

PARTICIPANT'S HANDBOOK



WORLD FAMILY SUMMIT 2022

Jun 28 and 29

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LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND FAMILIES WORKING
TOGETHER TO IMPLEMENT THE AGENDA 2030

Agenda





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Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland



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World Family Organization **Celebrating**

75 YEARS IN THE SERVICE OF FAMILIES

1947 - 2022



World Family Summit Sanya, China 2004



Opening Ceremony World Family Summit, Sanya, China 2004



Family reading the final text of the Sanya Declaration

World Family Summit + 1, Aracaju, Brazil 2005



Opening Ceremony



Plenary Session Aracaju

World Family Summit + 2, Jordan 2006



Dr. Deisi Kusztra and H.M. Queen Rania Al Abdullah entrance for the Official Opening Ceremony



Speech of Dr. Deisi Kusztra, WFO President during the Opening Ceremony

World Family Summit + 3, Poland 2007



Opening Ceremony



World Family Summit +3 Group photo



Celebration of WFO's 60th Anniversary during the WFS+3



World Family Summit + 4, Egypt 2008



WORLD FAMILY SUMMIT 2015
Cairo - Egypt | 10 - 12 December 2015



Opening Speech - Dr. Hanifa Mezoui - Chief - NGO
Section - UNDESA



Closing Ceremony

World Family Summit + 5, Turkey 2009



Opening Ceremony



Audience during the WFS+5 Opening Ceremony

World Family Summit +6, France 2010



Open Ceremony



Audience during the WFS+5 Opening Ceremony

World Family Summit +7, United Arab Emirates 2011



Audience during the Ministerial Roundtable



Ministerial Roundtable World

World Family Summit +8, Brazil 2012



Open Ceremony



Closing Ceremony



Final Group Photo

World Family Summit +9, Germany 2013



Special Panel at the Opening Ceremony



Group Photo



Awarding Ceremony

World Family Summit +10, China 2014



Group Photo



Open Ceremony



Open Ceremony

World Family Summit 2015, Cairo - Egypt



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Open Ceremony



Awarding Ceremony

World Family Summit 2016, São Paulo - Brazil



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Plenary Session



Open Ceremony



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World Family Summit 2017, Geneva - Switzerland



World Family Summit 2017
14-15 December | Geneva - Switzerland



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Awarding Ceremony



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Awarding Ceremony



Audience

World Family Summit 2019, Lisboa - Portugal



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Awarding Ceremony



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Audience



Invest In Families

**BUILDING
THE FUTURE
we WANT**



Vision:

Humankind has achieved unprecedented social and economic progress over the past several decades. However, the progress have 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 2022 is continue to highlight the inclusion of the family in the process of development Leaving No Family 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 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 11 and its respective targets;
- Discuss the positive impact of strengthening the partnership between Local Authorities and Families for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda focusing the SDGs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 11 at Local Level.
- Promote the integration of a family-focused perspective of the SDGs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 11 into policy-making and service-delivery at the Local Level.
- Provide participants with expert analysis on means to include and implement the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs 11, into family-friendly local policies and services delivery, contributing to build strong communities Leaving No Family Behind.
- Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the World Family Organization.

Expected Results

- Reach a consensus among participants on the benefits of supporting and demanding the inclusion and implementation the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 11 and its respective targets into local family-friendly public 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 11 implementation.
- Outline possible new collaboration models between Local Governments and Family Organizations to provide partnership schemes addressing the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and SDGs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 11 .
- Draft and approve conclusions and recommendations of the World Family Summit 2022 Declaration to be sent to the 2022 UN ECOSOC HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM.



TO THE WORLD FAMILY ORGANIZATION HONORARY MEMBER – **MR. MARCEL VAN BREEN**

PORTRAIT

By Geert Van Hecke

At the age of ninety-seven, Marcel Van Breen can call himself the proud great-great-grandfather of Emile, his great-great-grandchild who was born last summer. This ancestor of an extensive progeny speaks with pride about the many 'grand-men' he has already seen growing up: "They are doing a great job, let them do."

The life of Mr Van Breen, as many have known him in the past at the Gezinsbond Organization cannot be summarized in one stroke of the pen. His mother was widowed at a young age and Marcel - officially called 'August' - seemed destined to continue working on the farm at home. But the pastor and the head teacher, he says, persuaded my mother to let me go to normal school. Then I joined the 'White Fathers', until after six years I was judged as 'not called'."



Who is Marcel Van Breen?

- Born on December 31, 1925 in Oostmalle.
- He was the third in a family of eight children. He was twelve years old when his father died and his mother has to run the farm alone.
- Studies to become a teacher thanks to, among other, the Study Fund and Widows and Orphans Fund of the Gezinsbond.
- Entered the Missionaries of Africa (better known as the "White Fathers"), but the superiors judge that he is "not called".
- Trained from 1950 at the Center for Anti-Aircraft Artillery (Lombardsijde) as a reserve officer of the Belgian army.
- Joined the Social Services of the army and the gendarmerie in Sijsele near Bruges in 1964 as a captain-commander (retirement at 51 years old).
- Graduated in 1963 with the first group of students of Family Sciences (now co-university college Odissee in Schaebeek); wrote his dissertation on children's rights and UNICEF.
- Holden various positions as a volunteer at the Gezinsbond; has been chairman of the Flemish Housing Fund for 25 years and Vice President for Legal Affairs of the World Family Organisation for 36 years.
- Returns from Bruges in 2015 with his wife Jeanne (deceased in 2019) to a residential care center in his native region of Malle, where many family members also live.
- Is the proud Grand-Men of eleven grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The World Family Organization, in the occasion of the celebrations of its 75th Anniversary, is proud and honored to pay tribute to Mr. Marcel Van Breen for the long years devoted to the organization and for his wise advise to those who came after him, till the present days.

"I live without worry about what lies ahead"
Marcel Van Breen



World Family Organization | Executive Board

20th Constitutional Mandate | 2022-2025



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Guest of Honor | Mr. Nikhil Seth
United Nations Assistant Secretary-General,
Executive Director, UNITAR



On 8 June 2015, Mr. Nikhil Seth was appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon as UN Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research.

