

NEWSLETTER



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President of WFO

A word from the President

Many news in the Communications Area of WFO

The first trimester is almost gone. Even though we start every year our work officially in the month of February, many activities have already been accomplished with many positive results.

As you can see, we are launching our brand new Newsletter! This is just the first step of a series of positive changes which will be implemented in our Communications Area over the next months.

Also, in order to celebrate the International Day of Families, WFO will launch, in the next month, a completely renewed website which will have new design and layout - much easier to navigate - and will focus on providing interaction within all the our members, partners and friends in order to consolidate a stronger basis to work towards the best interests of Families around the world. We do hope that this will be one more way to enhance our communication with you. So, please, stay tuned as we will soon announce the official date of our new website launching.

Besides these communications news, I would like to mention especially the very fruitful visit to Turkey, at the beautiful capital Ankara and later, Istanbul. We have been particularly pleased with the hospitality of the Turkish Government, in the person of H.E. Nimet Çubukçu, Minister for Women, Families, Children and Disabled, who reaffirmed the full commitment and support in hosting the World Family Summit +5.

Our delegation had very busy and productive work sessions with the Minister Team: the General Manager of the Prime Ministry General Directorate of Family and Social Research, Mrs. Aysen Gurcan, the Head of Department, Mr. Bekir Sitki Bayoglu and the Expert Assistants, Mrs. Emine Uzun and Rahmet Uslu, and in three days

we concluded the initial agreement for the legal and logistical documents needed to make the World Family Summit +5 a very remarkable one.

Our visit to Istanbul was hosted by Mr. Nedim Kaya, CEO of the Islamic Countries Youth Entrepreneurship Network - ICYEN and Coordinator for the UN NGO Irene for the Central Asia. We are very thankful for Mr. Kaya for his efforts to guide us in different conference facilities and advising us on many logistical issues.

The World Family Summit +5 is already a reality! It will be held in Istanbul, from 4-7 December 2009. We hope to see all of you participating actively as every year and helping us to bring hope, solidarity and life improvement to Families in need all over the world. The WFO Executive Board also accomplished the first meeting of the year. At the end of this year, we will have our Quadriennial General Assembly with elections and the preparations for this very important duty of the Executive Board have been already initiated.

In front of us the 2009 High Level Segment of ECOSOC with two very important events: The

lowed by a lunch where the work accomplished at the World Family Summit +4 will be presented besides the discussions on how to implement at the local level and to the benefits of Families WFO Health Program on building Local Health Systems. Please follow up on our website informations about the ECOSOC High Level Segment.

We would like here to mention the very emotional farewell party done to Dr. Hanifa Mezoui, Chief of the UN NGO Section for the last 10 years, who retired at the beginning of the month. Dr. Hanifa was an incredible defender of all NGOs at the international, national and local level and the one responsible to bring to the United Nations more than 2000 NGOs worldwide. Her passion for her work and her endless patience to understand and help even the smallest local organizations to learn more about the mission of the UN made a huge difference, especially in popularizing the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals at local level. BRAVO to Dr. Mezoui! And we wish her much success in her new function as the General Coordinator of the UN NGO IRENE Association.

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Annual Ministerial Review and the Development Forum. This year, the High Level Segment of ECOSOC will be held in Geneva from 6-9 July, with the theme: "Implementing the internationally agreed agreed goals and commitments with regards to the global public health". As every year, WFO will host one full morning session fol-

Please let us know what did you think about our Newsletter. We are always looking forward to hear your comments, suggestions and contributions in order to constantly improve our work.

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World Family Summit +5

The President of the World Family Organization, Dr. Deisi Kusztra, had in Ankara, Turkey, the first preparatory meeting with the Turkish Government, represented by the General Manager of the Prime Ministry General Directorate of Family and Social Research, Mrs. Aysen Gurcan, in order to conduct the initial arrangements of the World Family Summit +5, which will be held in Istanbul.

Although this was just an introductory meeting, a lot was already achieved. Not only many relevant points and aspects of the preparatory guidelines were clarified, but a preliminary MOU was discussed between both parties.

The definition of the dates was also on the agenda and it was defined that the WFS+5 will be held from the 4th to 7th of December 2009.

