**Intersessional Consultation on Mental Health and Human Rights**

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15 November 2021 | 10 – 12HRS & 15 - 17HRS (CET)

Virtual meeting on Zoom platform and Room XVII Palais des Nations

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

(*as at 11 November 2021*)

# 10:00 - 10:30 Welcome and opening remarks

*Chair and moderator: H. E. Rui MACIEIRA Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva*

* Ms. Michelle Bachelet, High Commissioner for Human Rights, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
* Dr. Zsuzsanna Jakab, Deputy Director-General, World Health Organization
* Ms. Stéphanie Wooley, Deputy Board Member, European Network of (Ex) Users and Survivors of Psychiatry
* Dr. Marcelo Queiroga, Minister, Ministry for Health, Brazil (pre-recorded video)
* Dr. Marta Temido, Minister, Ministry for Health, Portugal, (pre-recorded video)

# 10:30 – 12:00 Segment 1 Public policy reform

**Objective: Exploring and sharing positive experiences in reforming mental health systems guided by a human rights-based approach in order to move from practice to policy.**

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1. Ms. Tlaleng Mofokeng, Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health
2. Dr. Michelle Funk, Unit Head, Policy, Law and Human Rights Unit, Department of Mental Health and Substance Use, World Health Organization
3. Mr. Michael Njenga, Regional Mental Health Advisor for Africa, CBM Global
4. Dr. Kashef Ijaz, The Carter Center, Vice-President, Health Programmes (pre-recorded video)
5. Ms. Sera Davidow, Director, The Wildflower Alliance (formerly the Western Massachusetts Recovery Learning Community)

**11:10 – 11:45 Discussion and Q&A**

**11:45 – 11:55 Reactions from panellists**

**11:55 – 12:00 Wrap-up and Closing**

**12:00 – 15:00 Break**

**15:00 - 17:00 Session 2 | Legal reform**

**Objective: Highlighting key aspects of legal reform based on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

*Chair and moderator: H. E. Tovar DA SILVA NUNES* *Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva*

**Welcome and introduction to Session 2 Legal Reform**

**15:00 – 15:50 Panellists**

1. Dr. Yuri Cutipé, Director of Mental Health of the Ministry of Health, Peru
2. Ms. Penelope Weller, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia
3. Mr. Gerard Quinn, Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities
4. Ms. Rosemary Kayess, Chair, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (pre-recorded message)
5. Ms. Elizabeth Kamundia, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights
6. Mr. Nils Melzer, Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (pre-recorded message)
7. Video: “The Power of Purpose”

**15:50 – 16:30 Discussion and Q&A**

# 16:30 – 16:40 Reactions from panellists

# 16:40-17:00 Conclusions and closing

1. Ms. Bhargavi Davar, Transforming Communities for Inclusion
2. Ms. Peggy Hicks, Director, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
3. H. E. Rui MACIEIRA Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva
4. H. E. Tovar DA SILVA NUNES Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva

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