

The World Family Summit +10

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Following the deadline for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, the theme of the World Family Summit +10 this year is: Families in Balance: Building the Future We Want, Celebrating the Achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and Welcoming the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. Mr. Jorge, on behalf of OFAP, was invited to participate in the two days conference.

This summit reviewed the achievements and experiences of the MDGs from the family perspective and produce comments and recommendations for the post-2015 global development agenda.

The keynote speech in the opening by Dr. Liu Yandong, Vice Premier of the State Council, P.R.C., mention that the family is the most basic and sustainable unit of the human society, the tie that links individual, society, the country and the world, and the core of human civilization. Also emphasizes was put in positive family values / principles give rise to social stability.

The following proposals was presented to the conference:



The Keynote Speech

1. Incorporate family development into the new global development agenda: The post-2015 global development agenda should reinforce support to the family on all fronts.
2. Help poor families to build up their capacity for development: Poverty is an obstacle to development and the root cause of misery for many families. We should uphold the human-oriented principle, eradicate poverty through development, and focus on address key issues of poor families.
3. Promote family development in the course of urbanization: the human society is experience unprecedented demographic migration, we should reduce regional gaps, guide rational flow of production factors, promote equitable access to basic public services, safeguard legitimate

rights and interests of the family in the course of migration, and provide institutional guarantee for social harmony, justice and equity.

4. Effectively protect the rights of children, the elderly and women.
5. Boost practical international cooperation.



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The second session, Civil Society Organizations and Families working together in setting a new course for the world families want, discussed the role of civil society organizations in supporting family-friendly policies and programs at a local level and engaging the communities to participate in the decisions that affect their lives, strengthen their capabilities to be included into development process.

Integrating a Family perspective into the

policy basis for Social Services at Local level discussed the extend to which family-focused social service can contribute to mitigate poverty and improve Family's wellbeing at local level.

The next Plenary Session is Celebrating the Achievements of the Millennium Development Goals. Fourteen years ago the Millennium Declaration articulated a bold vision and established concrete targets for improving the existence of many and for saving the lives of those threatened by disease and hunger. Today we know that substantial progress has been made in most areas targeted by the Millennium Development Goals: the world has reduced extreme poverty, hunger is declining, there has been considerable progress in reducing the number of children out of school, gender equality and political participation of women has continue to increase, child mortality and maternal mortality have been reduced, antiretroviral therapy is saving lives, access to improved drinking water sources and sanitation became a reality for many, principles of environmental protection have been observed and a global partnership for development assistance is now at its highest level. In the session, an overview of the MDGs Achievements was discussed and some of the most important to families' issues were tackled.

In the session on Welcoming the Post-2015 Global Sustainable Development Agenda and the Proposed Sustainable Development Goals, we discussed the proposed sustainable development goals



which build on the foundations laid by the Millennium Development Goals and seek to complete the unfinished business, respond to new challenges, integrating economic, social and environmental aspects in all its dimensions.

The World Family Summit +10 ended with a field trip in Zhuhai. About 300 international delegates participated in the summit.