FAMILY, MOTHERHOOD & DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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Tuesday, 18th March
12:30 - 2:00 pm
United Nations New York
58th Commission on the Status of Women - Parallel Event.
Hardin Room, Church Center
United Nations (CCUN): 777
United Nations Plaza; New York, NY 10017

Summary

2014 marks the 20th Anniversary of the International Year for the Family, and the priority theme of the 58th session of the Commission is “Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls”.

Challenge 1:
A renovated environmentalism considers the “Book of Nature” as one and indivisible, and emphasizes the dignity of each human life, unique and irreplaceable. Our duties to people and to the environment are inseparable.

Challenge 2:
A renovated feminism understands that the same justice that demands women’s full participation in all areas of life requires us to recognize women not only as contributors to society but as mothers.

Challenge 3:
Human ecology, based on the best empirical evidence, reminds us that the ideal habitat in which humans can be born and optimally develop their potential is a stable family - and thus founded on a permanent commitment (marriage) - in which the love of man and woman (father and mother) create the suitable living environment.

Challenge 4:
We call upon all UN Member States, UN Agencies, and civil society to put the family at the center of the post 2015 development agenda by adopting a stand-alone goal to strengthen the role of the family as a driver of sustainable economic and social development.

Speakers:

Dr. Mary Taylor
The Need for a New Environmentalism Embracing Human Life.

Ms. Alejandra Fabris
UN Representative. CitizenGO.
Toward a Renovated Feminism Embracing Women’s Roles in Motherhood and the Family.

Dr. Lola Velarde
Director for UN Affairs. Institute for Family Policy.
The Family as a Key Driver for Sustainable Development: A Human Ecology Approach.

Mrs. Sharon Slater
President. Family Watch International.
20th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family: A Proposal for a stand-alone Sustainable Development Goal (SDG): Strengthen the role of the family as a driver of development.

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