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1. The IFHE President's Report Prof. Dr. Sidiga WASHI, Sudan

In 2016 the International Federation for Home Economics conducted its XXIII IFHE World Congress in Daejeon, Korea to the theme **“Hope & Happiness: The Role of Home Economics in the Pursuit of Hope & Happiness for Individuals and Communities now and in the future”**. At the IFHE Annual Meeting in London, UK in March 2016 the Executive Committee discussed and decided about the final aspects for the programme and organisation of the IFHE Congress 2016. All IFHE committees were involved in preparing many concurrent sessions, workshops and symposium, The IFHE Executive Committee in co-operation with the IFHE Congress Organising Committee in Korea were responsible for the excellent keynote sessions. Well-known experts in their fields presented their research findings to different aspects of the Congress Theme.

- Virginia VINCENTI: **“Challenges and future Directions for Home Economics Education”**,
- Hee Yung PAIK: **“Towards Hope and Happiness: The Role of Family Policy in Korea”**,
- Peter O'Connor: **“Hope: Because We Must”**,
- Robert N. MAYER: **“Consumer Policy in Comparative Perspective: Lessons in Humility and Hope”**,
- Masako Iishi KUNTZ: **“Hope and Happiness in Mothering and Fathering: What Can “Positive” Approaches in Home Economics Education Do?”**,
- Joohan KIM: **“Why GRIT is important especially for children, students and parents?”**,
- Ilona KICKBUSCH: **“Working Together for Better Health - Act Local and Global”**,
- Tae-seok KIM: **“WLB issues and the supporting roles of public agencies in south Korea”**,

The special sessions of the IFHE Committees are described below.

In conjunction with the IFHE Congress 2016 and the IFHE Council 2016 the delegate assembly took place in Daejeon, Korea!

- The Council delegates discussed and approved the Finance Reports 2014 and 2015. They also decided about the IFHE Budget 2017 and 2018.
- As an international non-profit organisation with consultative status with the UN ECOSOC, FAO and UNESCO as well as an acknowledged member of the DPI, IFHE was very much committed in support of the aims and activities of the United Nations. The Council delegates approved and launched the IFHE Statements related to the following Sustainable Development Goals
 - “End Poverty in all its Forms everywhere”,
 - “Achieve Gender Equality and empower all Women and Girls”,
 - “Ensure Availability and Sustainable Management of Water and Sanitation for All”, and
 - “Ensure Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns”.

- The Council Delegates also approved the IFHE Congress Resolution 2016 to the theme “**Hope & Happiness**”.
- At last the Council delegates approved the guidelines for the certification of International Professional Home Economist (IPHE). **IPHE** recognises the significant contribution that **an IFHE Member has made to the work of IFHE and Home Economics as a discipline on an international platform**. In order to achieve **IPHE Certification** an IFHE Member is required to earn **at least 100 professional development units (PDUs)** by engaging in international professional Home Economics related work over a four-year period, up to the date of submitting an application.
- Since October IFHE is a partner of an European ERASMUS+ Project to the topic: “**Focus on Sustainability – Education for Professionals in household and guest-orientated businesses**” (**ProfESus**). The general objective is to contribute through digital and innovative lifelong learning for professionals to the improvement of ecological, economic and social sustainability in the EU.

Specific objectives of the ProfESus-Project:

- Development of a curriculum in the amount of 10 ECVETs/ECTS and an corresponding blended-learning course with 4 modules (80 hours presence phase and 170 hours digital-learning including 90 hours tutorials for self-study and 80 hours online-learning),
- 2- Pilot run in Finland (LAUREA) and Austria (UCAEP) and optimising of curriculum and blended-learning course,
- 3- Handbook with best-practice examples for vocational education on sustainability, and
- 4- Learning materials and handbook in English will be translated into five national languages for successful learning and Dissemination.

In addition to the IFHE Statements related to the above mentions SDGs IFHE developed in total five written statements for UN Conferences in the year 2016.

- The sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 61) will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 13th to 24th March 2017.

CSW 61 Written Statement submitted by International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE)

“Challenges and Achievements in the Implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for Women and Girls”.

The IFHE demands that women and girls be empowered, that their needs and rights be kept in focus to harness their potential and importance for sustainable development.