During this trip, Dr. Deisi was also received by H.E. Minister Nimet Çubukçu, from the Ministry of Women, Families, Children and Disabled, who expressed her satisfaction of hosting such an important event and offered full support from the Ministry for all the arrangements.



Dr. Deisi Kusztra, President of WFO, with H.E. Minister Nimet Çubukçu, from the Ministry of Women, Families, Children and Disabled.

"This was definitely an outstanding first meeting. The Turkish government has been giving all the support and I am very confident that the WFS+5 will be a very special one"

Dr. Deisi Kusztra

Parental Childcare and Employment Policy



Dr. Deisi Kusztra with H.E. Minister Melchior Wathlet, from Belgium.

The President of the World Family Organization, Dr. Deisi Kusztra, attended the "Parental Childcare and the Employment Policy Conference", held in Prague from 5 to 6 February 2009 and organized by the Czech Republic Presidency - actually presiding the European Union.

This conference aims were to strengthen the perception of domestic parental care of small children as a form of employment in its own right. Besides Minister Petr Nečas and European Commissioner Vladimír Špidla several other figures of political and academic life will participate in the event. These will include Italian Minister for Equal Opportunities Mara Carfagna, French Secretary of State responsible for family affairs Nadine Morano, Paul Kirchhof from

Heidelberg University in Germany and also H. E. Minister Melchior Wathlet, from Belgium, active partner in WFO's activities.

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Speakers' Contributions:

<http://www.mpsv.cz/en/6391>

Did you know?

Czech Republic will have the Presidency of the European Union until the end of the first semester of 2009, when Sweden will assume the position.



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MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

A New Future for Somalia

Centre for Peace and Human Rights promotes peace and reconciliation among Somali Families

BACKGROUND:

Since the beginning of the civil war in 1991, Somalia has been witnessing anarchy and lack of law and order, causing political unrest, humanity base destroying and economical collapse. Some of the main causes of this conflict are: extreme poverty, clan to clan wars and lack of governance.

Having seen these problems, a group of Somali established the organization "Centre for Peace and Human Rights - CPHR", in the capital Mogadishu, on the 21st of September 2007 International Peace Day, with the objective to create conducive environment for peace building, human rights advocacy, fight for democracy and encourage national rebuilding and development programs and also retaining systems that can remove the remaining hostilities throughout the Somali territory.



Somali child smiling: hope for a better future. A future of peace.

HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION:

Following the collapse of the central government and consequently law and order in Somalia in 1991, the commission on human rights focused the attention of the International Community on the Human Rights of the country.

There are several ways of helping improving the current situation of the Somali Families, particularly in the area of the Administration of Justice and while the existence of a Central Government remains essential to securing durable peace, economic prosperity and full respect of human rights, its absence should not prevent immediate actions to be taken. The emerging reconstruction initiatives and the work of non-government sectors must be encouraged.

ACTIVITIES:

In this context, Centre for Peace and Human Rights has planned to specific actions and activities for the benefit of the Somali Families. The organization works in the fields of education, community development, humanitarian assistance, conflict resolutions, peace building programs, women development, human rights, HIV/Aids prevention, child health protection and many others.

FILIATION TO WFO:

Centre for Peace and Human Rights is WFO's most recent affiliated member and now, in the words of the Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Abdurrahman Rooti, "with the support of a strong global organization such as WFO, CPHR will certainly have all necessary basis to grow, develop and support many Families in Somalia".

"Centre for Peace and Human Rights was created with the objective to create a conducive environment for peace building in Somalia".

Abdharham Rooti - Vice Chairperson



SUMMIT NEWS

The Cairo Declaration

As every year, at the end of each World Family Summit, the participants formulate a declaration in order to be introduced to the United Nations Economic and Social Development and to the United Nations ECOSOC High Level Segment as an instrument to be discussed and implemented on different decision-making levels.

On the following pages you can find the integral version of “The Cairo Declaration” from the World Family Summit +4, held from 1 to 4 of December 2008, in Cairo, Egypt, with the theme: “Lives in Balance -A Global Mobilization to the Achievement of the MDGs 4 and 5: Ensuring the Rights - Right to Survival - Right to Protection - Right to Development”.

