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## Report on the preparation of the World Family Summit 2015 and launching the new decade – “Transforming Our World – A New Era for the Family”

### 1. Introduction

1. The 2015 World Family Summit - A New Action Agenda: Framing the Sustainable Development Goals at the Smallest Unit of Social Capital – The Family.
2. The World Family Organization recognizes that the Millennium Development Goals helped to galvanize development efforts, improved the existence of many families, saved the lives of those threatened by extreme poverty, disease and hunger, reduced child and maternal mortality, improved the health of people with HIV/AIDs and other non-communicable diseases, decreased the number of children out of school, improved gender equality and participation of women, increased access to clean drinking water and sanitation, raised awareness on environmental issues and improved global partnerships for development.
3. Despite those achievements, we also recognized that many challenges still remain, progress in human development continue to be uneven, leaving many behind, therefore it was an urgent need to find new development pathways for transformative changes towards global, inclusive, people-centered and planet sensitive sustainable development to insure human dignity, equality, environmental stewardship, healthy economies, freedom for want and fear and a renewal global partnership.
4. The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development Rio +20 in 2012, initiated a consultative process with a wide range of stakeholders reaching a consensus that the Post-2015 Global Development Agenda has to be built on the successes of the Millennium Development Goals, the four core dimensions of development which are inclusive social development, inclusive economic development, environmental sustainability, and peace and security as the three core principles which are human rights, equality and sustainability.
5. As the results of these wide consultations, the outcome document on Sustainable Development of Rio +20 ‘The future we want’ proposed 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 targets which are directly or indirectly related to the Family. The World Family Organization with its members and partners could not be out of the discussions and out of the agenda set.
6. Acknowledging that the family - the basic unit of society - is a powerful agent for sustainable social, economic, environment and cultural development, including peace and security, bearing the primary responsibility for the care, development and protection of children, as well as instilling values of citizenship and belonging in the society, the World Family Summit +10 decided to support the SDGs proposals and included them in the next WFO Strategic Framework 2016-2020 to increase cooperation at all levels on family issues and for undertaking



concerted actions to strengthen family-centered policies and programs as part of an integrated comprehensive approach to development.

7. The World Family Organization with its members and partners, managing the transition from the MDGs to the SDGs, are strongly committed to work efficiently to help families to understand and exercise the proposed goals in their everyday life contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.
8. The 2015 World Family Summit - A New Action Agenda: Framing the Sustainable Development Goals at the Smallest Unit of Social Capital – The Family, is a beginning of a new era which can transform how the future unfolds for the Family all over the world.

- **Definitions**

1. **Vision of the World Family Summit 2015**

Start a new era, framing the approach to development into the Global Post-2015 Development Agenda based on the principles of Sustainable Development, which calls for an integrated policy approach to ensure inclusive economic development, inclusive social development, environmental sustainability, peace and security that responds to the aspirations of all families for a world free of want and fear.

2. **Objectives of the World Family Summit 2015**

- Provide substantive information on the Post-2015 Global Development Agenda and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets;
- Discuss the positive impact of the Sustainable Development Goals on the Family;
- Promote the integration of a family focused perspective of the SDGs into policy-making at national and local levels;
- Provide participants with expert analysis on means to include and implement family-focused policies in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals;

3. **Expected Results of the World Family Summit 2015**

- Reach a consensus among participants on the benefits of supporting the inclusion and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals into family-focused public social policies formulation at national, local and community levels;



- Recommend a multi-stakeholders elaboration of a new Strategic Framework 2017-2021 to include family-focused social public policies in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Deliberate on the future of the World Family Summits in the coming decade;
- Draft and approve recommendations to the World Family Summit 2015 Declaration;

#### 4. Date of the World Family Summit 2015

- December 10, 11 and 12, 2015

#### 5. Venue of the World Family Summit 2015

- Mena House Hotel - Cairo, Egypt

#### 6. Theme of the Summit:

A New Action Agenda: Framing the Sustainable Development Goals at the Smallest Unit of Social Capital – The Family.

#### 7. Registration

- Opening: September 15th, 2015
- Closing: November 10th, 2015;
- Opening Ceremony: December 10th, 10:00AM – in charge of the hosting country

Closing ceremony: December 12th , 12:30PM – in charge of WFO

#### 8. Publicity Policy:

- Europe, Asia, Americas – in charge of WFO
- Africa and Arab States – in charge of the hosting country.

#### 9. Publication and Mailing Policy

- Mailing lists;  
Europe, Asia, Americas – in charge of WFO
- Africa and Arab States – in charge of the hosting country
- Checklist of publications
- Signed Invitation Letter: September 10th, 2015
- First announcement: September 15th, 2015
- Website: September 15th, 2015
- Preliminary Program: September 15th, 2015
- Background Papers: September 15th, 2015
- Final Program: October 15th, 2015



- Participants list: November 15th, 2015

**10. Visas procedures:**

- WFO kindly requests to the hosting country to take the appropriate measures to facilitate the issue of visas. Taking into consideration that most of the participants are WFO Members, the process of registration to the Summit can be verified by WFO.

**11. Social Programs:**

- Responsibility for choices of welcome reception, concerts, dinners, gala – WFO and hosting country
- Procedures for opening and closing ceremonies – WFO and hosting country
- VIP list National and International – WFO and hosting country
- Pre/post Summit tours – to be proposed by the hosting country

**12. Press:**

- Accreditation: by the hosting country

**13. Security at Mena House Hotel**

- Security Police, guards;
- Security scanning;
- First Aid.

**14. WFO established Committees for the World Family Summits**

**Scientific Committee:**

Dr. Deisi Kusztra – WFO President  
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**Proposed Host Country Committee:**

H.E. Dr. Ghana Waly– Egypt's Minister of Social Solidarity  
H.E. Inas Mekkawy – Head of Women, Family and Childhood Department - Arab League  
Dr. Amany Asfour – President - Egyptian Business Women Association