- IFHE Statement related to the Call for Written Statements to the CSocD55 to be held from 1st to 10th February 2017 at UN Headquarters in New York.

The priority theme is:

“Strategies for the Eradication of Poverty to achieve sustainable Development for All” and “Territorial and Family orientated Strategies are required to end Poverty”.

- Commission for Social Development Fifty-fifth session 1st - 10th February 2017 Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: priority theme: **“Strategies for the Eradication of Poverty to achieve sustainable Development for All”**.
- Associated Countrywomen of the World (ACWW) - Joint Statement with IFHE for CSW 60 **“Women's Empowerment Essential For Sustainable Development”**.

Beside the four regular issues of the IFHE Newsletter and three Press Releases to the special UN Days were developed and published related to the World Home Economics Day, the International Women’s Day and the World Food Day.

IFHE published

- two issues of the International Journal of Home Economics (IJHE), and
- launched Best Practice Posters related to sustainable lifestyles with the focus on Household Technology in Arabic language.

2. Activities in the IFHE Regions

2.1 Region Africa

The region of Africa held one meeting in 2016 in correlation with the IFHE World Congress 2016 in Korea. The Region Africa was well represented at the IFHE Congress 2016. Especially the delegates from Nigeria were numerous. The number of IFHE Members in Nigeria is still increasing. The 8th IFHE Africa Regional Conference is planned for 24th to 28th October 2017 at the University of Uyo in Akwa Ibom State in the South of Nigeria, with the theme: “**Developing Skills for Improved Social and Economic Conditions of Families and Global Communities: Home Economics Future Direction**” Prof. Patricia MBAH is our contact in this regard with information on the conference.

IFHE Africa decided a number of years ago to compile a recipe book with recipes typical of the different countries in Africa. Prof. Sidiga WASHI undertook the task of editing the final version. The recipe book “**Nutritious African Cuisines**” is now available from Prof. Sidiga WASHI at \$10 per copy.

2.2 Region Americas Caribbean

Home Economists in the Caribbean started to plan and organise the 22nd Biennial Conference of the Caribbean Association of Home Economists Inc. (CAHE) from the 7th - 12th April 2017 at the IBEROSTAR Rose Hall Suites in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

The theme of the Conference is “**Home Economics: Future Proofing Families for 21st Century Living**”, The Jamaica Home Economics Association (JHEA) will host this conference.

IFHE-US

IFHE-US announced the funds from the development fund. They evaluated the applications and decided to support four new projects in the field of Home Economics. The project was announced during the IFHE Congress in Daejeon, Korea!

The IFHE-US presented the next IFHE Congress 2020 in Atlanta, US to the IFHE Council Delegates. In 2016 the leadership of the IFHE changed based on the elections.

2.3 Region Asia

The Korean Home Economics Association hosted the excellent and well organised IFHE Congress 2016 with 1,200 participants from over 50 countries from all over the world! Beside the sessions, in which more than 400 IFHE Experts presented their research findings and education results, the organising committee organised several technical excursions, home visits and social events such as the welcome dinner and gala dinner as well as the closing ceremony!

2.4 Region Europe

The IFHE Sections in Germany, Austria and Switzerland conducted a successful two day conference on 21st and 22nd of April, 2016, in Bonn, Germany.

The subject was related to the **“10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns of the United Nations”**. More than 110 participants discussed with experts from different Home Economics fields and related professional fields.

In most of the other European Countries such as Ireland, Finland, Norway, Denmark, Switzerland, and Austria the IFHE Groups were active and conducted seminars, meetings and activities related to special Home Economics topics. All European IFHE Countries were represented at the IFHE Congress 2016. See report on the IFHE Website!

The IFHE UK hosted the IFHE Annual Leadership Meeting 2016 in London.

3. Report on IFHE Committee Work

IFHE Council Committees and the IFHE Programme Committees met at the Annual Meeting 2016 in London, UK.

The IFHE Programme Committee Family and Gender conducted a Workshop on Sustainability Goals and the impact on Family. The topic of the workshop was: **“Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”**, **“The Role of Families and the IFHE”**.