Before assuming the post of the UNITAR Executive Director, Nikhil Seth was the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) at the United Nations Secretariat in New York. In this role he served as head of the Rio+20 secretariat and of the secretariat for the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, spearheading the preparations for these conferences in Rio, Brazil, and Apia, Samoa. He was also closely engaged in coordinating and advancing their follow-up.

Mr. Seth's Division was also responsible for supporting the intergovernmental negotiations for the post-2015 development agenda, which was adopted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit 2015 in September 2015.

During his career with the United Nations since 1993, Mr. Seth has served as Special Assistant and Chief of Office to the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (Sept 1993 – Jun 2001), Chief of the Policy Coordination Branch in the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (Jun 2001 – Jan 2003), as Secretary of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the Second Committee of the General Assembly (Feb 2003 – Aug 2006), and as Director of the DESA Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (Aug 2006 – Aug 2011), where he guided the ECOSOC's work in implementing several new key mandates, including its Annual Ministerial Review and Development Cooperation Forum.

Before joining the UN Secretariat, he was a delegate to the UN in the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations (Sep 1990 – Sep 1993) and involved with various UN conferences and summits including the Rio Summit on Environment and Development and the climate change related process. After joining the UN, he has been involved in the organization of the Copenhagen Summit on Social Development, the Monterrey Conference on Financing for Development, the Mauritius Conference on Small Island Developing States, the Millennium Summit, World Summit on Sustainable Development and the UN World Summit, beside the Rio+20 Conference.

He joined the Indian diplomatic service in 1980 and his diplomatic assignments included Geneva, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, Gabon and Equatorial Guinea.

Before joining the Indian diplomatic service, he worked as a Lecturer in Economics in St. Stephen College, Delhi University for 2 years (Aug 1977 – Sep 1979).

Mr. Nikhil Seth holds a Masters degree in Economics from Delhi University.



Message from World Family Organization Executive Board

Dear Members and Guests!

The World Family Organization in honored and welcome all of you to the World Family Summit 2022, in the beautiful city of Geneva.

The theme of the World Family Summit 2022 **“InvestInFamilies - Local Authorities and Families working together to alleviate poverty and hunger, promoting quality education and well-being, economic growth reducing inequality in an inclusive environment of peace and security”** having as our core aspiration **“No Family Left Behind”** aim to present, discuss and take commitments on how to engage National, Subnational and Local Governments, Civil Society, the Private Sector and other stakeholders in generating solutions and accelerating actions to address the gaps in the SDGs implementation.

In September 2019, the UN Secretary-General called on all sectors of society to mobilize for a **Decade of Action** on three levels: **global action** to secure greater leadership, more resources and smarter solutions for the Sustainable Development Goals; local action embedding the needed transitions in the policies, budgets, institutions and regulatory frameworks of governments, cities and local authorities; **and people action**, including by youth, civil society, the media, the private sector, unions, academia, families and other stakeholders, to generate an unstoppable movement pushing for the required transformations.

But the COVID-19 Crisis has disrupted our efforts to achieve many of the Goals by 2030, led to the worst recession since the Great Depression, impacting people's jobs and livelihoods, creating "new poor" and impoverishing those already living in poverty. But its time to get together with plans and actions responding and recovering the COVID-19 Crisis!

With just 8 years to go the **Decade of Action** calls for accelerating sustainable solutions to all the world's biggest challenges, ranging from poverty, hunger and gender to climate change, inequality and closing the finance gap.

Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, **Leaving No Family Behind**, is our shared vision to end poverty, rescue the planet and build a peaceful world. It must gain a new shared global and local momentum. Let's start today.

InvestInFamilies - Building the Future We Want

World Family Organization Executive Board



Message from UNITAR

Nikhil Seth

UN Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Director, UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

It is my great pleasure to team up with Dr. Deisi Kusztra and the World Family Organization for the World Family Summit 2022 being organized in Geneva.

These are dark and difficult times we are passing through. COVID-19 and war have been a double whammy setting back the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Prices of food, fuel and general inflation are hurting families everywhere. Hunger and malnutrition continue to creep across our fragile planet. Education has been battered. COVID-19 will have long term consequences and is far from over. The science on climate, biodiversity loss and pollution points to a triple planetary crisis. It calls for actions by all parts of society to protect both people and the planet.

The burden of these tough times falls on families and households like never before. It is time to do what we can to strengthen and make more resilient families and communities. I am so pleased that the Summit focuses on putting the SDGS back on track with a special focus on sustainable cities and strong communities.

I applaud the efforts of Dr. Deisi Kusztra and the energy she and her team bring to this regular gathering. UNITAR is proud to support the World Family Summit 2022.



Message from World Family Organization President

Dr. Deisi Noeli Weber Kusztra

Distinguished Participants!

Welcome to the World Family Summit 2022!

The World Family Organization is proud to receive you at the Palais des Nations, the UN Headquarters in Geneva, for one more edition of the World Family Summit, this year organized and hosted by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research – UNITAR.

This year our Summit is very special as we are also celebrating the World Family Organization 75th Anniversary.

We have many reasons to celebrate. Over the past 75 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 Governments at National, Subnational and Local levels, Universities, Parliaments, NGO's and Communities, following the United Nations Agenda we have been able to mobilized efforts to jointly address the challenges

and opportunities to include the family in the process of development.

The AGENDA 2030 for Sustainable Development with its 17 Sustainable Development Goals, are directly related to the family well-being and as promised at the World Family Summit 2016 we want to be part of this integrated policy-action approach to ensure inclusive economic and social development, environmental sustainability, peace and security that responds to the aspirations of all families for a world free of war and fear.

Having “No Family Left Behind” as our core aspiration, the World Family Summit 2022 theme “InvestInFamilies - Local Authorities and Families working together to alleviate poverty and hunger, promoting quality education and well-being, economic growth reducing inequality in an inclusive environment of peace and security” is a starting point to discuss the actions of the SDG 11 linked with the SDGs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 emphasizing that its implementation at local level and in the family is an exceptional opportunity to act in response to the COVID-19 CRISIS achieving better integration between communities needs and family-friendly public policy development, leading to a renewed hope, harmony, jobs and growth, while ensuring sustainability.

