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Experts in Home Economics present their contribution to the UN Millennium Goals



IFHE Council Meeting at St. Angela's College, Sligo, Ireland, July 2010

The International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE) will hold its biennial Council Meeting at the St. Angela's College, Sligo, Ireland from Sunday 18th – Friday 23rd July 2010. The Council 2010 gathers together 200 IFHE members from all over the world.

The main focus of the Council will be the review the business practices of the organisation but this year it will also review the contribution of Home Economics to the UN Millennium Goals. In the different Programme Committees and scientific as well as professional sessions when more than 40 Home Economics experts will give oral or poster presentations related to different aspects of Home Economics and include matters revolving around the UN Millennium goals.

At the Opening Session of the Council Meeting, Ms. Marcela VILLARREAL, FAO Rome, Director Gender, Equity and Rural Employment will present the keynote address that will include strategies of FAO to improve food security around the world. At this Plenary Session three IFHE experts in food security will give presentations about their projects and activities that support food security and healthy nutrition. A best practise example from Tanzania, Africa will be presented by Asia KAPANDE from Tanzanian Home Economics Association (TAHEA). Janice MAISON, Caribbean Home Economics Association will focus on education programmes in the Caribbean Region to reduce hunger and promote food security in the Caribbean Region. Results from her scientific research projects related to food security in Africa and Asia will be presented by Prof. Dr. Ingrid-Ute LEONHÄUSER, University of Giessen, Germany.

As well as the administrative agenda a special one-day conference will be held under the theme “**Vision 2020: Home Economics, Changing Perspectives in a Changing Environment**” will focus on the areas of Sustainability, Globalisation, and Interculturalism. The keynote speakers will be

- Dr. Dymna DEVINE: Senior, Lecturer in the School of Education, University College Dublin,
- Dr. Martin CARAHER: Associate Dean/Reader in Food & Health Policy in the Centre for Food Policy at City University, London,
- Dr. Kate FLETCHER: Reader in Sustainable Fashion at London College of Fashion.

The Council Meeting will be an opportunity for professionals to continue to build on their interactions, discussions and collaborations concerning activities, which will contribute to eradicate poverty, promote food security and education for sustainable development.

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- Eradication of poverty,
- Gender and equality,
- Education for Sustainable Development.

Additional to the professional sessions and Committee Meetings, the participants will take part in several Home Economics excursions and enjoy traditional Irish culture presentations.

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