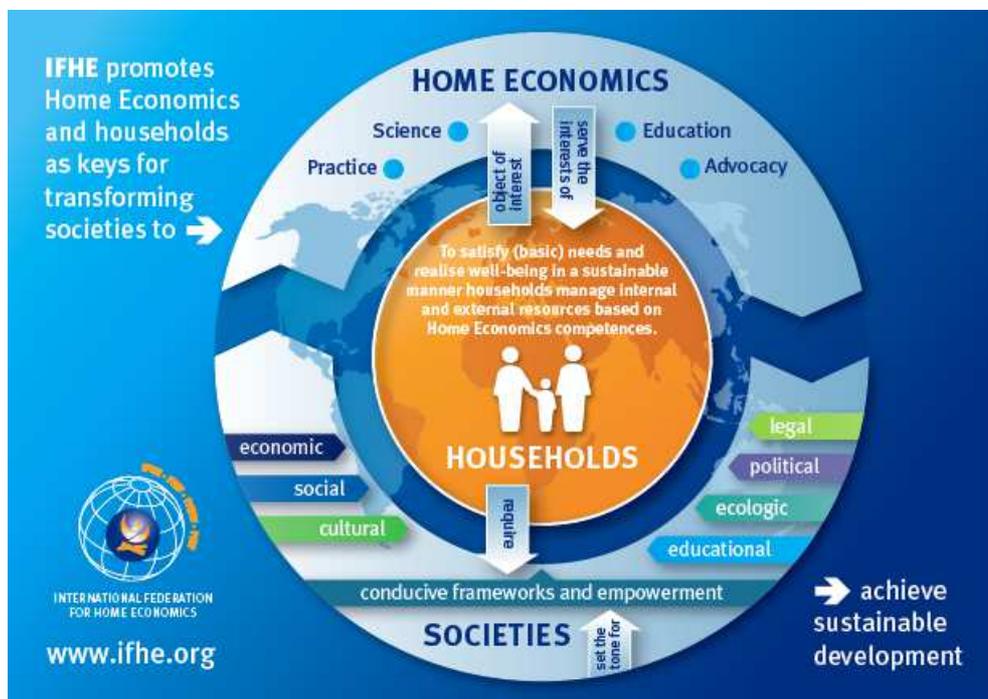
Professor Geraldene HODELIN (Jamaica/Americas) introduced the topic and set the context for the session using a Microsoft PPT® presentation. Her focus was Sustainable Goals related to Family and Home Economics.

Representations from three different IFHE Regions gave 10 minutes' presentations on Challenges for different interest groups.

Presentations: 10 mins each

- Prof. Pat MBAH (Africa) – Challenges for Family,
- Prof. Yukiko KUDO (Asia) – Challenges for Home Economics Education,
- Margaret JEPSON (Europe) – Challenges for IFHE.

The IFHE Programme Committee Family launched a related postcard which demonstrates the context of families, Home Economics and the relation to the legal, economic, ecological, educational framework!



IFHE Programme Committee Consumers and Sustainable Development

This committee met for a workshop “**The green consumer sees red**” in the Daejeon congress. Considering the impact the consumer’s decisions has on the environment, and sustainable development this committee still has the responsibility to find ways to reach the consumer, inform and support the consumer to become an environment conscious consumer.

Disaster Assistance Partnerships for Home Economics/FCS, Programs in Developing Countries (DAP)

Coordinator/Chair: Juanita MENDENHALL

The DAP has had a busy, productive summer of programs, sales tables, action and interaction, first in June in Bellevue, Washington at the AAFCS Convention and later, in South Korea in July/August at the IFHE Congress in Daejeon. Workshops were held in both locations, primarily to involve partners and prospective partners in the new Honduras Initiative.

Before focusing on that effort, it is important to mention that IHES (the International Home Economics Services, Inc.) initiated DAP in response to the many requests it has received for disaster assistance which actually is not what IHES was originally set up to do. IHES is the original DAP Partner. DAP is now a committee of IFHE and has hundreds of Partners around the world, mostly donating used materials and giving professional support, not money at this time, to help after disasters where help is requested. IHES and DAP are continuing to work together with the Madina Village School and community in Sierra Leone, West Africa, where we have been assisting with the implementation of the first ever school in the village from its inception about five years ago. As the young learners move through their education they will be exposed to Home Economics principles and eventually we hope to facilitate a Home Economics program for learners. We are also helping to develop a women’s cooperative that will be infused with an Extension like entrepreneurial model and are exploring starting an International 4-H Program.

