

Public consultation of experts to join the Guideline Development Group (GDG) for the mental health gap action programme (mhGAP) guideline update
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Biography: Amza Ali is a Senior Consultant in Medicine and Neurology at the Kingston Public Hospital and Senior Associate Lecturer in Neurology at the University of the West Indies (UWI). Since January 2016, he heads the development of research in the Neurosciences within UWI-SODECO (SODECO: Solutions for Developing Countries) at the Mona campus. In February 2016 he was appointed Visiting Professor to the Department of Neurology, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT, USA. He trained in Medicine at the University of the West Indies (UWI). He then trained in Neurology at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London, with a research Fellow's position in the Retrovirus Research Group at the Clinical Research Centre, Harrow, England, thereafter obtaining the DM doctoral degree. He is specialist certified in Neurology by the Federation of Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom. He then completed a clinical fellowship in Epilepsy in New York at the Neurological Institute, Columbia University Medical Center, New York, and is board certified by the American Board of Clinical Neurophysiology (ABCN). In 2015 Dr Ali completed an MBA at the Rotman School of Management of the University of Toronto and an MSc in Research Methodology in 2017. He is currently studying for a doctoral degree in Healthcare Economics at the Henley Business School, University of Reading, UK. His research thesis is on developing a versatile model for sustainable specialized health care in Caribbean countries through the engagement of locally derived private capital funded by social entrepreneurialism and philanthropy. He has received several awards for his work, including the Donald M. Palatucci Advocacy Award for Neurology in 2009 from the American Academy of Neurology. In 2011 he was recognised by Yale University with the Swebilius Lectureship and Award for his "lasting achievements in the field of epilepsy". His work has been featured in Neurology Today, the official organ of the American Academy of Neurology (AAN). In 2011 and again in 2012 he was chosen as AAN Ambassador to the Caribbean region. In 2015 he was honoured by the Association of Consultant Physicians of Jamaica (ACPJ) for his local, regional and international work in Neurology and Epilepsy. In March 2017 he was selected as one of 3 physicians globally chosen for the International Award for Excellence in Patient Care from the Royal College of Physicians of London, UK. In June 2019 he was awarded the title of lifetime Ambassador for Epilepsy by the International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE) and the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE). He continues to actively publish in the neurosciences and to serve on international neurological committees. His focus is on improving global neurological care and has a particular interest in mental health issues associated with chronic neurological disorders such as epilepsy, with a recent chapter in the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Report on Epilepsy, entitled "Epilepsy: a Public Health Imperative".	

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Biography: Sawitri Assanangkornchai is Professor of Psychiatry working in the Faculty of Medicine, Prince of Songkla University. She is also the director of Centre for Alcohol Studies, a national granting agency under the support of the Thai Health Promotion Foundation, with a mission to promote research and policy development on alcohol control. Dr. Assanangkornchai's research interests include epidemiological and clinical studies on alcohol- and substance-related problems and behavioural addiction. Dr. Assanangkornchai is currently the President of the Asia Pacific Society for Alcohol and Addiction Research (APSAAR). She is also a member of the Workgroup on the Classification of Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders for the ICD-11 Mental and Behavioural Disorders and the Technical Expert Group on Alcohol and Drug Epidemiology of the WHO.	

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Biography: Henry Brodaty is a researcher, clinician, policy advisor and strong advocate for people with dementia and their carers. At UNSW Sydney, he is Scientia Professor of Ageing and Mental Health, Co-Director of the Centre for Healthy Brain Ageing, and Director, Dementia Centre for Research Collaboration. He has over 600 publications in refereed journals, is senior psychogeriatrician at Prince of Wales Hospital, Sydney and is deputy editor of International Psychogeriatrics. He serves on multiple committees for the NSW and Australian governments and the WHO. He was previously President of International Psychogeriatric Association, Chairman of Alzheimer's Disease International, and President of Alzheimer's Australia NSW and Australia. In 2000 he became an Officer of the Order of Australia and in 2016 received the Ryman Prize for the world's best development, advance or achievement that enhances quality of life for older people.	