The 280 delegations from 74 countries, representing Governments, NGOs, Parliamentarians, Academia, Municipalities, Business Community and Families, gathered at the World Family Summit +4, in Cairo, Egypt, discussed and approved the present declaration:

Welcoming the interaction, discourse and partnership among Stakeholders, Local Authorities, NGOs, Civil Society Organizations, Parliamentarians, Academia, Business Community, Media and Families;

Emphasizing the importance of the World Family Summit in building a partnership towards making the present and the future world with more peace, security, justice, tolerance, solidarity, prosperity and integrated by mobilizing and promoting the basic cell of society The Family;

Recognizing that the family is key to social stability, community progress and national strength and should therefore be strengthened to raise living standards, ensure better education and health care, broaden individual opportunities and secure dignity in old age;

Recognizing that better and faster achievements will be made in reaching the MDGs, especially the MDGs 4 and 5, if families are directly involved and mobilized to be active participants of the process of development;

Committing themselves to sound policies, good governance practices at all levels and the observance to conditions to improve the living conditions of Families;

Reaffirming the contents of the Sanya Declaration for a Comprehensive Family Policy “Achieving the Millennium Declaration With and For the Family”, approved by the World Family Summit (WFS) in Sanya, China in 2004;

Reaffirming the Aracaju Practical Plan of Action 2006-2015 “Investing in Development: Working the Millennium Development Goals at the Local Level and in the Family”, approved by the WFS +1 in Aracaju, Sergipe, Brazil in 2005;

Reaffirming the contents of the Dead Sea Declaration “Investing in Development and Mobilizing for Action: Implementing the MDGs at the Local Level and in the Family”, approved by the WFS +2 at the Dead Sea, Jordan in 2006;

Reaffirming the contents of the Warsaw Declaration with the theme “Working Out of Poverty: Mobilizing for Action by building trust bridges, capability and partnership”, approved by the WFS +3, in Warsaw, Poland, in 2007.

Unanimously conclude:

The Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5 are attainable if coordinated and participative extraordinary efforts will be the highest priority of all stakeholders. Technical tools are existent and must be implemented at a scale and in a manner that will reach those who need the most.

The core of the solutions is the easy access to safe, effective and affordable interventions, which must be provided to all through functioning health systems; professional delivered services and adequate financing.

The Cairo Declaration will be presented at the 2009 Annual Ministerial Review (AMR), held during the high-level segment of the annual session of the Economic and Social Council (6-9 July 2009) in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Cairo Declaration

1. Health systems, especially at the local level must be strengthened and prioritized in National and Local Strategies for reaching the maternal in special prenatal care, new-born and child health, demanding a radical shift in the way health systems are addressed:

* Health systems are the core social institutions that are indispensable to reduce poverty, social exclusion, inequity, and not only mechanisms for delivering technical services.

* Health systems should implement national and local policies in the context of good governance, prevent segmentation, provide information and increase the power of the poor to make claims for healthcare.

2. Appropriated and on time considerable additional funding to strengthen health systems has to be included in the National and Local Strategies:

* Governments should make a priority in their National and Local budgets, the financial resources needed to strengthen national and local health systems for the achievement of the MDGs 4 and 5.

* International institutions and bilateral donors should include in their plans the financing for activities on the MDGs 4 and 5 to the local health systems and NGOs working at their local level.

* Financing health systems should not be considered as a burden to National Governments, but an investment to the wellbeing of citizens, therefore user fees at primary care level should be abolished.

3. The human resources at the local level must be developed with continuing appropriated capacity building as an important requirement for strengthening the local health systems, specifically on the actions leading to the achievement of the MDGs 4 and 5:

* Effective management and operational systems that seek to improve quality and increase the trust in the health system should accompany the development of the health workforce.

* Medium to long term plans for building a cadre of skilled health workers, including birth attendants the health workers key to reducing maternal deaths including decent wages, must form an explicit part of all health workforce plans.

* The establishment of an specific health mechanisms for capacity building for the achievement of the MDGs 4 and 5 should be included in the health systems at national and local level, in special in the rural areas.

4. Comprehensive reproductive health and rights are essential to meeting the MDGs 4 and 5:

* Universal access to comprehensive reproductive health services is essential.

* Initiatives addressing the HIV/AIDS pandemic should be integrated with comprehensive reproductive health and rights programs.

* Initiatives addressing the breast and uterine cancer should be integrated with health and rights programs.