We have sent over 60 boxes of donated school supplies, mostly from South Carolina, to date. This year, we also sent ten boxes of sewing supplies and fabrics and sent money for two treadle sewing machines. At IFHE in Korea, money for another sewing machine was specifically donated. The new school is thriving and has been able to add three more grade levels, for a total now of over 350 students. During summers, area teachers are now being trained along with the Madina Village teachers so education in the area is also improving. The International Home Economics Services is very involved in this project as we partner together on all of our DAP efforts. IHES has received a project proposal from the women and are awaiting clarification of some requests.

IFHE Council Committee United Nation/UN Relation

IFHE is represented at the UN in New York, Geneva and Vienna as well as at the UNESCO in Paris, France.

The IFHE Representatives are:

- Valencia BROWNING-KEEN, New York
- Mary COVINGTON, New York
- Janine DUNCAN, New York
- Anita FERRON, New York
- Annemarie LÜDI, Geneva
- Gertraud PICHLER, Vienna
- Jaqueline FRITSCH, UNESCO
- Mona SHARAF ABDELGALIL UNESCO.

IFHE is not represented at the FAO at the moment. Ingrid-Ute LEONHÄUSER is in contact with the chair of the AGH-Committee (an INGO network at the FAO) in Rome.

IFHE is represented at the Council of Europe by Susanne HOFER.

Activites of the IFHE UN Committee

In the reporting year the Council Committee United Nations was very active. The Committee, chaired by Carol WARREN conducted successfully two workshops at the IFHE Congress 2016.

WS_1208 Sustainable Development Goals

“Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”

They seek to build on the Millennium Development Goals and complete what these did not achieve. They seek to realise the human rights of all and to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls. They are integrated and indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development: the economic, social and environmental.

IFHE supports initiatives of the UN as they connect to the Home Economics profession. This round table session identified five key SDGs and targets of relevance to Home Economics, discuss their significance to the profession and identify actions for IFHE to support the goals. Carol WARREN, Chair IFHE UN Council Committee chaired the session with expert moderators to lead table discussions. Ideas generated will assist the IFHE UN Committee, IFHE Programme Committees and IFHE Members in countries around the world to identify actions to contribute to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

WS_1209 IFHE and the United Nations

Chaired by Carol WARREN

IFHE is an International Non-Governmental Organisation having consultative status with the United Nations and the Council of Europe. IFHE Representatives participate in meetings and conferences at the UN headquarters in New York, at the UN offices in Geneva and Vienna as well as UN agencies in Paris, Rome and at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

Their role also includes presenting statements and preparing reports on behalf of IFHE and working with other International Non-Governmental Organisations. Activities are concerned primarily with programmes related to the wellbeing of the family and its members, particularly women.

This information session provided participants with information about the structure of the United Nations, its agencies and departments and the networking role of INGOs. Participants also had the opportunity to hear first-hand from the IFHE Representatives about their role, how a Home Economics perspective can contribute to UN objectives and how UN involvement provides a platform to advocate for improved quality of life.

Carol WARREN thanked the UN representatives for their ongoing commitment on behalf of IFHE and also for their contribution to the Congress workshops.

In addition the IFHE Annual Review 2016 for DPI/NGO was prepared. The Annual Review 2016 was accepted in January 2017.

4. Cooperation with Institutions of the United Nations

IFHE Partnerships and Participations

IFHE is committed to four international partners. The partners are:

- The Alliance for Clean Cookstoves,
- The Global Alliance for Health Promotion,
- The European ERASMUS+ Project,
- 10 Years Framework Programme for Sustainable Production and Consumption.

IFHE is a participant of the Zero Hunger Challenge in addition IFHE developed a Press Release to the FAO World Food Day 2016.

IFHE contributed to the aims of these partners through discussions, development of papers, attending online and face to face meetings and workshops, disseminating outcomes and findings and supporting evaluation.