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'Building Back Better' after COVID-19 through Addressing Health Equity, Mental Health, and Well-being: Contributions of Psychological Science and Practice to Leave No One Behind



PROGRAMME

Opening Segment

- **Introductions/Moderator: Dr. Judy Kuriansky**, Columbia University Teachers College; NGO Representative to the United Nations of the International Association of Applied Psychology; Trustee, United African Congress
- **Welcome Address: H.E. Ambassador Alie Kabba**, Permanent Representative, Mission of the Republic of Sierra Leone to the United Nations
- **Opening Remarks: H.E. Vice President Epsy Campbell Barr**, Government of Costa Rica
- **Opening Remarks: Dr. Jennifer F. Kelly**, President, American Psychological Association: *Health equity and social determinants of health*

High-level Segment

• Member State Remarks

- **H.E. Ambassador Francisco Duarte Lopes**, Permanent Representative of the Mission of Portugal to the United Nations
- **H.E. Ambassador Juan Ramón de la Fuente**, Permanent Representative, Mission of Mexico to the United Nations; United Nations Security Council 2021-2022
- **H.E. Ambassador Issa Konfourou**, Permanent Representative, Mission of the Republic of Mali to the United Nations
- **H.E. Ambassador Cristian Espinosa**, Permanent Representative, Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations; Co-chair, Group of Friends of Mental Health and Well-being
- **H.E. Ambassador Jamal Fares Alrowaiei**, Permanent Representative, Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations; Co-chair, Group of Friends of Mental Health and Well-being
- **H.E. Ambassador Kaha Imnadze**, Permanent Representative, Mission of Georgia to the United Nations; Co-facilitator, Political Declaration on Universal Health Coverage (UHC)
- **H.E. Ambassador Amal Mudallali**, Permanent Representative, Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations
- **H.E. Ambassador Richard Arbeiter**, Deputy Permanent Representative, Mission of Canada to the United Nations; Co-chair, Group of Friends of Mental Health and Well-being
- **Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari**, Deputy Permanent Representative, Mission of Nepal to the United Nations
- **H.E. Ambassador Tetsuya Kimura**, Economic, Social and United Nations Management, Mission of Japan to the United Nations; Co-Chair, Group of Friends of Universal Health Coverage
- **H.E. Ambassador Sidique Abou-Bakarr Wai**, Chief of Mission, Embassy of the Republic of Sierra Leone to the United States
- **Mr. Werner Obermeyer**, Director, World Health Organization Office at the United Nations

Scientific Experts

- **Dr. Geoffrey Reed**, Professor of Medical Psychology, Co-Director, WHO Collaborating Center for Capacity Building and Training in Global Mental Health, Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University: *Improving health equity by addressing global mental health needs*
- **Dr. Sharifa Al Emadi**, Executive Director, Doha International Family Institute, State of Qatar
- **Mr. Johan Carlson**, Director-General, Public Health Agency of Sweden
- **Dr. Willem Hanekom**, Director, Africa Health Research Institute: *Achieving equity in COVID-19 vaccine access and acceptance*
- **Dr. María Elena Medina-Mora**, Director, Faculty of Psychology, National Autonomous University of Mexico; *Health and mental health equity for Latin American migrant populations: Implications for programs and policy*

Voices from the Field: Programs on the Ground

- **Sierra Leone: Ms. Jordan Levinson**, Project Manager, Dimagi: *Increasing Health Equity with Digital Solutions on the Frontlines of COVID-19 in Sierra Leone, Somalia, and Beyond*
- **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC): Mr. Gordon Tapper**, President, United African Congress/IAAP/HHV: *A holistic health and psychosocial support intervention in a remote community in the DRC to prevent COVID-19 infection and build resilience*
- **Nepal: Dr. Kamal Gautam**, Executive Manager, Transcultural Psychosocial Organization Nepal: *A multi-stakeholder program to provide psychosocial support in Nepal in response to COVID-19*
- **India: Mr. Sujay Santra**, Founder and CEO, iKure: *A multistakeholder hybrid technology and in-person holistic health and mental health program for communities facing the COVID-19 surge in India with adaptations to other settings*

Closing Remarks

- **Dr. Christine Roland-Lévy**, President, International Association of Applied Psychology; Professor of Social Psychology, France