MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Agenda: Panel Discussion and Launch
UN Headquarters, New York, 16 September 2010

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1. PANEL DISCUSSION

Mental Health and Development — An Emerging Development Issue: Integrating Mental Health into Efforts to Realize MDGs and Beyond
Conference Room 5, TNLB, 10.00–12.00

10:00 Opening Remarks
Ms. Rachel Mayanja, Assistant Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

10:10 Remarks by the Chair: Mental Health and Development
Dr. Ala Alwan, Assistant Director-General, Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health, World Health Organization

10:15 Why Mental Health has to be Integrated into MDGs and Beyond
Prof. Sir Michael Marmot, University College London

10:25 Integration of Mental Health in Programmes by Bi-lateral Development Agencies
Dr. Janne Taalas, Deputy Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations

10:30 Mainstreaming Mental Health in Efforts to Achieve MDGs: UNFPA Experience
Mr. Werner Haug, Director, Technical Division UNFPA

10:40 What NGOs can do to address mental health in development
Dr. Wilfred Mlay, Ambassador for World Vision, Africa

10:45 Accessibility for Persons with Mental Health and Psychosocial Disabilities
Mr. Sylvester Katontoka, Founder and President of Mental Health User’s Network of Zambia (MHUNZA)

10:50 Discussion

11.30 Closing remarks
Dr. Ala Alwan, ADG, Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health, WHO

2. REPORT LAUNCH

WHO Report on Mental Health and Development
Delegates Dining Room, 13.00–14.45

13:00 Opening
Dr. Ala Alwan, ADG, Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health, WHO

13.05 Welcoming remarks
Ms. Rachel Mayanja, ASG, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

13:10 Presentation of the Report
Dr. Michelle Funk, Coordinator, Mental Health Policy and Service Development, Mental Health and Substance Abuse, WHO

13:30 Reaction to the report.
Prof. Sir Michael Marmot, University College London
Mr. Sylvester Katontoka, Founder and President of Mental Health User’s Network of Zambia (MHUNZA)
Ms. Akiko Ito, Chief, Secretariat for the Convention on Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, UN DESA

13.40 Comments from the floor

14.00 Closing remarks
Dr. Ala Alwan, ADG, Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health, WHO