

Consultation on Mental Health and Human Rights (RES 52/12)

23 October 2024 | 10 – 13 :00 & 15 - 17HRS (CET)

In-person meeting in Room XVII Palais des Nations and live webcasted on webtv.un.org¹

Translation into the 6 UN languages will be provided

Format: Interactive Q&A

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

(as at 17 October 2024)

10:00 - 10:20 Welcome and opening remarks

Moderator: Michelle Funk, Head of the unit on Policy, Law and Human Rights team at the World Health Organization in Geneva

- Mr Volker Türk, High Commissioner for Human Rights, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (pre-recorded video)
- Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization (pre-recorded video) - tbc
- Ms. Joana Fisher, Deputy-Permanent Representative and Chargée d'Affaires, Government of Portugal;
- Mr. Alex Reinecke, Chief of Staff at the National Secretariat for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Government of Brazil.

10:25 - 13:00 Session 1

10:25– 11:25 Segment 1

Objective: Identify and discuss key challenges in implementing at the local, national and regional levels enabling normative and policy measures for the realization of the right to mental health in different areas/sectors

Chair and moderator: Dr. Ms. Michelle Funk, Head of the unit on Policy, Law and Human Rights team at the World Health Organization

- Dr. Dainius Puras, Professor, Clinic of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, Vilnius University (Lithuania)
- Mr. Mario Lopez Alba, Mental Health Advisor, Médecins Sans Frontières Geneva
- Ms. Tina Minkowitz, President of the Center for the Human Rights of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry (USA)
- Mr. Alex Reinecke, Chief of Staff at the National Secretariat for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Government of Brazil
- Mr. Omar S. Rasheed, MHPSS Programme Coordinator, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) – particular focus on places of detention

11:05-11:30 Discussion and Q&A

¹ International Sign Language and English captioning will be provided.

11:30-12:30 Segment 2

Objective: Identify and discuss promising initiatives in promoting the right to mental health at the local, national and regional levels in different areas/sectors

Chair and moderator: Dr. Ms. Michelle Funk, Head of the unit on Policy, Law and Human Rights team at the World Health Organization

- Ms. Magda Casamitjana Aguilà, Director of the National Mental Health Pact Department of the Presidency of the Generalitat de Catalunya
- Mr. Victor Lizama, member of the Red Orgullo Loco Mexico
- Ms. Clara Amulen, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights
- Mr. Soumitra Pathare, Director, Centre for Mental Health Law & Policy
- Ms. Richa Sharma-Dhamorikar, Research & Advocacy Officer Transforming Communities for Inclusion (TCI)
- Mr. Carlos Ríos Espinosa, Associate Director, Disability Rights Division Human Rights Watch

12:30-12:55 Discussion and Q&A

12:55-13:00 Wrap-Up

13:00 – 15:00 Break

15:00 - 17:00 Session 2

- a) **Objective: Discuss what specific action is needed – in law, policy and practice and in different sectors - to strengthen a human rights perspective to mental health and in that connection, identify priority focus areas for OHCHR’s future engagement on mental health in collaboration with relevant partners**

Chair and moderator: Chair and moderator: Mr. Alberto Vásquez, Co-Director of the Center for Inclusive Policy, Geneva

Welcome and introduction to Session 2

15:00 – 15:40 Speakers

1. Ms. Tlaleng Mofokeng, Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health (virtual intervention through Zoom)
2. Ms. Magda Casamitjana Aguilà, Director of the National Mental Health Department of the Presidency of the Generalitat de Catalunya
3. Mr. Victor Lizama, member of the Red Orgullo Loco Mexico
4. Ms. Tina Minkowitz
5. Mr. Omar S. Rasheed, MHPSS Programme Coordinator, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) – particular focus on places of detention

15:40-15:55 Q&A and reactions from panellists

15:55-16:35 Speakers

6. Dr. Dainius Puras, Professor, Clinic of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, Vilnius University (Lithuania)

7. Ms. Richa Sharma-Dhamorikar, Research & Advocacy Officer Transforming Communities for Inclusion (TCI)
8. Mr. Carlos Ríos, HRW
9. Ms. Clara Amulen, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights
10. Mr. Soumitra Pathare, Director, Centre for Mental Health Law & Policy
11. Ms. Grecia Guzmán, expert researcher et the Center for Interdisciplinary Research in Sciences and Humanities of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (virtual intervention through Zoom)
12. Mr. Mario Lopez Alba, Mental Health Advisor, Médecins Sans Frontières Geneva

16:35 – 16:50 Discussion, Q&A and reactions from panellists

16:50-17:00 Conclusions and closing

- Ms. Sônia Barros, Director of the Department of Mental Health, Alcohol, and Other Drugs of the Government of Brazil.
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