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 Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019-2023.

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)
# 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