

Agenda

Family Sensitive Social Protection Project: Expert Meeting

26-27 June 2018

Day 1

9:00- 9:30: Welcome

Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Noor Al Malki Al Jehani Executive Director of Doha International Family Institute (DIFI)

Fathia Abdel Fadil United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)

Neil Gilbert, Professor of Social Welfare and Social Services, UC Berkeley

9:30 11:00 Panel Presentation 1: (3-4 participants; 15 -20 minutes each)

Guaranteed Income/Unconditional Cash Grants and Family Life

- Overview of how family life is changing in the country or region with which you are familiar.
- Discussion of the implications of guaranteed income programs for the stability and cohesion of family life?
- Questions and Open Discussion

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11:00 11:30 Break

11:30 13:00 Panel Presentation 2 (3-4 participants; 15-20 minutes each)

Means-tested Social Benefits and the Formation of Stable Families

- Overview of how family life is changing in the country or region with which you are familiar.
- Discussion of incentives and disincentives for the formation of stable families generated by means-tested social benefit such as social assistance, housing subsidies and children's allowances?
- Questions and Open Discussion

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13:00 14:00 Lunch

14:00 15:30 Panel Presentation 3 (3-4 participants; 15-20 minutes each)

Cash Versus In-Kind Social Benefits

- Overview of how family life is changing in the country or region with which you are familiar.
- Discussion of the implications of cash-for-care compared to publicly subsidized child care services for family-sensitive social protection?
- Questions and Open Discussion

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Day 2

9:00 10:30 Panel Presentation 1 (3-4 participants; 15-20 minutes each)

Marriage Benefits to Encourage Family Life

- Overview of how family life is changing in the country or region with which you are familiar.
- Discussion of the effects of financial supports for marriage such as housing for newly-weds, interest free loans for dowries, and marriage bonuses encourage the formation of cohesive families?
- Questions and Open Discussion

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10:30 11:00 Break

11:00 12:30 Panel Presentation 2 (3-4 participants; 15-20 minutes each)

Work-oriented Benefits and Family Life

- Overview of how family life is changing in the country or region with which you are familiar.
- Discussion of how social protection measures such as paid parental leave, part-time work and early child care may impact childbearing and socialization functions of family life.
- Questions and Open Discussion

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12:30 13:30 Lunch

13:30 15:00 Panel Presentation 3 (3-4 participants; 15-20 minutes each)

Social Protection and Alternative Family Structures

- Overview of how family life is changing in the country or region with which you are familiar.
- Discussion of social protection measures for alternative family structures and their ramifications for strengthening solidarity in family life.

- Are there social protection measures to stabilize and reinforce the family unit, which might be particularly well suited to the modern Arab family?
- Questions, Open Discussion and Final Comments

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