



Conference: Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in the Time of Crisis

Location: AC Hotel by Marriott Riga, Dzirnavu street
33, Riga, LV-1010, Latvia

Date: 3rd June 2024

Original: English

Provisional programme

09:00- 9:30	Registration and Welcome Coffee
9:30-10:00	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Hosams Abu Meri, Minister of Health, Latvia• Ms Julia Jacoby - Deputy Chief of Mission of U.S. Embassy in Latvia• H.E. Mr Andrejs Pildegovičs - Ambassador at Large for Global and Multilateral Affairs – Special Envoy for Latvia's UNSC Candidacy 2026-2027• Dr Hans Kluge, WHO Regional Director for Europe (virtual)
10:00-10:45	Online Presentation: Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in the context of humanitarian emergencies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Fahmy Hanna, Technical Officer, Mental Health and Substance Use Department, WHO Headquarters
10:45-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:15	Interview: Global and Local Perspective: IASC/WHO MHPSS Guidelines <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Carmen Valle, IASC MHPSS RG Co-Chair• Andrej Vrsansky, Slovakia MHPSS TWG Co-Chair
12:15-13:30	Lunch Break
13:30- 15:00	Panel Discussion: Best Practices and Challenges in MHPSS Response in Refugee-receiving countries Facilitator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sofia Casas, Regional MHPSS Officer, UNHCR Panel Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gamze Irem Umuroglu, MHPSS Consultant, WHO CO in Romania• Andrei Esanu, MHPSS Consultant, WHO CO in Moldova• Rut Erdelyiova, Technical Officer, WHO CO in Slovakia• Lidiia Kasianchuk, MHPSS Consultant, WHO CO in Czechia
15:00-15:15	Coffee Break
15:15-16:00	Voices from the refugee community: Sharing experiences and Interactive Q/A <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Irina Bondarčuka, Psychologist, Latvia• Natalie Shevchenko, Psychologist, Estonia• Oksana Krasnikova, Program Manager, League of MH, Slovakia
16:00-16:30	Presentation: Staff Well-being During Humanitarian Emergencies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Selma Sevkli, Workforce Mental Health and Wellbeing Specialist – WHO Headquarters Geneva, Staff Health and Wellbeing Department
16:30-16:45	Wrap up and Reflections