CARLI, Vladimir	
Institutional affiliation(s):	National Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention of Mental Ill-Health (NASP) Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden; WHO Collaborating Centre for Research, Training and Methods Development in Suicide Prevention Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden
Academic degrees:	MD, PhD
Biography: Vladimir Carli is Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Deputy Director of the National Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention of Mental Ill-Health (NASP) at Karolinska Institutet (Stockholm, Sweden). VC is Co-Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Research, Training and Methods Development in Suicide Prevention, chair of Section of Suicidology of the World Psychiatric Association (WPA) and board member/treasurer of the International Academy of Suicide Research (IASR). VC has been assistant project leader of several EU funded projects in the field of suicide prevention for youth, including Suicide Prevention through Internet and Media-based Suicide Prevention (SUPREME), funded by the European Agency for Health and Consumers (CHAFAEA); Saving and Empowering Young Lives in Europe (SEYLE) and Working in Europe to Stop Truancy Among Youth (WE-STAY), both funded by DG Research under the EU 7th Framework Programme. VC is currently Principal Investigator at KI for the projects “Neurobehavioural Predictive and Personalised Modelling of Depressive Symptoms during Primary Somatic Diseases with ICT-enabled Self-management Procedures (NEVERMIND)” and “Extended-Personal Reality: Augmented Recording and Transmission of Virtual Senses through Artificial Intelligence (EXPERIENCE), both funded by the EU Horizon2020 programme. VC is co-author of more than 100 original scientific articles published on international scientific journals. His main research areas of interest are in the field of e-delivery of suicide preventive interventions, development and evaluation of interventions for young people, development of collaborative online tools for researchers in suicidology, development of statistical methods for the evaluation of suicide risk.	

CHANG, Odille	
Institutional affiliation(s):	School of Medical Sciences, Fiji National University, Suva Fiji
Academic degrees:	BSc., MBBS, MMed (Psychiatry), Diploma (Business), Fellow of POST programme in community psychiatry and curriculum development, GCME
Biography: Odile Chang is an Associate Professor of psychiatry and Head of School of Medical Sciences at the Fiji National University. Dr. Chang has over 25 years of clinical experience in mental health policy, planning and services in Fiji. She has held senior clinical and administrative positions in the Fiji Ministry of Health and has led the development of Fiji mental health legislation, policy and strategic plans, as well as the establishment of mental health outreach clinics nationwide. Dr. Chang has contributed to the development of undergraduate psychiatry and was instrumental in the development of the postgraduate clinical training programme in mental health at FNU. She is an avid researcher and has publications related to the Fiji mental health system, capacity building for mental health; the development of a mental health mobile app for screening for depression and suicide risk and art as a recovery tool for psychiatric patients. She is also a strong advocate for mental health in Fiji and is a founding member of the National Committee for the Prevention of Suicide, Fiji Alliance for Mental Health and the Oceania Society for Mental Health Professionals. She is also a member of the Mental Health Review Board and supports other Mental Health NGOs in Fiji such as Psychiatric Survivors' Association, Youth Champs for Mental Health and Lifeline Fiji. She is an international member of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists and was made an Honorary Fellow of the Fiji College of General Practitioners (FCGP). In 2017, Dr. Chang was made a Member of the Order of Fiji, for meritorious service to health and medical services, especially in the field of psychiatry and contributing significantly to addressing mental health issues in Fiji.	

CHATTERJEE, Sudipto	
Institutional affiliation(s):	Parivartan Trust, India; the National Institute of Advanced Studies in Bangalore, India; School of Global Health at the University of Melbourne, Australia
Academic degrees:	MD in Psychological Medicine, Diploma in Psychological Medicine, MBBS
Biography: Sudipto Chatterjee is a psychiatrist who completed his residency in NIMHANS, Bangalore, India and is currently associated with the Parivartan Trust, the National Institute of Advanced Studies in Bangalore and the School of Global Health at the University of Melbourne. He has made important and original scientific contributions to developing community-based care for people with serious and common mental disorders in low resource settings across a number of low and middle income countries, while consulting for the WHO and the University of Melbourne. He has also been involved in clinical trials involving treatments for depression and serious mental disorders that have been published in high-impact scientific journals and have been globally influential. His continued interests include efforts to reduce the treatment gap and enhance the social inclusion for people with serious mental disorders effectively and at large scale in low resource settings.	