Distinguished Participants, we are happy to have all of you in the beautiful Geneva 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 Sustainable Development Goals strengthening the local level and ensuring that No Family is Left Behind.



Maria Aparecida Borguetti

Goodwill Ambassador for Latin America

Firstly I would like to welcome all participants of the World Family Summit 2022, wishing to all a deep reflection and future wise decisions to implement at Local Level the actions mentioned on the Theme of the World Family Summit 2022.

It is a great honor to have been nominated as Goodwill Ambassador of the World Family Organization (WFO) to Latin America, enabling me to help and closely support, incentive and monitor

the excellent work for families being done in our continent.

Over these decades, the World Family Organization has contributed to defending the interests of families, developing public policies for social protection and above all, helping those families who need it most.

Considering the economic, social, environmental and cultural disparities in the Latin America Region our greatest challenge is to raise the attention of local governments, civil society, the private sector and the media to the importance of developing effective policies and strategies aligned with strengthening family ties, protecting homes and promoting the well-being of families.

In Brazil we have several actions led by the World Family Organization that are changing the realities of millions of men, women, youth and children for the better.

These are actions that seek to achieve the 2030 Agenda by promoting the Sustainable Development Goals with a focus on eradicating poverty, improving health and well-being, guaranteeing quality education, protecting families and providing caring for the environment.

Much has already been accomplished and I am sure that much remains to be achieved. We reach the first 75 years of the WFO proudly looking back on our past and looking forward to a future of peace and prosperity Leaving No Family Behind.



Sofia Silva

Board of Director Secretary of European Network TANDEM PLUS

After two years so difficult for Families, is with a huge joy that I see the World Family Summit dedicate to “InvestInFamilies”, so I want to give my warm congratulation to World Family Organization, one of the most committed advocate for Families issues Worldwide, for the successful preparation of the World Family Summit 2022.

The World Family Summit 2022 main goal Local Authorities and Families working together, promises to be very participative in discussions, reflections, decisions and commitments, strengthening the position of World Family Organization in the international, national and local arena in advocating for the implementation, especially at the local level and in the Family of the objectives of the Sustainable Development Goals.

In response to the pandemic, building community capacity has been accelerated as an essential part of building resilience to help cushion the impact of future crises in families. Over the last few months, we have heard instances where councils and communities are working together to mitigate the direct impact of COVID-19 on families, as well as the effects of the lockdown measures on the wellbeing of families. Local councils have, for example worked with Mutual Aid groups to coordinate food and medicine deliveries, set up ‘listening crews’ to reach out to the lonely and isolated, and develop their own systems of record-keeping and safeguarding.

But even prior to the pandemic, councils taking on a more preventative approach to public services were already starting to adopt a more facilitative role, building community capacity by fostering a wider ecosystem of support and activity. Several councils have been exploring asset-based approaches that focus on what people can achieve for themselves, rather than what services can do on their behalf. In practice, this new approach can lead to a more relational model which emphasises building meaningful relationships with communities and developing networks of reciprocal exchange and support.

One of the key principles in building community capacity is co-production, which is critical in fostering shared understanding and ownership within the community. Simply defined, co-production is a meeting of minds coming together to find a shared solution. It involves delivering public services in an equal and reciprocal way between professionals, service users, their families and neighbours.

On this occasion of World Family Summit but also the commemoration of the 75 anniversary of WFO, I would like to thank Dr. Deisi 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 “Invest in Families to not Left any Family Behind”.



Keli Cristina de Souza Gali Guimarães

General Superintendent of Economic and Social Development
and Vice-President of the State Council for Economic and Social
Development

Representing the Government of Paraná, I would like to express my most sincere thanks to the World Family Organization and to UNITAR, for all the support given us in localizing the 2030 Agenda. It is my joy and honor to participate in the World Family Summit 2022 and the 75th anniversary celebrations of an Organization whose principles have much affinity with the Paraná State Government Strategy: the approach for sustainable development will only be materialized when all generations of families of Paraná State feels included and protected by the government political-policies decisions and actions, allowing them to live their lives in fully.

The outlines of the “Paraná eyeing the SDGs Strategy” were refined by WFO and UNITAR encouraging the participation of Paraná’s technical team in high-level international discussions and favoring a communication network that allowed bold projects such as our local indicators framework, alignment methodology from public policies to the SDGs, rotating fund for financing urban works, among many others, and now with the “University of Mayors” becoming a reality.

With precious partners, the General Superintendence for Economic and Social Development has been building tools for planning, financing, managing and monitoring results in our cities to promote the SDGs and the training of local leaders is a big step in this direction. We want the 399 municipalities of Paraná to be an example of multilevel governance, integration, cooperation and urban transformation with a focus on the social dimension, by becoming prosperous, safe, resilient, strong cities and prepared for the challenges that go beyond 2030.

This meeting brings us together at a particularly sensitive time, when threats to peace and health security loom like a shadow over humanity. Growing inequalities, particularly in the countries of the South, undermine past achievements and undermine social cohesion and people’s participation in political and economic life. More than ever, it’s important not to leave no one behind.

We believe that implementing the SDG 11 with all the other SDGs intersections as well as the New Urban Agenda, give us a safe basis for our actions. We will spare no effort to mobilize all Paraná local governments and families towards the Future We Want and we will not deviate from our goals as long as we can share inspiring ideas and good practices with those gathered at this summit.

I am proud to be one of the women’s leading the transformation in a scenario where gender equality is far from being achieved.

Distinguished participants, I wish you much success in this meeting with its unique perspective. It will certainly provide inspiration and solutions to bring cities to the center of our concerns for sustainable development.

And once again, I would like to thank WFO and UNITAR for the trust placed in us and for the opportunity to add to this annual event the participation of Paraná State Municipalities and Mayors.





