

The changing landscape of global mental health: COVID-19 and its impact

Provisional agenda

Thursday, 8 October 2020

- 12:30-12:35** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO)
- 12:35-12:45** **Overview on WHO response to mental health challenges of COVID-19**
Ms Dévora Kestel, Director, Department of Mental Health and Substance Use (WHO)
Dr Fahmy Hanna, Technical Officer, Department of Mental Health and Substance Use (WHO)
- 12:45-12:50** **Prioritizing the mental health needs of young people during the COVID-19 pandemic**
Ms Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth
- 12:50-12:55** **Towards achieving universal health coverage: an update on WHO Special Initiative for Mental Health in Zimbabwe**
Dr Sacrifice Chirisa, Director for Mental Health, Ministry of Health and Child Care, Zimbabwe
- 12:55-13:00** **The response of the Ministry of Health in Chile to the mental health challenges of COVID-19**
Dr Matias Irazazaval, Director, Mental Health Department, Ministry of Health, Chile
- 13:00-13:05** **Innovations in Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Interventions: The Presidential Initiative for Scaling up Maternal, Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services in Pakistan**
Dr Zafar Mirza, Former Special Advisor on Health to the Prime Minister, Pakistan
- 13:05-13:20** **Questions**
- 13:20-13:25** **The adaptation of substance use policies and programmes, in the context of COVID-19 in Thailand**
Dr Sawitri Assanangkornchai, Epidemiology Unit, Faculty of Medicine, Prince of Songkla University, Thailand
- 13:25-13:30** **Supporting people with dementia and their caregivers as an integral component of COVID-19 response in China**
Professor Huali Wang, Beijing University Institute of Mental Health, National Clinical Research Center for Mental Disorders, Executive Vice President, Alzheimer's Disease China (ADC), China
- 13:30-13:42** **Insights from the frontlines:**
Lessons learned from the mental health emergency response to COVID-19 in Madrid
Dr Jose-Luis Ayuso-Mateos, Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry of the Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain
My experience as a neurologist supporting COVID-19 patients
Dr Kiran Thakur, Assistant Professor of Neurology, Department of Neurology, Columbia University, Irving Medical Center and New York-Presbyterian Hospital, USA
Emergency mental health response in Tunisia during COVID-19
Dr Anissa Bouassker, Coordinator, the Psychological Assistance Unit (PAU), The Strategic Health Operation Center, Ministry of Health, Tunisia
- 13:42-14:10** **Questions**
- 14:10-14:25** **Poll**
- 14:25-14:30** **Closing Remarks**
Ms Dévora Kestel, Director, Department of Mental Health and Substance Use (WHO)