COLLINS, Pamela	
Institutional affiliation(s):	University of Washington, USA
Academic degrees:	BA, MD, MPH
Biography: Pamela Collins is Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Professor of Global Health at the University of Washington, where she is executive director of the International Training and Education Center for Health (I-TECH) and the UW Global Mental Health Program— an interdisciplinary program dedicated to the prevention and treatment of mental health conditions in low-resource settings locally and around the world. Prior to her current role, she was director of the Office for Research on Disparities & Global Mental Health and the Office of Rural Mental Health Research at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) (USA). Her leadership led to the launch of research initiatives to extend mental health services in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East, as well as research to reduce mental health disparities among diverse racial and ethnic groups and Indigenous communities in the United States. She has served the field in numerous roles including through collaborative activities with the World Bank, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Joint Programme on AIDS, the US Department of State, as a member of the World Economic Forum’s Agenda Council on Mental Health, the Carter Center Mental Health Task Force, and as a commissioner for the Lancet Commission on Global Mental Health and Sustainable Development. Dr. Collins’s own research focuses on the intersections of mental health and HIV care in the US and sub-Saharan Africa and the mental health needs of urban adolescents in the global context. She is the associate director of the UW Global Mental Health Program’s new Developmental AIDS Research Center for Mental Health Integration.	

CUIJPERS, Pim	
Institutional affiliation(s):	Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Academic degrees:	BSc, MSc, PhD
Biography: Pim Cuijpers is Professor of Clinical Psychology at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands and director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Dissemination of Psychological Interventions in Amsterdam. He is specialised in conducting randomised controlled trials and meta-analyses on prevention and psychological treatments of common mental disorders across the life span. Much of his work is aimed at prevention of mental disorders, psychological treatments of depression and anxiety disorders, and Internet-delivered treatments. He has also published on several other research topics, including global mental health, student mental health, and psycho-oncology. Pim Cuijpers has published more than 1,000 peer-reviewed papers, chapters, reports and professional publications, including more than 800 papers in international peer-reviewed scientific journals. He is on the Thomson-Reuter Web of Science lists of the 'highly cited researchers' since the first edition of this list in 2014 (http://highlycited.com/).	

DE VRIES, Petrus J	
Institutional affiliation(s):	University of Cape Town, South Africa
Academic degrees:	MBChB, FRCPsych, PhD
Biography: Petrus de Vries is the Sue Struengmann Professor of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, and Founding Director of the Centre for Autism Research in Africa (CARA) at the University of Cape Town. He trained in Medicine at Stellenbosch University in South Africa before moving to the UK where he completed his clinical training in Psychiatry and Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, and a PhD in Developmental Neuroscience at the University of Cambridge. He returned to South Africa in 2012. He has a clinical research interest in assessment and intervention for infants, young children and adolescents with complex neurodevelopmental and mental health needs. Since his return to South Africa he has focused on global child & adolescent mental health and on implementation science in low- and middle-income settings. Apart from his interest in autism, he has a longstanding clinical research programme in Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) and its associated neuropsychiatric disorders (TAND). Prof de Vries was chairman of the Society for the Study of Behavioural Phenotypes (SSBP), an international, interdisciplinary research organization from 2008-2017, and was on the WHO ICF-CY steering group for autism spectrum disorders and ADHD, under the chairmanship of Prof Sven Bölte. He was Secretary of the International Society for Autism Research (INSAR) from 2019-2021, and is Treasurer of the International Association of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (IACAPAP), where he also coordinates the Helmut Remschmidt Research Seminars, an international research capacity building programme. He is the current Chairman of the African Division of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, and President of the South African Association of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (SA-ACAPAP).	

DOWRICK, Christopher	
Institutional affiliation(s):	University of Liverpool, UK; Aintree Park Group Practice, UK; University of Melbourne, Australia
Academic degrees:	BA, MSc, MD, CQSW, FRCGP
Biography: Christopher Dowrick is Chair of the World Organisation of Family Doctors (WONCA) working party for mental health. He is Emeritus Professor in the University of Liverpool, general practitioner in Aintree Park Group Practice, and Professorial Research Fellow in the University of Melbourne. He provides expert advice to WHO including its mhGAP programme. His research portfolio covers common mental health problems in primary care, with a focus on depression and medically unexplained symptoms. He critiques contemporary emphases on unitary diagnostic categories and medically-oriented interventions, and highlights the need for socially-oriented perspectives. He has developing mental health care for marginalised communities, including asylum seekers and refugees. He is currently exploring the ways in which literary reading can reduce emotional distress. With WONCA he has enabled educational interventions for family doctors in Europe and Asia, and leads an initiative to expand the advocacy skills of family doctors in primary mental health care. He has skills in a wide range of research methodologies, including epidemiology, trial design, qualitative approaches and theory and strategies for implementation. He has published five books and over 250 research papers.	