Invest In Families

Local Authorities and Families

implementing the New Urban Agenda and the Agenda 2030





OFFICIAL PROGRAM



WORLD FAMILY SUMMIT 2022

JUNE 28 | Official Welcome

8:30	Registration
9:00	Participant's Welcome Electronic Session I The Pale Blue Dot
9:10	Opening Ceremony Ministerial/ Permanent Representatives Statements HE Mr Nikhil Seth – UN Assistant Secretary General and UNITAR Executive Director HE Ambassador Luis Gallegos – President of UNITAR Board of Trustees HE Ambassador Inas Mekkawy – Arab League HE Congressmen Ricardo Barros - Federal Government Leader of Brazil HE Daniela Bass - Director of UN Division for Inclusive Development HE Mr. Carlos Roberto Massa Júnior - Governor of Paraná State - Brazil. HE Dr. Deisi Kusztra – World Family Organization President

9:30

Plenary Session 1 –

Sustainable Cities and Strong Communities

– Inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19 for sustainable livelihoods, well-being and dignity for all.

Electronic Session II –

Understanding the Social Pillars of SDGs for Local Level



The Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development is the most ambitious agenda ever set for humanity. Introducing the SDG 11 as part of the broader Sustainable Development Goals is a blueprint for promoting equitable, inclusive, sustainable, safe and resilient cities and communities where families have a chance for better life, with fulfilling employment, higher income, social protection, housing, better access to basic public services and modern amenities.

Inspired on the commitment to Leaving No One Behind and responding to the impact of the COVID-19 crisis with innovative approaches, Local Governments have an unparalleled opportunity to change the game, making cities, local authorities and families active actors for recovering better and for the successful achievements of the Sustainable Development Goals.

This Session will discuss on how to raise awareness and strengthen family-friendly local social protection policies and programs implementation, enabling

massive changes in the communities and providing means to tackle urban and rural poverty and hunger, quality education, good health and well-being to all and at all ages.

- Moderator: Mrs. Lara Hussein – World Family Organization Vice-President for Policy and Program Implementation
- Keynote Speaker I Tackling poverty and hunger: SDGs 1 and 2 –
Ms. Daniela Bass - UN Division for Inclusive Social Development - USA
Building a strong connection and an inclusive partnership between Local Governments, Communities and Families to address the challenges of the rural and urban poverty and hunger.
- Keynote Speaker II Promoting families good health and well-being: SDG 3 –
Mr. Ahmed Aref – Planning And Content Manager – Doha International Family Institute - Qatar
Local Governments and Families building together Local Health Systems and Services including environmental factors affecting health and well-being for all and at all ages.
- Keynote Speaker III Tackling quality education for transformation: SDG 4 –
Mrs. Diana Chaves – Private Sector Regional Center for Support the UN SDGs - Colombia
Local Governments and Families education and lifelong learning for all as a priority strategy strengthening the economic, social, cultural and political potential of individuals and communities.
- Discussions and Recommendations

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 **Special Session: Success Stories**

Electronic Session III –
Sustainable Cities and Strong Communities

Moderator: Mrs. Amal Farhat Bassil - secrétaire générale de l'Afel.

Success Story I

ONSTAGE - Music schools for social change

Presenter: Raul Brenchat - Municipality of L'Hospitalet de Llobregat - Spain

Seventeen years ago, the EMMCA was founded in L'Hospitalet as a new model of music school that uses music as a tool for inclusion and social change. The ONSTAGE Transfer network follows the Good Practices, which has an innovative methodology engaging civic society. Making a difference from traditional music schools, the project gives equal opportunities to all inhabitants of L'Hospitalet to access music courses, involves primary schools and creates a space for social cohesion, tackling local issues such as exclusion, youth unemployment and school dropout.

Success Story II

Housing a better future for Roma in Cluj-Napoca

Presenter: Alexandrina Kiss - Cluj Metropolitan Area Inter-community Organization – Romania

The project aims to reduce the housing, social and economic disparities between the disadvantaged community of Pata Rât and the majority population of Cluj-Napoca and to tackle the risk of social exclusion among other poor families in the Metropolitan Area of Cluj, especially Roma families, but not only, which, in the absence of the support offered by the project, could be constrained to move to Pata Rât or other marginalized areas.



Sucess Story III

UnitED For Global Goals

Presenter: Giulia Basso and Sofia Silva – Tandem Plus Network - France

In Lisbon 2019, at the WFO Summit, some experts and members of the TANDEM PLUS Network attend, and an idea for a project was born and later was approved in 2020, by the ERASMUS+.

The project UnitED for Global Goals aims at creating a platform of exchange among the partners who belong to the European Network Tandem Plus, to learn and share experiences among operators of VET on the topic of Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, especially focusing on the contributing to share knowledge and practice, learning and inclusion actions that each partner has adopted, or is willing to share, to tackle challenges identified in three specific Agenda 2030 goals, addressing the challenges that every European community and country is facing

Discussions and Recommendations

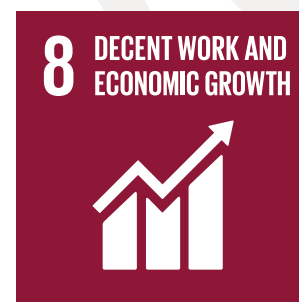
12:30 Lunch

JUNE 28 | Afternoon Session

14:00 **Plenary Session 2 – Sustainable Cities and Strong Communities**
Inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19 for sustainable livelihoods, promoting gender equality, reducing inequality, creating jobs and economic growth.

Electronic Session IV –

Understanding the Economic Pillars of SDGs for Local Level



The COVID-19 crisis required International, National and Local Governments to institute emergency measures that prevented the worst impacts of the pandemic from materializing. Now it's time to move from the temporary measures to long term recovery strategies encompassing an integrated policy framework that promotes inclusive economic growth simultaneously addressing multiple dimensions of poverty, food insecurity and inequality. Livelihoods cannot be sustainable if families cannot derive economic security from them. To ensure sustainable livelihoods for all, creating decent work and income-generating opportunities should be a priority for Local Governments.

This session will discuss means to improve communities and families access to inclusive economic growth recovery strategies, decent jobs, gender sensitive opportunities and structural changes to reduce inequalities.

