

The NGO Committee on Mental Health

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“Global Mental Health, WHO Action Plan 2013-2020: Integrating Physical and Mental Health”

The World Health Organization (WHO) projects that depression will be the number one global burden of disease by 2030, surpassing heart disease and cancer, and anticipated to be the number two burden by 2020. The 2011 UN Summit on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) addressed the rapid increase of chronic illnesses and the need to focus on primary care to develop effective prevention and intervention steps, including the need for behavioral and mental health strategies. The May 2012 World Health Assembly Resolution to develop country wide mental health programs and the drafting of the recent WHO Global Mental Health Action Plan to implement the strategies that are essential to curbing this looming epidemic and the trauma and emotional disorders arising from violence, war, and conflict that threaten, not only global well-being, but the economies of all nations.

Thursday, October 11, 2012

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

MODERATOR AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Elizabeth Carll

Chair, NGO Committee on Mental Health; U.N. Representative, International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies; President, CCCUN

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Dr. Jacob Kumaresan

Executive Director

WHO Office at the United Nations, New York; *WHO Action Plan for Mental Health 2013-2020*

Adama Diop,

First Vice President, Conference of NGOs (CoNGO)

PARTICIPANTS

H. E. Dr. Josephine Ojiambo - Keynote

Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative
Republic of Kenya to the United Nations

Dr. Gabriel Ivbijaro

Chair, Waltham Forest Clinical Commissioning Group, London; Joint editor Wonca/WHO - "Integrating Mental Health into Primary Care: A Global Perspective"; European Vice President, World Fed. Mental Health

Terrie M. Williams

Founder/President, Terrie Williams Agency; Mental Health Advocate; Author, "*Black Pain: It Just Looks Like We're Not Hurting*" led to national mental health advocacy campaign "Sharing Ourselves...Healing Starts With Us"

GROUP DISCUSSION - AUDIENCE Q & A

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