EATON, Julian	
Institutional affiliation(s):	CBM Global Disability and Inclusion; London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK
Academic degrees:	BSc, MSc, MBBS, MRCPsych
Biography: Julian Eaton is the Mental Health Director for CBM Global Disability and Inclusion. He works with a team focused on improving access to care and support, and promoting the voice of people with psychosocial disabilities in low and middle income countries. He is an Assistant Professor at the Centre for Global Mental Health at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, where he is currently leading a number of research projects looking at strengthening community-based mental health care, reform of public mental health systems in Africa, and promoting greater participation in research. He leads the Mental Health Innovations Network at LSHTM, and is Chair of the Bond International NGO Mental Health Group. Julian trained in London where he now works, after living and working in West Africa between 2003 and 2017.	

EL CHAMMAY, Rabih	
Institutional affiliation(s):	Ministry of Public Health of Lebanon; Psychiatry Department, School of Medicine, Saint-Joseph University, Lebanon; Hotel-Dieu University Hospital, Lebanon
Academic degrees:	MD, International Master in Mental Health Policy and Services, Diploma in Forensic Medicine, Masters in Basic Sciences, Diploma in Medical Education, Diploma in Cognitive and Behavioural Therapy
Biography: Rabih El Chammay is a psychiatrist and currently the head of the National Mental Health Programme at the Ministry of Public Health in Lebanon. After founding the programme, he led the development of the first National Mental Health and Substance Use Strategy 2015-2020 aiming at reforming the Mental Health System in Lebanon towards community-based mental health services in line with Human rights and latest evidence that is currently under implementation. He is a member of the Department of Psychiatry at the faculty of Medicine at Saint Joseph University in Beirut. He has been working in Public mental health, Refugee mental health and health system strengthening for more than 15 years. He has been working on these topics in the MENA region as well as on the international level with various agencies such as WHO, UNHCR, UNICEF, IMC and many other NGOs.	

FORTES, Sandra	
Institutional affiliation(s):	School of Medical Sciences in the University of Rio de Janeiro State (UERJ), Brazil; Brazilian Health Ministry, Brazil
Academic degrees:	MD, MSc (Psychiatry), PhD (Epidemiology/Public Health)
Biography: Sandra Fortes is a psychiatrist and Associate Professor of Medical Psychology and Mental Health in the School of Medical Sciences of the University of the State of Rio de Janeiro/UERJ. She also acts as supervisor for post-graduation students (Family Medicine, Psychiatry and Psychology) and full Professor of the Post-Graduation Program in Medical Sciences (MSc and PhD). Coordinator of the Mental Health Out-Patient Unit in the Polyclinic Piquet Carneiro/UERJ (secondary care), also working in Primary Mental Health Care in Primary Care Collaborative Care Program (Matrix Support) for the National Health System in Brazil. She is leader of the Research Group on Mental Health in Primary Care registered in the National Council for Research (CNPq) and Coordinator of the Interdisciplinary Laboratory for Research in Primary Care (LIPAPS/UERJ), with studies developed in several areas related to Mental Health in Primary Care, such as: primary care teams' training in Mental Health, epidemiological studies on mental health in primary care (including somatization and mental disorders classification), development and implementation of new therapeutic interventions (such as mindfulness and group interventions), and services integration. In the research area of training primary care professionals in mental, she has participated as coordinator of Mental Health Gap Intervention Guide trainings in different states in Brazil, including the Humanitarian Version for Professionals responsible for Migrants 'Care in Roraima, North of Brazil. She has several papers and book chapters published in these subjects, mostly in Portuguese. For all her life, Professor Fortes, who is also mother of two children, has dedicated herself mainly to the implementation of mental Health in Primary care in the National Health System in Brazil. She has worked with international organizations (such as PAHO, WHO and the WONCA Working Party on Mental Health) and other universities in different parts of Brazil and in the world, always focusing on bringing her experience in the Brazilian National health System, the biggest public and universal health system in the world, covering more than 200 million people.	