- Moderator: Dr. Anjali Doshi – World Family Organization Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator
- Keynote Speaker I Tackling Gender Equality: SDG 5 – Mrs. Heba Al-Fara, Instituto Internacional da Família de Doha - Qatar
Local governments and families working together to improve gender sensitive policies and programs implementation to close the gaps required to promote gender equality.
- Keynote Speaker II Tackling economic growth and decent work: SDG 8 – Mr. Vic Van Vuuren
Director of the Enterprises Department - ILO Geneva
Local governments and families working together to recover better from COVID-19 crisis, recovering lost jobs, creating new economic opportunities and renewed strong local economy.
- Keynote Speaker III Closing the gaps: SDG 10 – Mrs. Maria Victoria Borghetti Barros – Paraná State
Congresswoman - Brazil
Local governments and families working together to fight inequalities by investing in human capacities, basic infrastructure and fostering economic security and strengthening social protection systems.
- Discussions and Recommendations

15:30 Coffee Break

16 :00 **Special Session: Success Stories**

Electronic Session V –

Local and Regional Governments at heart of sustainability and development

Moderator:	Mrs. Amal Farhat Bassil, secrétaire générale de l'Afel.
Sucess Story I	<p>European Family – Network Municipalities</p> <p>Presenter: Raul Sanchez - Secretary General European Large Families Confederation (ELFAC) – Spain</p> <p>It's a new initiative to promote local policies in favour of the wellbeing of families. Mission of the Network is to provide support, tools and resources to European municipalities to develop and improve a family friendly culture through a common process of planning and self-evaluation.</p>
Sucess Story II	<p>Implementing a Local Health System to improve Families health and well-being.</p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Fabrício José de Oliveira – Mayor of Balneário Camboriú City</p> <p>Inspired on the World Family Organization program on building local health systems, the City of Balneário Camboriú implemented the first public hospital as the secondary reference for the municipal health centers network. The Hospital improved the health condition and well-being of the families as they didn't need to look for the service in another municipality.</p>
Sucess Story III	<p>Positive Psychology interventions for caregivers: another kind of family affairs.</p> <p>Presenter: Ilias Michail Rafail, Psychologist (PhDc, MEd, BA) - IASIS NGO -Greece</p> <p>There are people that are taking care of persons without family support. These caregivers need positive psychosocial support to cope with burn out syndrome. A greek case study from Community Intervention Service.</p>

17:30 Discussions and Recommendation

20:00 **Gala Dinner** – Offered by the World Family Organization
Crowne Plaza Hotel - Geneva
Invitation on the Participants Handbook



JUNE 29 | Morning Sessions

8:30 Registration

9:00 **Opening Remarks**

Participant's Welcome Electronic Session I
The World Largest Lesson- Global Goals I

9:15 **Plenary Session 1 - Learning about Implementation – Understanding how this process can successfully take place in cities and how to tackle the challenges ahead.**

Introduction: URBACT/UIA – Mrs. Sandra Rainero

European exchange and learning program promoting sustainable development, enabling cities to work together to develop solutions to mayor urban challenges, reaffirming the key role Mayor play in facing increasingly complex societal changes.

Presentation of 3 (tree) ongoing European Projects financed by the European Regional Development Fund

Project One

Resourceful Cities - Spaces for circular co-creation & action

Speaker: Eileen Crowley – Netherlands

RESOURCEFUL CITIES is an URBACT Action Planning Network of ten European cities. This project seeks to develop the next generation of urban resource centres, so they can serve as catalysts of the local circular economy, by adopting a participative and integrated approach. The resource centres strive to promote the positive economic, environmental and social impacts, notably for the circular economy. Thus, the network facilitates waste prevention, reuse, repair and recycling. The centres also work as connection points for citizens, new businesses, researchers and the public sector to co-create new ways to close resource loops at the local level. By bringing together interested actors to work alongside, the goal is to promote the change of values and mindset.

Project Two

Lead Partner:

The Hague / Netherlands

Mechelen / Belgium

Patras / Greece

Ciudad Real / Spain

Zagreb / Croatia

Oslo / Norway

Vila Nova de Famalicao / Portugal

Bucharest 3rd district / Romania

Cáceres / Spain

Opole / Poland

PLAYFUL PARADIGM II - Games for inclusive, healthy and sustainable cities

Speaker: Martin O Donoghue – Ireland

Playful Paradigm increases the capabilities of cities to answer global challenges including those emerged during covid19. It promotes inclusion, intergenerational solidarity, SDGs, resilience, healthy lifestyles. Play is a serious matter and can make the difference for a better urban future of cities. The Playful paradigm helps to re-think the community welfare and it is replicable adaptable to other urban contexts, since play is a universal principle, naturally practiced by every human being.

Lead Partner:

Udine /Italy

Igualada / Spain

Jelgava Local Municipality / Latvia

Lousã / Portugal

Grosuplje / Slovenia



Project Three

Volunteering Cities + Volunteers connect cities, from compassion to action

Speaker: Despina Pastou - Municipality of Arhienou / Cyprus

The transfer network makes use of Volunteerism to approach social exclusion and poverty at the community level. Focus is given to an inter-generational collaboration where different age groups of both volunteers and individuals facing social problems work towards a sustainable evolution of the quality of life within local society. The network aims at structuring the volunteering activity giving validity to a bottom up approach, where volunteers can decide and implement actions.

Lead Partner:

Athienou / Cyprus

Agia / Greece

Aljustrel / Portugal

Banská Štiavnica / Slovakia

Viļāni / Latvia

Discussion and Recommendations

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 **Special Session: AULA MAGNA**

Electronic Session II

The World Largest Lesson - Global Goals II

12:30 Lunch

JUNE 29 | Afternoon Sessions

14:00

City Tour

17:00

All participants are graciously invited by WFO for a tour through Geneva City.

Invitation on the Participant's Handbook.





