



WHO guidance on mental health policy and strategic action plans

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 25 March 13:00-14:30 CET

MODERATOR:

Ms Gabriella Stern, Director, Department of Communications, WHO

13:00 – 13:05

Welcome

Ms Gabriella Stern, Moderator

13:05 – 13:20

Opening remarks

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, WHO

Dr Cho Kyoo-hong, Minister of Health and Welfare, Republic of Korea

Dr Ana Paula Martins, Minister of Health, Portuguese Republic

Mr Jarrod Clyne, Person with Lived Experience, Deputy Executive Director, International Disability Alliance

13:20 – 13:35

Introducing the WHO Guidance on mental health policy and strategic action plans

Dr Michelle Funk, Head, Policy, Law and Human Rights Unit, Department of Mental Health, Brain Health and Substance Use, WHO

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

13:35 – 13:45

Reflections from Ministers of Health

Dr Frank Anthony, Minister of Health, Republic of Guyana

Dr Marija Jakubauskienė, Minister of Health, Republic of Lithuania

Dr 'Ana 'Akau'ola, Minister of Health, Kingdom of Tonga

13:45 - 14:00

Stakeholder perspectives

A conversation with:

Mr Michael Njenga, Regional Mental Health Advisor – Africa, CBM Global Disability Inclusion; expert by lived experience, Republic of Kenya

Dr Soumitra Pathare, Consultant Psychiatrist and Director of the Centre for Mental Health Law and Policy at the Indian Law Society, Republic of India

Ms Belén González, Mental Health Commissioner, Ministry of Health, Kingdom of Spain

14:00 - 14:28

Interactive segment with speakers and WHO regional advisers for mental health

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

Participation of all speakers as well as WHO Regional Advisors for Mental Health (**Chido Rwafa**

Madzvamutse, AFRO; **Renato Oliveira E Souza**, AMRO; **Ledia Lazeri**, EURO; **Khaled Saeed**, EMRO; and **Jasmine Vergara**, WPRO)

14:28 - 14:30

Concluding remarks

Ms Devora Kestel, Director, Department of Mental Health, Brain Health and Substance Use, WHO