



## United Nations Activity Report

The United Nations [Civil Society Briefing](#), “Families and Climate Action: Focus on SDG 13,” was held on 16 May 2019 in the [Economic and Social Council](#) chamber of the United Nations headquarters in New York, NY, United States.

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This briefing discusses [Sustainable Development Goal #13](#) (SDG) and its intersection with families and [SDG #12](#).

I will continue to follow this topic as possible through the United Nations website. I think one way to engage our members is to have them go to the United Nations pilot called [ActNow.bot](#). It will be launched by the UN at the end of May 2019. Each person can choose which, of 10 things, they want to commit to doing on a regular basis. At the end, each person can see how many times they have done the actions they chose.

This briefing addressed the concerns of [non-governmental organizations](#) and individuals about climate change and its effect on families and people (SDGs 12 and 13). There were many young people speaking to the issues of climate change and that they will be the ones who need to “fix it.” The moderator and many speakers gave calls to action for everyone to address climate change — “the crisis of this generation.” There was also minor discussion about the potential detriments to our health due to climate change which is something that Sigma nurses could address and weigh in on.

Feel free to [watch the briefing](#).