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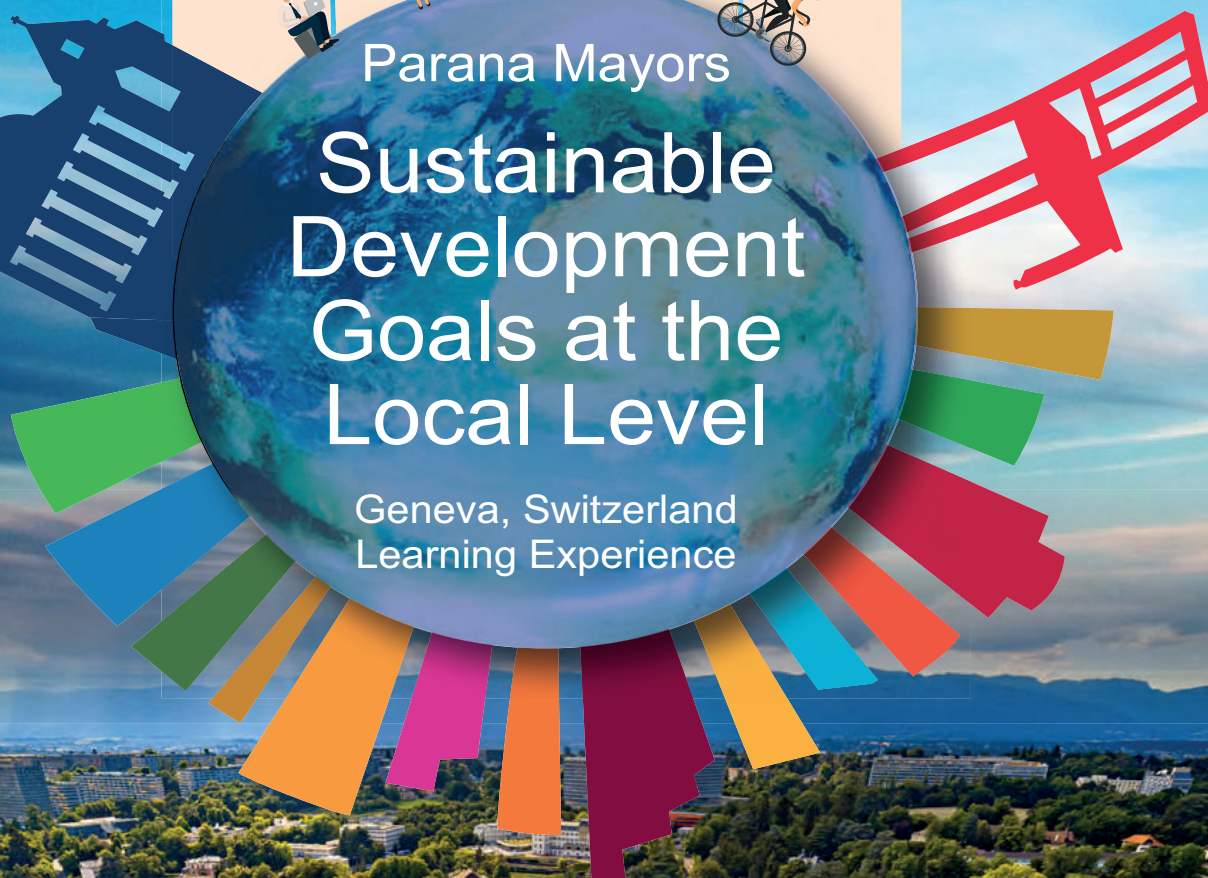
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Guest of Honor

Carlos Massa Ratinho Junior - Governor of Paraná State Brazil

Carlos Roberto Massa Ratinho Junior is the second youngest governor in the history of Paraná and began his political leadership trajectory very early. At the age of 21, he was elected House Legislator. In 2006, he ran for federal deputy and was elected second highest in votes for the Chamber. He was re-elected four years later with the largest vote in the history of Paraná at the time, totaling 360,000 votes.

In the National Congress he was elected leader, being the youngest leader in the history of his party. Back in the Legislative House of Paraná, in 2014, Ratinho Junior won his second term as state deputy with more than 300,000 votes, being the candidate elected with the highest number of votes in Brazil proportionally. He was State Secretary for Urban Development, 960 projects were completed with R\$1.7 billion invested in agreements that served 392 cities.

Graduated in Marketing and Advertising (International Faculty of Curitiba), he has a postgraduate degree in State Law at the Pontifical Catholic University of Brasília and a specialization course in Tax Administration and Tax Reform and Society, at the Complutense University, in Madrid (Spain). Elected in 2018, in the first round, with 3,210,712 votes.



Alex Mejía

Division for People and Social Inclusion

Mr. Mejía was appointed Director of UNITAR's Division for People and Social Inclusion in 2018. Within the Division, he also serves as Senior Manager of UNITAR's Social Development Programme (SDP), which he has lead since October 2012. Prior to these posts in Geneva, Mr. Mejía served for three years as Director of UNITAR's Hiroshima Office in Japan, and for four years as Director of UNITAR's CIFAL training centre in Atlanta, USA. In his current capacity, he serves as Director of UNITAR's global network of 21 training centers, and is also responsible for several other programmes within UNITAR's Division for People and Social Inclusion, including the Nigeria Project Office and the Human Mobility Programme managed out of New York.

Mr. Mejía is a citizen of Ecuador, and his career spans two decades in private and public organizations. After obtaining his first master's degree in 1992, he worked in corporate banking in Latin America for six years. In 1998, he joined his country's foreign service as a diplomat, serving as Counsellor at the Ecuadorian Embassy in Bogotá, Colombia. In 2001, he became Vice Minister of Economy for the Republic of Ecuador. During this period, he also served as Alternate Governor to the International Monetary Fund, to the World Bank, and to the Inter-American Development Bank, and as a member of the Board of Directors of Ecuador's Central Bank. From 2003 to 2005, he worked in Washington, DC as the Director of the

Inter-American Council's Andean Program, an entity chartered by the Organization of American States.

Mr. Mejía holds a master's degree in Foreign Affairs from Georgetown University in Washington DC, and a master's degree in Business Administration from INCAE University in Costa Rica. He also holds a Diploma in Political Leadership from Harvard University.