* Adolescents must receive explicit attention with services that are sensitive to their increased vulnerabilities and designed to meet their needs.

5. Effective intervention to reduce child mortality requires scaling up availability and utilization to universal access for the population:

* Community child health policies information and services should be delivered within the health system in order to reduce child illness and newborn death and promote preventive behavior to the health of the mother of the child.

* Child health interventions must be increasingly offered within the community. Policies need to be reformulated to allow services to be delivered as close to patients as possible. Community health workers need to be trained and permitted to encourage preventive behaviors, to care for a larger proportion of nonsevere childhood illnesses, and to ensure early referral to appropriate facilities for the treatment of severe illnesses.

Translated in all official languages of the United Nations, the Declaration will be the statement of WFO at the High Level Segment of ECOSOC.

The Cairo Declaration

* More attention must be paid to child nutrition, including micronutrients, as the relationship between nutritional status and mortality is becoming increasingly evident.

* Governments must increase investments in interventions aimed at reducing neonatal deaths.

6. Maternal mortality strategies should focus on building a functioning health system that ensures access to emergency obstetric care for all women who experience complications:

* The health system should supply, support, and supervise the skilled birth attendants who should be the backbone of that system, whether they are based in facilities or in communities.

* Strategies to ensure skilled attendants for all deliveries must be premised on integration of the skilled attendant into a functioning district local health system.

* Skilled attendant strategies cannot be allowed to substitute for strategies to strengthen the health system, including emergency obstetric care.

7. Accessible Information and documentation systems are an essential element in building equitable health systems:

* Indicator of health system functioning including equity must be developed alongside disease-specific indicators and then integrated into policy and budget cycles.

* Health information systems must be able to provide appropriate, accurate, and timely information that is used to inform management and policy decisions.

8. Information, Education and Communication are powerful instruments to be applied in national and local strategies to improve maternal, newborn and child health:

* Empowering communities to transform information, education and communication into concrete action in order to achieve sustainable maternal, newborn and child health.

* Techniques of information, education and communication appropriated to the community is a powerful instrument to prevent the consequences of child birth injury causing handicap.

* The appropriated information, education and communication in the prenatal programs should be implemented to strengthen the maternal, newborn and child health.

9. International, Regional, National and Local institutions are strategic and integrated actors to forge and effective partnership. Funding mechanisms should support and promote actions that strength rather than undermine equitable access to good-quality healthcare systems:

* Long-term investments should be committed.

* Remove restrictions on funding.

* Align funding from donors and international financial institutions with national health programs to meet the goals.

* Allow health stakeholders to fully participate in the development of funding plans.

The Participants also decided to request to the World Family Organization to make the present Declaration known to all Governments and other Organizations affiliated, as well as to introduce it to the United Nations Economic and Social Council Commission for Social Development and to the United Nations ECOSOC High Level Segment as an instrument to be discussed and implemented on different decision-making levels.

Cairo, Egypt, December 03, 2008

With its presentation at the High Level Segment of ECOSOC, the Declaration will reach many governments, contributing to the formulation of policies, programs and projects to be implemented at International, National and Local Levels.



UN NEWS

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Become a NGO associated with the UN DPI Department of Public Information of the United Nations

Non-governmental organizations have been partners of the Department of Public Information (DPI) since its establishment in 1947. Official relationships between DPI and NGOs date back to 1968. The Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1297 called on DPI to associate NGOs with effective information programmes in place and thus disseminate information about issues on the UN's agenda and the work of the

Organization. Through associated NGOs DPI seeks to reach people around the world and help them better understand the work and aims of the United Nations.

The DPI/NGO Section is part of the department's Outreach Division and acts as its liaison between the United Nations and NGOs and other civil society organizations. It oversees partnerships

with associated NGOs and provides a wide range of information services to them. These include weekly NGO briefings, communication workshops, an annual NGO conference and an annual orientation programme for newly associated NGOs.

For more information, please visit:

www.un.org/ngosection/index.asp



Events

30 March - 03 April

42nd Session of the Commission on Population and Development - ECOSOC - New York

9 April

Creating Wealth and Tackling Poverty: Looking at UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Organization) - UN DPI/NGO

23 April

Towards the End of the Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, particularly in Africa (World Malaria Day - 25 April) - UN DPI/NGO

16-24 April

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice - ECOSOC



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