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Welcoming Remarks

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**Esuna Dugarova (@Esuna_Dugarova)** is a Policy Specialist at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). She specializes in social and family policy in transition economies and in broader issues of sustainable development including gender equality, poverty reduction and social inclusion. Previously, Esuna worked at the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, European Commission and World Bank, as well as London School of Economics. Originally from the Republic of Buryatia in Russia, Esuna holds a PhD degree in Asian Studies from Cambridge University.

**Eduardo Garcia Rolland** is a humanitarian worker with extensive experience in the field and in headquarters working in several technical and managerial areas on a wide range of issues, including early childhood development, child soldiers, family tracing and reunification, children’s reintegration into families and communities, psychosocial support, protection monitoring, human rights, gender, infrastructure reconstruction, HIV/AIDS and birth registration. His 20-year professional career with NGOs and United Nations includes assignments with UNICEF, IRC, CEDRO, JRS, MPDL, IMC, Oxfam, NRC and HRW in the Americas, Africa, Eastern Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Eduardo is now UNICEF Early Childhood Development Specialist focusing on emergencies and strengthening families around the world. He holds a Bachelor in Law from Deusto University in Spain and a Master’s degree in international humanitarian aid from Ruhr University in Germany; fluent in Spanish, French, English and Portuguese.

**Michael Robb ( @mikrobb1 )** is Director of Research at Common Sense Media, overseeing the research program, evaluation of organization impact, and program development research. Michael has been involved in issues involving media and children for over 15 years. He has published research on the impact of electronic media on young children's language development, early literacy outcomes, and problem-solving abilities in a variety of academic journals. Michael also has supervised community educational outreach efforts, helping parents and teachers make the most of quality children's programming. Previously, Michael served as the director of digital learning and research at the Fred Rogers Center for Early Learning and Children's Media. Michael received his B.A. from Tufts University and M.A. and Ph.D. in psychology from UC Riverside.

Diego Barroso is a member of the Management Committee of the International Federation for Family Development. His mission is to support the expansion and training of Family Enrichment courses in the 66 countries where they are established. He has moderated parenting courses since 1992 and has trained future moderators since 2002. He has been President of the Parents’ Association the schools his children attended in Barcelona and, from that position, President of the FAPACE Spanish Federation of Parents’ Associations and President of the European Parents Association (2004-2009), based in Brussels and representing around 150 million parents. From October 2015 to January 2017, he has been Project Manager for IFFD to the European Union 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development Project ‘Families And Societies.’ Its goal is to provide data about the present and future of families in Europe, with a focus on the most disadvantaged families.
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