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Uruguai (AMAU) - Rio
Grande do Sul

30 June 2022

Welcome Remarks

14:00 – 14:05
Mr. Nikhil Seth
 United Nations Assistant
 Secretary-General,
 Executive Director
 UNITAR

Lectures:**Agenda 2030: Sustainable Development Goals at the Local Level**

14:05 – 15:20
Mr. Alex Mejia
 Director, Division for People
 and Social Inclusion
 UNITAR

Case of Brazil: Sustainable Development Goals

15:35 – 16:50
 Brazilian Permanent Mission
 Representative

Study Visits

9:30 – 10:30
 Cantonal Authorities –
 Municipality of Geneva

11:00 – 12:00
 Tour of the CEVA project for
 sustainable transportation

**Lunch**

12:30 – 14:00

Closing Remarks

16:50 – 17:00
Dr. Deisi Kusztra
 President, World Family
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1 July 2022

Welcome Remarks

14:00 – 14:05
Mr. Nikhil Seth
 United Nations Assistant
 Secretary-General,
 Executive Director
 UNITAR

Lectures:**Sustainable Development and Human Rights**

14:05 – 15:20
H.E. Amb. David Fernandez Puyana
 Permanent Observer of the
 University for Peace to the
 United Nations Office and other
 international organizations in
 Geneva and Permanent Delegate
 to UNESCO in Paris

Monitoring and Evaluation of Public Policy

15:35 – 16:50
Dr. Brook Boyer
 Director, Division for Strategic
 Planning and Performance
 UNITAR

Study Visits

9:30 – 10:30
 UNCTAD

11:00 – 12:00
 UN ECE

Lunch

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Dr. Deisi Noeli Weber Kusztra is a Medical Doctor, Pediatrician, with a Master Degree in Maternal and Child Health Care and a Doctorate on Public Health. She is also a Specialist in Public Health Administration, Hospital Administration, Financial Management for Health Programs, Design and Implementation of Local Health Systems and Gender Programs Administration.

Dr. Deisi started her international career nearly 25 years ago implementating Maternal and Child Health Care Policies and Programs for many Governments. She worked in Africa, Europe, Middle East and North America and is now based in South America, from where she networks with the world on Family Issues.

Since December 1997, as the President of the World Family Organization, Dr. Deisi Kusztra represents the Organization at the United Nations, Governments and Inter-governmental Organizations level.

Dr. Kusztra is a Consultant to many International Institutions, such as the World Health Organization, Pan-American Health Organization, World Bank, Interamerican Development Bank, U.S. Agency for International Development, and UN Fund for Population Affairs.

She has received many national and international awards and prizes in recognition of her dedication and her work towards the promotion of Family Policies throughout the world.



Mr. Nikhil Seth is currently the United Nations Assistant Secretary General and Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR).

During his career with the United Nations since 1993, Mr. Seth has also served as Director of the Division for Sustainable Development (DESA), Head of the Rio +20 Secretariat, Special Assistant and Chief of Office 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.



Ms. Daniela Bas, of Italian nationality, is the the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Political scientist with a major in International Politics, she graduated Magna Cum Laude with a dissertation on "The elimination of architectural barriers and the employment of people with physical disabilities". Certified journalist and multicultural / life coach. Her interest has always been people-centred in the various activities, associations, and professional roles she has held.

In addition to her work at the UN from 1986 to 1995, from 1996 until 2011 she held managerial roles in the private sector in Italy and was, inter alia, adviser for the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and for the Presidency of the Council of Ministers on human rights and social affairs. Designated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy, she was a member of the Board of Directors of the European Union Agency of Fundamental Rights; Special Adviser to the Vice President of the European Commission (On. Frattini); at the European Union, she was representative on the topic "Tourism for All" on behalf of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers of her country.

Ms. Bas worked in radio and TV shows (RAI and Radio 24/ Il Sole 24 Ore in Italy, and TV Channel 4 in the UK) and moderated conferences and wrote articles for magazines on tourism for all.



Mr. Isidro de Brito is the Vice-President of Legal and Administrative Affairs of the World Family Organization.

He is also President of Executive Board of ANJAF, which promotes Training for un-employed persons, Domiciliary Services for Elderly, European Project in the field of Conciliation between Family life and Professional life, and other areas for persons and families in risk of exclusion. He lead also in Portugal a project call "Beauty for a cause" to involve the young girls in social causes.

He was Manager of several European Projects, Coordinator of the Youth Ministers Conference organized by the Portuguese Government and the United Nations in 1998. Was adviser of the Secretary of State for Youth in the XIII Constitutional Government of Portugal.

Mr. Isidro de Brito holds a Degree in Human Resources Management and a Post-graduate Diploma in Management Project in Partnership.



WFO's Vice-President of Family Policy Coordination, **Mrs. Lara Hussein** is a development professional with more than 15 years of experience in policy development, policy advocacy, and in managing International development programs in areas related to social development with a particular emphasis on family policy, education, child protection and early childhood development. She worked with the United Nations, policy think tanks, and International NGOs contributing to innovative policies, leading multi-disciplinary teams, and managing grants for complex multi-country programs.

Lara has a Master degree in Education from Huddersfield University of UK. She worked with UNICEF Gulf Area Office as Chief of Child Protection, the Jordanian National Council for Family Affairs as Deputy Secretary General, and with Doha International Family Institute of Qatar Foundation as Director of Family Policy.



Mr. Ahmed Aref, Planning and Content Manager, Doha International Family Institute, Social Policy Expert

Experienced Research and Policy Expert with more than 17 years of experience working on evidence-based policy development including research, interdisciplinary policy analysis, impact assessment, and international cooperation. Prior to joining Qatar Foundation, Ahmed worked for UNFPA Regional Office; EU Program on Family and Child Rights, and the Egyptian Prime Minister's Office. His broader areas of expertise include politics of social policies, political economy, labour policies, family policies, social protection, migration, social inclusion/exclusion, demography, and sustainable development. He led and managed research, policy and advocacy programs in the aforementioned fields, and participated in numerous national, regional and international conferences and EGMs. Ahmed is affiliated with the Institute for Policy Research, Department of Social and Policy Sciences, University of Bath, UK.



Mrs. Diana Chávez - Executive Director, Private Sector Regional Centre for Support of UN Sustainable Development Goals (CR/SP)



Mrs. Farhat Amal – Lebanon, is an assistant lecturer at the FacuSciences in the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik and GBV, CP & Family intervention Expert. In 2004, she was assigned as the General Director of Lebanese Child Home Association (AFEL). Between 2008 and 2010, she contributed to the draft of the National Strategic Plan to Prevent Child Abuse with the Lebanese Ministry of Social Affairs – Higher Council for Childhood. She's also the co-author of many educational toolkits on the subject of sexual abuse & child protection. In 2017, Mrs. Farhat joined ABAAD organization as a GBV Case Management Technical Advisor, leading the case management technical supervision and quality Spaces across Lebanon. Mrs. Farhat is also an expert trainer leading multiple workshops on national, regional and global levels.