HENGARTNER, Michael P.	
Institutional affiliation(s):	Zurich University of Applied Sciences; University of Zurich, Switzerland; University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland
Academic degrees:	MSc, PhD, PD
Biography: Michael P Hengartner is a university lecturer in psychosocial medicine at the Medical Faculty of the University of Zurich (UZH) and a university lecturer in psychopathology at the School of Applied Psychology, University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW). He is a senior researcher and lecturer at the Department of Applied Psychology of the Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW). He is an experienced researcher in psychiatric epidemiology, public health, social psychiatry and psychopathology. He has expertise in applied statistics and research methodology. Substantial experience in the conduct of research programmes, the analysis of large data sets, and in the conception and presentation of research papers. He is a reviewer and referee for various scientific journals and funding agencies.	

HUMAYUN, Asma	
Institutional affiliation(s):	Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Government of Pakistan
Academic degrees:	M.B.B.S., MSc (Medical Science in Clinical Psychiatry), Diploma Psychotherapy, M.R.C.Psych
Biography: Asma Humayun is a member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and has over 25 years of experience in clinical care, capacity building and service development in Pakistan. Her work has focused on integrating psychosocial aspects of healthcare into medical training; scaling up mental health resources and advocating for ethical & scientific mental healthcare in Pakistan. She was also a member of the World Health Organization working group for revision of stress related disorders in ICD-11 and for revision of the mhGAP 2.0 guidelines. Currently, she is working as a senior technical advisor in mental health to the Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Government of Pakistan.	

JETTE, Nathalie	
Institutional affiliation(s):	Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Canada
Academic degrees:	MD, MSc, FRCPC, CSCN (EEG), FANA
Biography: Nathalie Jette, is Professor of Neurology and Population Health Science & Policy, and the Bludhorn Professor of International Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (ISMMS). She is a health services researcher, epileptologist, Vice Chair for Clinical Research Neurology and Chief of the Division of Health Outcomes and Knowledge Translation Research across the ISMMS health system. She is past President of the Canadian League Against Epilepsy (CLAE), Chair of ILAE North America of the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) and Chair of the ILAE Guidelines Task Force. She is a member of the CLAE and American Epilepsy Society executive committees. She is an Associate Editor for Epilepsia and sits on the editorial board of JAMA Neurology. She maintains an active inpatient and outpatient epilepsy practice within the Mount Sinai Health System. More recently she was redeployed to care for COVID-19 patients as an attending on the internal medicine COVID-19 team. She is also leading the NeuroCoVID clinical research program at Sinai. She has been the recipient of over 50 research, teaching and clinical awards, including the ILAE Ambassador for Epilepsy Award in 2017. As part of her research program, she studies appropriateness and quality-of-care, disparities in care, health outcomes (especially surgical) and psychiatric comorbidities, and determines how best to optimize these outcomes in persons living with epilepsy. Her team uses a variety of data sources (e.g. electronic health records, administrative data, registry data) and statistical approaches to study neurological outcomes and to develop prediction tools and decision models to help clinicians provide the best possible care to persons living with epilepsy and other neurological conditions. She is also involved in knowledge translation research (including development of e-tools and apps) to enhance the dissemination of evidence-based practice to improve epilepsy and other neurological outcomes.	

