



Family Committee Report 2008

NGO COMMITTEE ON THE FAMILY

The following is a summary of the activities of the NGO Committee on the Family from January to December 2008:

- January 23, 2008: Participation of the co-chairs of the NGO Committee on the Family in the CONGO Chairs Meeting.
- February 7, 2008: Side Event at the CSD on *The Impact of Migration on Health and Families*, in collaboration with the NGO Health Committee and the NGO Committee on Migration.
- February 28, 2008: Parallel Event on *Actions for the Advancement of Women: Best Practices*, co-sponsored with the NGO Committee on Migration.
- Completion of a new brochure about the mission and work of the NGO Committee on the Family, for distribution as an outreach document.
- March 27, 2008: General membership meeting on *Religious Perspectives on the Family and Tolerance: a Dialogue*, planned as a follow-up of our successful meeting on this topic last April.
- April 24, 2008: General membership meeting on *Media and its impact on children and family*.
- May 15, 2008: Collaboration with Eric Olson, Focal Point on the Family, DESA, for the annual commemoration of the International Year of the Family. The theme chosen for this year's event was *The Role of Fathers in Families*. In addition to the morning DPI/NGO Briefing, our Committee organized an afternoon session held at the Church Center.
- June 12th, 2008: General membership meeting on *Challenges and opportunities for children and their families in developing countries affected by HIV/AIDS*, in collaboration with the NGO Committee on HIV/AIDS and the NGO Committee on the Family
- September 5th, 2008: Midday Workshop on *Protecting the human rights of migrants and their families to promote development: challenges and strategies*, at the 61st annual DPI/NGO Conference in Paris, organized and sponsored jointly with the NGO Committee on Migration and the NGO Committee on the Rights of the Child.
- October 2nd, 2008: General membership meeting on *Family issues at the United Nations: Work ahead*.
- October 30th, 2008: General membership meeting on *Actions taken at the national level concerning family issues*.
- November 6th, 2008: Executive Committee meeting for preparation and submission of Statements to the Commission for Social Development (CSD) and the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

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- December 4th, 2008: General membership meeting on *The Role of the Family, Family issues, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child*, jointly with the NGO Committee on the Rights of the Child.

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