

SECOND ANNUAL FAMILY POLICY FORUM
**“TEN YEARS SINCE THE ISSUANCE OF FAMILY LAW IN QATAR:
EXPERIENCES AND ASPIRATIONS”**

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FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Second Annual Family Policy Forum titled “TEN YEARS SINCE THE ISSUANCE OF FAMILY LAW IN QATAR: EXPERIENCES AND ASPIRATIONS” was held by the Doha International Family Institute (Member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development) From 1-2 March, 2017, in partnership with the Legal and Judicial Studies Center in the Ministry of Justice, the College of Law at Qatar University, Qatar Lawyers Association and Qatar Social Work.

Considering that more than ten years have elapsed since the implementation of Family Law No. (22) of 2006; the participants welcomed the organization of the Forum, which availed persons with expertise in this Law the opportunity to emphasize the most positive aspects of this Law, to analyze and monitor the significant challenges that have emerged during its implementation and to identify their causes and impacts on family members. The participants reaffirmed the importance of attending to family-related legislations that reflect social changes in Qatar, and adapt them to strengthen family cohesion and safeguard the rights of the members of the family.

Following two days of presentations and discussions regarding the most important challenges that have faced the implementation of the Law and the ways to address such challenges, the participants made the following recommendations:

1. Allocating a separate building for family courts which should include offices for all relevant authorities, such as the Family Prosecution, the Family Consulting Center and the Verdict Execution Department;
2. Expediting a procedural code to settle family litigations, including an integrated structure for the establishment of centers for family counseling and family dispute settlement, defining their roles and operating mechanisms, and regulating the selection of arbitrators and specifying the rules governing their scope of competence;

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3. Reviewing the Family Law promulgated by Law No. (22) of 2006 and all relevant legislations;
4. Establishing alimony funds to enforce maintenance rulings by Family Courts to entitled beneficiaries and collecting such funds from convicted persons in alimony cases.
5. Establishing a legal aid system to handle family disputes, whereby legal assistance offices are set up in family courts to provide aid, awareness-raising and legal settlement.

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