international development programming for health, women, and population policies.

PROGRAM

MODERATOR

Laura Cunliffe, Former Chief of Staff, U.S. Mission to the United Nations in Geneva

The Future of the Geneva Consensus Declaration

Valerie Huber, Architect of GCD,
Formerly with the Trump Administration

What Women Want

Rebecca Oas, Ph.D., Director of Research, C-Fam

The Family as the Primary Educator of Their Children

Sharon Slater, President, Family Watch International

Emerging Threats to the Family

Grace Melton, Senior Associate for Social Issues
at the UN, The Heritage Foundation

The Family in International Law

Stefano Gennarini, J.D., VP for Legal Studies, C-Fam

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