MEDINA-MORA, Maria Elena	
Institutional affiliation(s):	School of Psychology Mexican National Autonomous University; Global Mental Health Research Centre, National Institute of Psychiatry, Mexico
Academic degrees:	BA, MA, PhD
Biography: Maria Elena Medina-Mora is Emeritus Researcher of the National System of Researchers. She was Director General of the National Institute of Psychiatry Ramón de la Fuente Muñiz (2008-2018) a WHO Collaborating Center since 1976 in the field of addictions and mental health. Currently is the Dean of the School of Psychology at UNAM and is affiliated to the Research Center on Global Mental Health (National Institute on Psychiatry (INPRFM/UNAM). She has participated in PAHO and WHO meetings since 1977 (WHO Meeting on the Research and Reporting on the Epidemiology of Drug Dependence. World Health Organization Geneva, Switzerland, October 5 to 15 1977 and Penang, Malaysia, April 23 - May 5, 1979). Was member of the WHO panel of experts on drug dependence and alcohol related problems (1986-2016), of the WHO panel of experts that reviewed the ICD 11 and Chair of the expert committee that oversaw the ICD field trials (2007-2019), is now member of the training Committee on ICD 11 (2020). Was elected as member of the UN, International Narcotic Control Board, INCB, for the periods of 2000 to 2005 and 2007-2009. Was invited to be part of the Lancet commission on Global Mental Health (2007&2016), to chair the PAHO Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Alcohol Policy (2017), is member of the UNODC/WHO Informal International Scientific Network since 2018 (Co-chair 2018, 2019). She is a member of the Colegio Nacional (Mexican National Academy since 2006), among other recognitions received the "2007 National Award of Excellence in Research by a Senior Investigator" awarded by the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse, the WHO Director-General Special Recognition Award for accomplishments in tobacco control, the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) 2011 "Award of Excellence" for her international leadership and contributions in the field of addictions, the International Collaborative Prevention Research Award from the Society for Prevention Research, United States, (Marsiglia/Medina-Mora) for a project on drug use prevention and from the National Council on Addictions, Ministry of Health Mexico, the recognition for Research Contributions in the field of Harmful Alcohol Use in 2020.	

MURTHY, Pratima	
Institutional affiliation(s):	National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bangalore, India
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Biography: Pratima Murthy is Professor and Head of the Department of Psychiatry at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bangalore India. She has earlier headed the addiction treatment services and the forensic psychiatric services at this Institute. She has been chair of the psychotherapy services in her Department. Professor Murthy's academic work has been mainly in the area of public mental health, with implications for mental health policy. She has made major contributions in the area of mental health reforms and quality assurance in mental health in India through her long-standing involvement with the National Human Rights Commission. Following concerted efforts for almost three decades, these efforts have led to major changes in mental health care, greater investment in the area and changes in policies. She was also involved in guiding the mental health care road map for the country. She worked with the National Commission for Women to address gender based care in public mental health institutions. During the Covid-19 pandemic, she has provided leadership to address mental health care issues both within the institution and to the Human Rights Commission to develop guidance for the care of persons with mental illness. NIMHANS is a World Psychiatric Association Collaborating Centre and Dr Murthy is presently the Director of this Centre. She is also a member of the Committee on coercion of the WPA. Dr Murthy is also the lead investigator in the IMPACT project which focuses on integrating physical and mental health. She has also contributed to the history of psychiatry with a focus on local institutional history and history of the development of psychiatry in India. She has a special interest in postgraduate training and has been a mentor for a training programme for young psychiatrists. She has been involved in formulating guidelines in post-graduate psychiatry through her work with the Indian Psychiatric Society. Dr Murthy has been actively engaging with colleagues in digital training and is involved with the NIMHANS Digital Academy. She has contributed extensively in addiction management, as a clinician, trainer and researcher and has made several contributions in this area.	

NADERA, Dinah Palmera P.	
Institutional affiliation(s):	Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health, Pasig City, the Philippines; University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City, the Philippines
Academic degrees:	Master of International Mental Health; Master of Science in Epidemiology (Public Health); Doctor of Medicine; B.S. Psychology
Biography: Dinah Palmera P. Nadera is the founding president of the Foundation for Advancing Wellness, Instruction and Talents, an organization devoted to research and capacity building for the cause of mental health that she and her husband established in 2009. She is currently the resident psychiatrist at the University of the Philippines Health Service in UP Diliman, and the Project Leader of Mental Health in the Philippines: Perception, Access and Delivery under the Center for Research and Innovation of the Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health. Dr. Nadera graduated from the University of Santo Tomas with a degree in B.S. Psychology, completed her medical education at the Virgen Milagrosa University in San Carlos City Pangasinan and obtained degrees in Master of Science in Epidemiology (Public Health) from the University of the Philippines Manila and Master of International Mental Health from the University of Melbourne. She completed her residency training in psychiatry at the National Center for Mental Health. A Fellow of the Philippine Psychiatric Association, Dr. Nadera is actively engaged in different mental health initiatives for government and civil society organizations in various capacities particularly in the areas of training, research, policy and legislation.	

