



Online Launch event

Mental health, human rights and legislation: guidance and practice

Monday 9 October 2023 from 12:30 to 14:30 (CEST)

MODERATOR:

Mr Daniel Bergner, Writer for The New York Times Magazine, USA, and author of The Mind and the Moon: My Brother's Story, The Science of our Brains, and The Search for our Psyches

12:30 **Welcome**

Mr Daniel Bergner, Moderator

Poem: The Power of Purpose

12:45 – 13:00 **Opening remarks**

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, WHO

Mr Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, OHCHR

13:00 – 13:30 **Reflections on the joint WHO/OHCHR guidance**

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

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

Mr Jarrod Clyne, Person with Lived Experience, Human Rights Advisor and Head of Advocacy, International Disability Alliance

Mr Jan Jarab, Regional Representative, Regional Office for South America, OHCHR

Ms Lynn Gentile, Focal point on the right to health, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Section, OHCHR

13:30 – 13:50 **Lived experience perspectives**

In conversation with:

Ms Caroline Mazel-Carlton, Director of Learning Opportunities, Wildflower Alliance; Hearing Voices Network (HVN) USA

Ms Hauwa Ojeifo, Founding Executive Director, She Writes Woman Mental Health Initiative, Nigeria

13:50 - 14:20 **High-level dialogue from countries and sector perspectives**

H.E. Ms Margarida Tavares, Deputy Minister/ Secretary of State of Health Promotion, Portugal

H.E. Mr Tovar Da Silva Nunes, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva

H.E. Ms Meirav Eilon Shahar, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva

Hon. Richard Paat Palpal-latoc, Chairperson, Commission on Human Rights, Philippines

Dr Dixon Chibanda, Psychiatrist and Founder, Friendship Bench, Zimbabwe

Professor Gerard Quinn, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

14:20 **Concluding remarks**

Mr Daniel Bergner, Moderator

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