Enhancing Country
Action on Mental Health

This year's Mental Health Forum will take place on 14-15 October and will provide an opportunity for diverse stakeholders to discuss progress on WHO's Mental Health Action Plan in countries. The theme for the Mental Health Forum this year is "*Enhancing Country Action on Mental Health,*" reflecting the vision of WHO's 13th General Programme of Work.

Highlights in this year's programme include the following:

High-Level Segment: Mental Health on the Political Agenda

Mental health's position on the political agenda has significantly risen over the last year. During our High-Level Segment, we will review the progress, learn about new initiatives and discuss ways to enhance country action.

We will present the **WHO Special Initiative for Mental Health (2019-2023): Universal Health Coverage for Mental Health** conceived to strategically advance policies, advocacy and human rights, and scale-up quality interventions and services for people with mental health conditions, including substance use and neurological disorders.

World Mental Health Day 2019:

In celebration of World Mental Health Day, we will organize a lunch time seminar on suicide prevention.

There will be the Launch of **The mhGAP Community Toolkit**, aimed at increasing and facilitating country action and community implementation of mental health, and of the publications **Preventing suicide: a resource for pesticide registrars and regulators** and **Preventing suicide: a resource for filmmakers.**

We will discuss how **WHO tools** are supporting the implementation of policies and mental health interventions in different age groups and across different settings, and how we can do better.

WHO will present its work and **consult** with you on a range of key topics relevant to country action.

As always, there will be plenty of time for informal networking.

For more information and registration, please contact (*mhForum@who.int*)

Mental Health Forum

14-15 October 2019
WHO, Geneva
Executive Board Room

Enhancing Country Action on Mental Health
Provisional agenda

Monday 14 October 2019

Prior to the meeting	**Online registration**
09:00 – 10:30	**Opening plenary – High-Level Segment** – Mental health on the global political agenda – Statements by Member States
10:30 – 11:00	**Coffee break**
11:00 – 12:30	**Plenary session: new tools and updates** – mhGAP Community Toolkit – Suicide prevention: new resources for different stakeholders
12:30 – 13:30	**Celebrating World Mental Health Day 2019** (*sandwiches will be provided*) Lunch break seminar on suicide prevention
13:45 – 16:30	**Group Session 1** Impact through implementation: How are WHO tools being used in countries? – Implementation of policies – Implementation of mental health interventions in adults – Implementation of mental health interventions in children and adolescents – Implementation in humanitarian settings
16:30 – 18:30	**Reception and networking**

Tuesday 15 October 2019

09:00 – 10:30	**Plenary session:** – WHO Special Initiative on Mental Health: Universal Health Coverage for Mental Health
10:30 – 11:00	**Coffee break**
11:00 – 12:30	**Group session 2** Consultations on the following topics: – Developing a minimum service package for mental health in humanitarian settings – Implementation guidance for countries in suicide prevention: LIVE LIFE – Workforce development: Project EQUIP – ICD 11 implementation guidance – Developing an integrated approach to brain health
12:30 – 13:30	**Lunch break seminar** (*sandwiches will be provided*) Promoting human rights and recovery-oriented services and supports for persons with mental health conditions, psychosocial, intellectual and cognitive disabilities
13:30 – 15:00	**Group session 3** (continuation of Group session 2)
15:00 – 15:30	**Coffee break**
15:30 – 17:00	**Plenary session** Summary of group sessions, way forward and closure