NEWTON, Charles	
Institutional affiliation(s):	Kenya Medical Research Institute, Kilifi, Kenya; University of Oxford, UK
Academic degrees:	MBChB (UCT), MA (Oxford), MRCP (London), MD (UCT), FRCPC
Biography: Charles Newton was born in Kenya, qualified in Cape Town, South Africa, with postgraduate training in Paediatrics in Manchester and London, United Kingdom. As a lecturer at University of Oxford, he returned to Kilifi Kenya in 1989, to help set up a unit to study severe malaria in African children. Thereafter he spent 2 years as a Post-doctoral fellow at Johns Hopkins, USA; studying mechanisms of brain damage in central nervous system infections. He completed his training in Paediatric Neurology at Great Ormond Street Hospital, and Queens Square in London, UK. In 1998 he was awarded a Wellcome Trust Senior Clinical Fellowship at University College London, to return to Kilifi, to study CNS infections in children. He conducts research on CNS infections in children; epidemiological studies of epilepsy and neurological impairment; tetanus, jaundice and sepsis in neonates. In 2011 he took up a professorship in Psychiatry at the University of Oxford to concentrate of Neurodevelopmental Disorders, Epilepsy and mental illness disorders (particularly Psychosis and Depression) in Africa.	

NJENGA, Michael	
Institutional affiliation(s):	Users & Survivors of Psychiatry in Kenya (USPKenya)
Academic degrees:	Certified Public Accountant; KATC FINAL; KATC INTERMEDIATE
Biography: Michael Njenga is currently working as the Executive Director at Users and Survivors of Psychiatry in Kenya. He is also an Executive Council Member of Common Wealth Disabled People Forum and a board member of the Disability Rights Fund. He has successfully completed a fellowship with the International Disability Alliance (IDA). As a self advocate He has been passionate in advocating for the right to legal capacity and an inclusive society where all persons with disabilities enjoy all their human rights. He has participated in the drafting of legislation and policies specifically relating to the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which Kenya ratified in 2007. Some of the key initiatives include monitoring the rights of persons with disabilities with the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR) as a Disabled Persons Organization (DPO) representative in line with Article 33(3) of the Convention. He was also part of a technical team that developed a briefing paper on Article 12 of the CRPD with KNCHR on the right to decision making for persons with disabilities in Kenya. I have conducted research on legal capacity on behalf of the Mental Disability Advocacy Center (MDAC, Budapest, Hungary). He is also part of a technical committee that is implementing the concluding observations on Kenya by the CRPD Committee which has made explicit reference to the Sustainable Development Goal. Currently, he is part of a technical team creating awareness on the SDGs and also has developed a report on the SDGs in the five key thematic areas that Kenya is being reviewed on during the country voluntary review at the High Level Political Forum. This report has been submitted to the civil society SDG forum and also the government through the SDG unit in the ministry of devolution. He has also participated in the SDGs civil society forum representing persons with disabilities.	

OMIGBODUN, Olayinka	
Institutional affiliation(s):	University of Ibadan (CoMUI), Nigeria; University College Hospital (UCH), Ibadan, Nigeria
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Biography: Olayinka Omigbodun is Professor of Psychiatry at the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan (CoMUI) and Consultant in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University College Hospital (UCH), Ibadan. From 2011 to 2020, she was pioneer director of the University's Centre for Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CCAMH) which had trained over 150 alumni on a Master of Science degree programme in Child and Adolescent Mental Health (MSc. CAMH) from 14 African countries. She had served as co-ordinator of the Revision and Update Courses in Psychiatry for the West African College of Physicians (WACP) from 2005 to 2020 and was also Chief Examiner in Psychiatry for WACP from 2012 to 2016. She had served the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) as temporary advisor on several programmes including the WHO mental health gap action programme (mhGAP), needs assessment for planning maternal and child mental health, adolescent mental health review, and psychological consequences of female genital mutilation. She also served on the WHO international advisory group for the revision of ICD-10 mental and behavioural disorders, specifically the working group on classification of mental and behavioural disorders in children and adolescents. She was a member of the Lancet Commission on Global Mental Health. Olayinka is a past president of the International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (IACAPAP). She received the International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (IACAPAP) International Contribution Award at the 24th World Congress of IACAPAP in December 2020 for her contributions to the development of mental health in the developing regions of the world. She has authored over 120 peer reviewed journal articles and book chapters. She is Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Science and a pioneer Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Medical Sciences. On 1 August 2020 she was elected Provost of the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan (com.ui.edu.ng) for a four-year term.	

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