

The NGO Committee on Mental Health

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“The WHO Comprehensive Global Mental Health Action Plan and the NCDs: Future Directions”

The World Health Organization (WHO) projects that depression will be the number one global burden of disease by 2030, surpassing heart disease and cancer. In 2012 the World Health Assembly adopted an historic resolution to develop country wide mental health programs and the recent WHO Comprehensive Global Mental Health Action Plan (GMHAP) 2013-2020 to implement strategies are essential to curbing this looming epidemic, as well as to the trauma and emotional disorders arising from violence, war, and conflict that not only threaten global well-being, but the economies of all nations. The 2011 UN Summit on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) addressed the rapid increase of chronic illnesses. The aging of the world's populations will further accelerate the prevalence of NCDs and disabilities. This event will address these growing epidemics and the need for the integration of mental health services, and strategies to effectively combat this looming health crisis, which is essential for reducing poverty and fostering sustainable development.

Thursday, October 10, 2013

2:00-4:00 PM

U.N. Church Center

777 United Nations Plaza, New York City, NY

44th Street and First Ave.

2nd Floor Conference Room

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MODERATOR AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

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GROUP DISCUSSION - AUDIENCE Q & A

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