

# "THE FAMILY IN THE 21ST CENTURY Prospects, problems and solutions"

Tuesday 14th October 2014  
Parliament of the Czech Republic  
Sněmovní 1, Prague 1, Room No: 205  
Co-hosted by Nina Nováková MP, Jiří Mihola MP & Radka Maxova MP

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## PROGRAMME

9:00 Registration

9:30 Welcoming remarks

**Juraj Lajda**, *Secretary General, UPF Czech Republic*

**Nina Nováková**, *Member of Parliament of the Czech Republic*

**Jan Mihola**, *Member of Parliament of the Czech Republic*

**Radka Maxova**, *Member of Parliament of the Czech Republic*

**Paul An**, *Chair, UPF Europe*

10.00 **SESSION I:**

### **FAMILY AND STATE POLICY**

**Chair: Mark Brann** *Secretary-General, UPF Europe*

"Should there be either sexual education or ethical education in schools?"

**Nina Nováková, MP** - *Member of Parliament of the Czech Republic*

"Keeping clear distinctions between family & social policy"

**Antoine Renard**, *President, Catholic Association of Family Organisations, France*

"Governmental family policy - a European perspective"

**Anna Záborská**, *MEP, Slovakia*

"The UN and the HRC resolution on the protection of the family"

**Heiner Handschin**, *Director UPF Office for UN Relations, Geneva*

11:15 Break

11:45 **SESSION II:**

### **THE ROLE OF NGOs IN STRENGTHENING THE FAMILY**

**Chair: Carolyn Handschin**, *President WFWP Europe*

Title tba

**Richard Kane**, *President, Marriage Week International UK tbc*

Title tba

**Matyáš Zrno**, *Vice-president, Civic Institute, Czech Republic*

"NGOs – Agents for Change."

**Joseph Gundacker**, *Director, Familienforum, Austria*

"Defending families through the legislative process"

**Jan Gregor**, *Vice Chair, Young Christian Democrats, CZ*

13:00 Lunch

**14:00 SESSION III.**

**WHAT DO "FAMILY VALUES" REALLY MEAN IN 2014**

**Chair: Heiner Handschin**, *Director UPF Office for UN Relations, Geneva*

"The importance of healthy marriages for a healthy society"

**Harry Benson**, *Research Director, The Marriage Foundation, UK tbc*

"The Role of Gender Ideology in the Family Debate"

**Gabriele Kuby**, *Writer, Sociologist, Activist. Germany, tbc*

"Ideological & social confusion in family value system"

**Christian Hausmann**, *Vice-President of CDU Stuttgart, Germany*

Title tba

**Maria Hildingsson**, *Secretary General, Catholic Association of Family Organisations, Brussels*

**15:15 Break**

**15:45 SESSION IV.**

**HEALTHY FAMILIES AS A FOUNDATION FOR A HEALTHY & PROSPEROUS SOCIETY**

**Chair: Christian Haussman**, *Vice-President of CDU Stuttgart, Germany*

Title tba

**Marie Oujezdská**, *President, National Centre for Family, CZ*

"Why Human Rights depend on families"

**Carolyn Handschin**, *President, WFWP Europe*

"Family Values & World Peace in 21st Century"

**Lynn Walsh**, *Director, Office for Marriage and Family, UPF New York, USA (tbc)*

**17:15 Closing remarks & Conclusion**