

Policy and strategic actions to protect and promote mental health & well-being across government sectors

Tuesday 25 November 13:00-14:30 CET

13:00 – 13:05

Welcome

Ms Gabriella Stern, Moderator, Former Director, Department of Communications, WHO

13:05 – 13:10

Opening remarks

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, WHO (tbc)

H.E. Mr João António da Costa Mira Gomes Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva

13:10 – 13:25

Introducing the WHO Guidance on policy and strategic actions to protect and promote mental health and well-being across government sectors

Dr Michelle Funk, Head, Policy, Law and Human rights Unit, Noncommunicable Diseases & Mental Health, World Health Organization.

Audience reflection: “What excites you most about the guidance?”

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A conversation across sectors: voices from policy and practice

Mr Alexei Buzu, Minister of Labour and Social Protection, Moldova

Mr Khairy Jamaluddin, Visiting Senior Fellow, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute (Singapore); Former Minister of Health, Malaysia

Ms Sibongile Monareng, Director of Psychosocial Support, Department of Basic Education, South Africa

Ms. Insherah Musa, Country Director for Free to Run, Iraq

Mr Sean Russell, COO and European Lead, Global Leadership Exchange; Retired Senior Police Officer, and former Director of the Mental Health Commission, West Midlands, United Kingdom.

Interactive dialogue with panel members

Facilitated by **Ms Gabriella Stern** and **Dr Ahmed Hankir**, Consultant Psychiatrist & expert by lived experience, Canada

Audience reflection: “If you could ask WHO for support to help implement this guidance in your country, what would it be?”

13:55 - 14:23

Interactive segment with WHO regional advisers for mental health

Facilitated by **Ms Gabriella Stern** and **Dr Ahmed Hankir**

Dr Chido Rwafa Madzvamutse, Africa; **Dr Renato Oliveira E Souza**, the Americas; **Dr Ledia Lazeri**, Europe; **Dr Khaled Saeed**, Eastern Mediterranean Region; **Dr Andrea Bruni**, South East Asia; and **Dr Atsuro Tsutsumi**, Western Pacific.

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Concluding reflections

Dr Nick Banatvala, Lead, UN Inter Agency task force on NCDs, and mental health, WHO

Dr Etienne Krug, Director, Health Determinants, Promotion and Prevention, WHO

Ms Dévora Kestel, Acting Director, Noncommunicable Diseases & Mental Health, WHO