Consultation on Human Rights and Mental Health

“Identifying strategies to promote human rights in mental health”

Agenda

14-15 May 2018, Room XVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

14 May 2018

10:00 – 11:30 High-level opening
Chair: H.E. Mr. Vojislav Šuc, President of the Human Rights Council
Ms. Yeni Rosa Damayanti, Chair, Indonesian Mental Health Association
Mr. Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization
Mr. Guy Ryder, Director-General, International Labour Organization
H.E. Mr. Pedro Nuno Bártolo, Permanent Representative of Portugal
H.E. Ms. Maria Nazareth Farani Azevêdo, Permanent Representative of Brazil

General statements

11:30 – 13:00 Panel 1 – Setting the scene: mental health as a human rights issue
Chair: H.E. Mr. Pedro Nuno Bártolo, Permanent Representative of Portugal
Dr. Dainius Pūras, Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health
Ms. Catalina Devandas Aguilar, Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities
Mr. Nils Melzer, Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
Ms. Bhargavi Davar, Convenor, TCI Asia, India
Ms. Nina Ferencic, Senior Regional Adviser on Adolescent Health, Development and Participation and on HIV/AIDS, UNICEF

Interactive dialogue

15:00 – 16:15 Panel 2 – Improving human rights in mental health through system-wide strategies
Chair: OHCHR
Dr. Michelle Funk, Coordinator, Mental health policy and service development, WHO
Mr. Vincent Girard, Research & Innovation, Mental health & Exclusion, ARS PACA, France
Dr. Alberto Minoletti, Chief of Mental Health Unit, School of Public Health, University of Chile
Dr. Roberto Mezzina, Director of the Mental Health Department, Trieste, Italy
Dr. Amalia Gamio, Independent human rights expert on the rights of persons with disabilities, Mexico

Interactive dialogue
16:30 – 18:00 Panel 3 – Identifying human rights-based services and supports to improve the enjoyment of human rights in the context of mental health
Chair: OHCHR
Ms. Olga Runciman, Psychologist, Psycovery, Denmark
Ms. Dganit Tal-Slor, Director of Community Health, Community Access, USA
Mr. Michael Njenga, Africa Disability Forum, Kenya
Professor Sashi P. Sashidharan, University of Glasgow, Institute of Health and Wellbeing

Interactive dialogue

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10:00 – 11:40 Panel 4 – Improving practices to combat discrimination, stigma, violence, coercion and abuse
Chair: H.E. Ms. Maria Nazareth Farani Azevêdo, Permanent Representative of Brazil
Mr. Tim Martineau, Deputy Executive Director a.i., UN Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)
Ms. Magda Milena Osorio Montalegre, Head of Mental Health and Psychological Support Unit, ICRC
Ms. Kriti Sharma, Disability Rights Researcher, Human Rights Watch
Mr. Peter McGovern, Psychiatrist, Akershus University Hospital, Norway

Interactive dialogue

12:00 – 13:00 Conclusions and closing
Chair: Ms. Kate Gilmore, UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights
Dr. Dainius Pūras, Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health
Ms. Catalina Devandas Aguilar, Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities
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