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United Nations in New York

Promoting Mental Health and Well-Being for the Advancement of Women



Date: Monday, 12 March, 2018

Time: 6:15pm – 8:00pm

Venue: The Armenian Convention Center

630 2nd Avenue (between 34th and 35th Street) Room: Guild Hall

The prevention of mental illness and promotion of mental health is an unmet challenge of the 21st century. The importance of addressing the mental health concerns of the world's women cannot be overstated. Their well-being is directly linked to the well-being of children, families, communities and the nations of the world. Mental health must be defined not only as chronic mental disorders but the social, economic and environmental factors that impact women's health and well-being. This panel will address the special issues facing rural women which impacts their mental well-being, will address the importance of integrating mental health across all the SDGs; and will introduce the recent report of the UN Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and its relationship to empowering and advancing women and girls.

Speakers:

Henia Dakkak

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Technical Advisor

Former Director of Relief and Development programs with International Medical Corps (IMC)

Saionara König-Reis

Representative to the UN and Head of New York Office, Dianova International

Dr. Fiona Adshead

Deputy CEO and Director of Strategy and Partnerships, NCD Alliance

Moderators:

***Janice Wood Wetzel*; NGO Representative, World Federation for Mental Health**

Former Dean and Professor Emerita of Social Work, Adelphi University

***Nancy E. Wallace*, UN Main Representative, World Federation for Mental Health**

There will be Open Discussion with Participants to create Recommendations for Future Action.

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