

# Diversity: A Tool for Solving the Grand Challenges in Global Mental Health

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## *DRAFT AGENDA*

### 1 MAY 2018

7:30 am– 5:00 pm **REGISTRATION**

8:30–9:00 am **WELCOME**

Shelli Avenevoli, Deputy Director, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), USA  
Karlee Silver, Vice President of Programs, Grand Challenges Canada  
Andrea Beckel-Mitchener, Acting Director, Office for Research on Disparities & Global Mental Health (ORDGMH), NIMH, USA  
Beverly Pringle, Deputy Director, ORDGMH, NIMH, USA

9:00–9:30 am **KEYNOTE: The Role of Research in Advancing the Global Mental Health Agenda on Diversity and Equity**

Speaker: Shekhar Saxena, World Health Organization, Switzerland

9:30–10:45 am **Diverse Perspectives on Emerging Issues in Global Mental Health Research**

*This panel will explore emerging issues in global mental health that require research attention and will discuss how to prioritize next steps.*

Moderator: Roberto Delgado, NIMH, USA  
Speakers: Florence Baingana, World Health Organization, Sierra Leone  
Chunling Lu, Harvard University, USA  
Joan Chiao, International Cultural Neuroscience Consortium, USA  
Pamela Collins, University of Washington, USA

10:45 –11:00 am **BREAK**

**11:00–12:15 pm Meeting Measurement Challenges in Global Mental Health Research**

*This panel will discuss measurement challenges faced by researchers studying mental health globally, including measurement of implementation, stigma, and mental illness itself.*

Moderator: Laura Murray, Johns Hopkins University, USA

Speakers: Lawrence Yang, New York University, USA  
Victoria Ngo, Rand Corporation, USA  
Stevan Weine, University of Illinois-Chicago, USA

**12:15–1:30 pm LUNCH (+Networking Roundtables for Early Career Investigators)**

**1:30–2:45 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

Rooms D-E

***Using Data to Drive Research, Policy, and Practice***

*This panel will explore how smarter data use can accelerate our efforts to improve research, health policy, and systems that deliver mental health care.*

Moderator: Elizabeth Ginexi, Office of Behavioral & Social Sciences Research, National Institutes of Health, USA

Speakers: Inge Petersen, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa  
Brian Pence, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, USA  
Margarita Alegria, Massachusetts General Hospital, USA

Rooms A-C

***Myriad Roles for mHealth Technologies in Global Mental Health Care***

*This panel will present different approaches to enhancing mental health care through the use of technology*

Moderator: Makeda Williams, NIMH, USA

Speakers: Atif Rahman, University of Liverpool, United Kingdom  
Hongtu Chen, Brigham and Women's Hospital, USA  
Huijun Li, Florida A&M University, USA  
Corina Lelutiu-Weinberger, Rutgers University, USA

**2:45–3:00 pm BREAK**

**3:00–4:15 pm Expanding Delivery of Mental Health Care: Diverse Approaches to Task Sharing**

*This panel will present findings from the NIMH-supported Collaborative Hubs for International Research on Mental Health.*

Moderator: LeShawndra Price, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, USA

Speakers: AFFIRM – Atalay Alem, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia  
Latin-MH – Paulo Menezes, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil  
Pam-D – Lola Kola, University of Ibadan, Nigeria  
RedeAmericas – Rubén Alvarado Muñoz, University of Chile, Chile

**4:15–4:45 pm**      **KEYNOTE: Realizing the SDG Goal of Universal Mental Health Care: Synthesizing the Knowledge about Delivery of Effective Interventions in Low-Resource Settings**

Speaker: Vikram Patel, Harvard University, USA

**4:45 - 5:00 pm**      **Day 1 Wrap-Up**

**5:00 pm**              **ADJOURN**

## **2 May 2018**

**8:00 am–12:00 pm**      **REGISTRATION**

**8:30–9:30 am**      **KEYNOTE: The Mental Health of Indigenous Peoples: Community Resilience and Culturally Responsive Mental Health Services**

Speaker:      Laurence Kirmayer, McGill University, Canada

Discussants:      John Lowe, Florida State University, USA  
Jeff Cyr, VP Indigenous Innovation Initiative, Canada

**9:30-10:45 am**      **Generating and Sustaining Global Mental Health Researchers Worldwide**

*This panel will focus on the successes and challenges of creating expert global mental health researchers and building regional research capacity worldwide.*

Moderator:      Ishmael Amarreh, NIMH, USA

Speakers:      Ozge Sensoy Bahar, Washington University in St. Louis, USA  
Annika Sweetland, Columbia University, USA  
Siham Sikander, Human Development Research Foundation, Pakistan  
Laura Shields-Zeeman, Trimbos-instituut, The Netherlands

Discussant:      Muthoni Mathai, University of Nairobi, Kenya

**10:45 – 11:00 am**      **BREAK**

**11:00–12:30 pm**      **Research & Policy Engagement: Diverse Ways to Improve Mental Health Care**

*This panel will consider why and how to engage policymakers in global mental health research and will provide practical advice for getting started.*

Moderator:      Stacy Rasmus, University of Alaska – Fairbanks, USA

Speakers:      Leonardo Cubillos, Dartmouth College, USA  
Mary McKay, Washington University in St. Louis, USA  
Soumitra Pathare, Indian Law and Policy Center, India

12:30 – 2:00 pm     **NETWORKING LUNCH**

2:00 – 3:30 pm     **Intersections for Action across Diverse Communities**

*This session will highlight the role of NGOs and PAHO in the global mental health movement and discuss opportunities for strategic collaboration.*

Moderator:     Karlee Silver, Grand Challenges Canada

Speakers:     Lian Zeitz, citiesRISE, USA

                     Peter Yaro, BasicNeeds-Ghana, Ghana

                     Lakshmi Narasimhan, The Banyan, India

                     Devora Kestel, Pan American Health Organization, USA

3:30–3:45 pm     **BREAK**

3:45–4:45 pm     **KEYNOTE: Equity in Global Mental Health**

Speakers:     Margarita Alegria, Massachusetts General Hospital, USA

                     Patricio Marquez, World Bank Group, USA

4:45–5:00 pm     **Closing Remarks**

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