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World Family Summit +8

Invitation

The **World Family Organization**, the **Brazilian Association of Assistance for Families and Children with Cancer and Homeopathies - ABRACE** and the **United Nations Division for Sustainable Development**, under the High Patronage of **H.E. Dr. Agnelo Queiroz, Governor of the Brazilian Federal District**, have the honor to invite you to the World Family Summit +8 to be held in the city of Foz do Iguaçu, Parana State, Brazil, from 6 to 9 December 2012.

Encompassing with the theme of the 2013 UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and its Annual Ministerial Review, "Science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals", the theme for our World Family Summit +8 is: **"Families in Balance: Placing Science and Technology, Culture and Innovation in the heart of Sustainable Development at Local Level and in the Family"**.

As we have been working in the previous seven editions of the World Family Summit, the chosen theme for the World Family Summit +8 will give us the chance to put a spotlight on the role of science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture relating International, National and Local policies in promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) at Local Level and in the Family.

Focusing our World Family Summit +8 theme on science, technology and innovation is also an opportunity to follow up to the Rio +20 outcome and to start a deeper discussion on the vision for the future that rests on the core of Human Rights, Equality and Sustainability and on the Post-2015 Global Agenda for Development.

Since 2004, this annual event continues to provide new opportunities for discussion and reflection on how countries, governments, parliamentarians, judicial systems, private sector, civil society and the family approach the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals taking into account the family perspectives.

The World Family Summit +8 will build on the success of previous World Family Summits - the first World Family Summit held in China 2004, the World Family Summit +1, held in Brazil 2005, the World Family Summit +2, held in Jordan 2006, the World Family Summit +3, held in Poland 2007, the World Family Summit +4, held in Egypt 2008, the World Family Summit +5, held in Turkey 2009, the World Family Summit +6, held in France 2010, the World Family



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summit +7 held in the United Arab Emirates and the efforts to implement their respective Declarations.

The World Family Summit +8 continue to be the biggest partnership towards building a present and future world characterized by more peace, security, justice, tolerance, solidarity, prosperity and integration, by mobilizing and promoting the basic cell of society – the Family.

In view of the above, the World Family Organization, ABRACE and the United Nations Division for Sustainable Development are pleased to welcome you to the World Family Summit +8, and we are certain that your participation will add a very special value to the outcomes of the Summit. Further information about the Summit is available at <http://www.worldfamilyorganization.org/WFS8/index.html>.

Welcome to Foz do Iguaçu for the World Family Summit +8!

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