The Family, Child Well-being, and the Protection and Empowerment of Girls

Uniting Nations for a Family Friendly World

Friday, March 17, 2017, 4:45 – 6:00 PM
UN Headquarters, NY, Conference Rm. B

Attendees must have a pass to attend this event.
Please RSVP to info@c-fam.org by March 10, 2017

In conjunction with the 61st Commission on the Status of Women, the Group of Friends of the Family together with civil society, is pleased to host an event on the theme “The family, child well-being, and the protection and empowerment of girls.”

The family is the safest place for children to grow to maturity, particularly girls and special need children. The social science about the benefits of the family for child development is overwhelming, and replicates across borders, racial, religious, and cultural divides.

In order to empower girls from their earliest stages it is essential for governments to do everything in their power and within their means to strengthen and protect the family as the institution that has been empirically shown to provide the safest and most nurturing place for children, in particular girls and those challenged with disabilities, to flourish.

Organized by the 25 member states of the Group of Friends of the Family which includes: Bangladesh, Belarus, Comoros, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Yemen, Uganda, Zimbabwe.

Organisers:
Group of Friends of the Family jointly with C-Fam on behalf of Civil Society for the Family

Co-sponsoring Organizations:
Civil Society for the Family represents 180 International NGOs. The organizing committee for this platform includes: Center for Family and Human Rights (C-Fam), Citizen Go, Derecho a Vivir, Family Research Council (FRC), HazteOir.org, Human Life International (HLI), Institute for Family Policies (IPF), International Organization for the Family (IOF), National Organization for Marriage (NOM), and Transatlantic Christian Council (TCC).

other supporting organizations:

March 21 is World Down Syndrome Day, WDSD, a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012.

PANELISTS

W. Bradford Wilcox, Ph.D.
Professor of Sociology, University of Virginia

Why Marriage Matters: How Children Benefit from Stable Marriage

Valerie Huber
President and CEO, ASCEND

Sexual Risk Avoidance: Beginning with prevention and ending with health

Kurt Kondrich
Human Coalition, Senior Director of Development

Unborn Women Can’t Make History

MODERATOR

Susan Yoshihara, Ph.D.
Senior Vice President for Research, Center for Family & Human Rights (C-Fam)