Mr. Raúl Brenchat is the principal of the Music School and Arts Center (EMMCA) in L'Hospitalet and has been the project coordinator of ONSTAGE - Music School for Social Change. EMMCA is a public policy that was founded in L'Hospitalet in the 2005 as a new model of Arts Center that uses music, dance and theater as a tool for inclusion and social change. The ONSTAGE Transfer network follows the Good Practice of L'Hospitalet, which has an innovative methodology engaging civic society. Making a difference from traditional music schools, the project gives equal opportunities to all inhabitants of L'Hospitalet to access music courses, involves primary schools and creates a space for social cohesion, tackling local issues such as exclusion, youth unemployment and school dropout.



Mrs. Alexandrina Kiss is currently coordinating social programs at the Cluj Metropolitan Area Intercommunity Development Association. For several years she was the executive director of Foundation for People Development - Cluj Branch. She has extensive experience in co-creating programs in disadvantaged areas together with community members. She also designed programs with and for children and families. She is particularly fond of facilitating innovation and capacity building among organizations and professionals. Moreover she worked as a social worker at the General Directorate for Social Assistance and Child Protection Cluj.



Mrs. Giulia Basso - Master's Degree in Modern Languages for International Communication, Giulia Basso is a Project Manager planning and developing community programs. She coordinates a European Network gathering non-profit organisations from 11 Countries to promote activities aiming at social, political and economic inclusion.



Mrs. Sofia Silva - Degree in Human Resources Management; Postgraduate in Training Organization and Evaluation. Working in social area, with exposed groups, since 1997; Several Training Specialties- Equal Opportunities; Social Integration Methodologies; Training Organization; intercultural Education (Interculturality; multiculturalism; pluriculturalism); Sustainability; Board of Director Secretary of European Network TANDEM PLUS.



Dr. Anjli Doshi (Ph.D) World Family Organization Regional Focal Point for Asia, former Deputy Director General (Policy) of the National Population and Family Development Board Malaysia, Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, Malaysia.

Work responsibilities include development of family development training modules, planning, development and implementation of policies, family development, initiatives and programs on parenting and reproductive health, social and family research, advocacy, and training.



Mrs. Heba Al Fara is Doctor of Policy Research and Practice.



Mr. Vic Van Vuuren is the Director of the Enterprise Department at the ILO, Geneva. The Enterprise Department promotes Decent Work by supporting sustainable enterprises and strengthening the institutions and governance systems which nurture enterprises.



Mrs. Maria Victoria Borghetti Barros Campos is a businessperson in the education sector and Parana State Congresswoman for the Progressista Party.

Graduated in Hospitality from the Swiss Hotel Management School, she has a postgraduate degree in Public Management from UniCesumar and studied Early Childhood Education at Harvard University. She took courses in the areas of education and arts at Stanford and Yale Universities, in the United States, and Derby, in England. She also worked in China and participated in humanitarian projects in Africa.

She was first elected to state parliament in 2014, aged 22, with 44,870 votes and re-elected in 2018 with 50,414 votes. She chaired the Mercosul and International Affairs Commission of the Legislative Assembly.

Daughter of former governor Cida Borghetti and federal deputy and former minister Ricardo Barros, she is married to lawyer Diego Campos and the mother of two girls.



Mr. Raul Sanchez - Secretary General of the European Large Families Confederation (ELFAC) and Executive Director of the Large Families Association of Catalonia. Director of the Spanish Large Families Federation for almost 20 years. Founder and first director of the Institute of Advanced Family Studies at the Universitat Internacional de Catalunya (UIC Barcelona) and the Observatory on Family Policies at the same university.



Mr. Ilias Michail Rafail is a Counselor / Psychologist (EKPA, BA in Psychology) and Adult Educator (HOU, M.Ed in Adult Education). In December 2021 he started his Doctoral Thesis at Panteion University - Psychology. He works - among others as a Scientific Responsible / Director of Education at IASIS NGO, as a Training Director at IEKEP VET Centre and as a Project Manager in National and European Training and Consulting Programs.



Mrs. Sandra Rainero - Specialized in sociology, cultural studies and communication, Sandra Rainero has been working for over twenty years in the European context on the issues of education and training, inclusion, employment and social policies for various public administrations and private entities at local and international level, including ILO and UNDP. She currently is an expert in the URBACT program. She has a long experience as a facilitator and trainer, participatory planning, integrated local development and social innovation.



Mrs. Eileen Crowley (MA Town & Country Planning, BA European Development Studies & Spanish) is an urban planner and project designer. Her work focuses on identifying, developing and converting opportunities for urban and regional development solutions into funded projects. She is an experienced expert evaluator for the European Commission and has spent over 20 years working in local and regional government, academia and research management. In 2018 she founded Ascent Consulting, specializing in project development, co-creation and innovation support. She is URBACT Lead Expert for the Resourceful Cities Action Planning Network.



Mr. Martin O Donoghue has worked as a producer and manager in the entertainment industry in Ireland for over 15 years. During his tenure in Cork Opera House, he established the worlds first Learning Theatre, a unique creative partnership with University College Cork. He has been part of team that hosted the first UNESCO Learning City Conference in Ireland in 2017. As an URBACT ad hoc expert, he has been leading the Playful Paradigm programme in Ireland and is chair of Lets Play Cork. He believes that the use of Play as a methodology for change, can inspire cities and communities to transform into spaces that are vibrant and people friendly.



Mrs. Despina Pastou Mangani is a Municipal Councillor in the Cyprus town of Athienou since 2017. She also serves in the local School Board and is the President of the Cultural Committee. She was a member of the Young Elected Politicians network in 2021. Despina is active in initiatives that promote youth and families, education and sports, the environment and social responsibility. She has a bachelor in History, an MBA and an MSc. in HR Management. She is passionate about new ideas and making things a little better using whatever talents and abilities she has.

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