

# The Family and the Future of Humanity

In celebration of the International Day of Families (A/RES/47/237), the Group of Friends of the Family, jointly with civil society, is pleased to host a high-level event on the theme of the family and the future of humanity in preparation for the Summit for the Future.

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 15, 2024  
**TIME:** 3:00 – 5:00 PM EST  
**LOCATION:** UN Headquarters, Conference room 8

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### Background

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As negotiations are underway for the Pact for the Future, the Global Digital Compact, and the Declaration on Future Generations, Member States note that it is no coincidence that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights recognizes the family as “the natural and fundamental group unit of society” which is “entitled to protection by society and the State.” Societies where the family is weakened and undermined have no future. In the same way, there is no future for humanity without the family.

The Group of Friends of the Family has repeatedly recognized that efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development must focus on the family because of its essential function as primary educator, economic driver, and social safety net. Likewise, the Group now remains convinced that efforts to shape the future of humanity beyond 2030 must integrate family-oriented policies into development plans and programmes as a cross-cutting issue.

The event commemorates the 30th anniversary of the International Year of the Family, providing a useful opportunity to continue to raise awareness of the objectives of the International Year for increasing cooperation on family issues at all levels.

### Event Organizers

Permanent Mission of Belarus to the United Nations  
Center for Family and Human Rights (C-Fam)

### Civil Society Co-Sponsors

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