Navigating the Digital Landscape: Fostering Resilient Families in a Transforming World


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Key Themes

- **Digital technologies and family communication**: Examining the impact of digital technologies on work-family balance, and family communication patterns, including the potential for both connection and isolation.
- **Digital use and family well-being**: Discussing the effects of digital media use on family dynamics, including sleep patterns, digital addiction, physical activity, and mental health.
- **Digital literacy and parental guidance**: Exploring strategies for promoting digital literacy among children and adolescents, and fostering responsible digital use within families.
- **Bridging the digital divide**: Addressing the challenges of unequal access to digital technologies and resources, and exploring strategies for bridging the digital divide.

Objectives

- **Raise awareness** of the multifaceted impact of digital change on families, highlighting both its opportunities and challenges.
- **Explore strategies** for fostering resilient families in the digital age, promoting responsible digital use and strengthening family bonds in a rapidly changing world.
- **Gather insights** from diverse stakeholders, including policymakers, experts, and practitioners, to inform evidence-based policy recommendations for the IYF+30 and the CSocD62.

Outcomes

- **A shared understanding** of the multifaceted impact of digital change on families, fostering a collaborative approach to addressing both its opportunities and challenges.
- **Actionable recommendations** for policymakers, educators, and families to promote resilient families in the digital age.
- **Enhanced awareness** of the importance of digital literacy and parental guidance in navigating the digital landscape responsibly.
- **A renewed commitment** to bridging the digital divide and ensuring equitable access to digital technologies and resources for all families.
Welcome Remarks

- H.E. Alya Ahmed bin Saif Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations

Opening Presentation

- Dr. Sharifa Noaman Al-Emadi, Executive Director of Doha International Family Institute (DIFI)

Keynote Remarks

- Mr. Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General UNDESA
- Mr. Fahd Mohammed Al-Khayarin, Assistant Under-Secretary for Social Development, Ministry of Social Development and Family

Panelists

- Ms. Ursula Wynhoven, ITU Representative to the United Nations
- Mr. Bo Viktor Nylund, Director Innocenti, Global Office of Research and Foresight, UNICEF
- Dr. Susan Walker, Professor Emeritus, College of Education and Human Development, University of Minnesota
- MICROSOFT (TBC)

Moderator

- Ms. Renata Kaczmarska, Focal Point on Family, Division for Inclusive Social Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DISD/DESA), United Nations