



2024 World Mental Health day

Transforming Power Dynamics in MHPSS Localization

Date & Time

October 10, 2024
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM (CET)

Location

Geneva, Switzerland
Geneva Press Club
(On-Site and Online)



Event Overview

Join us on the International Day of Mental Health for a critical panel discussion focused on the localisation of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS). This event will explore the transformational power-sharing necessary to make MHPSS more appropriate, culturally sensitive, inclusive, community-led, and sustainable. With increasing global challenges such as armed conflict, political instability, and climate-related disasters, it is essential that MHPSS initiatives are designed and led by local actors who understand the unique needs and strengths of their communities.

The panel will bring together experts from various fields to discuss the importance of shifting power dynamics in MHPSS and highlight strategies for successful localisation. The event is part of Terre des hommes' (Tdh) broader initiative to challenge existing paradigms and promote equitable partnerships in Psychosocial support and mental health.

Key Objectives

1. *Deepen understanding:* Explore the concepts of "MHPSS localisation" and "Transformational power-sharing" through recent research and practical experiences.
2. *Identify challenges & opportunities:* Examine the effectiveness of current MHPSS models and explore pathways for more localised approaches.
3. *Generate recommendations:* Develop actionable insights to support successful localisation and power-sharing in MHPSS, contributing to collective learning within the humanitarian and development sectors.

Discussion Topics

1. Power dynamics in localisation:
 - Understanding the role of power in MHPSS localisation.
 - Strategies for enabling greater power-sharing.
2. Pathways to effective localisation:
 - Overcoming challenges and barriers to MHPSS localisation.
 - Characteristics of successful localised interventions.
3. Education and knowledge transfer:
 - The role of education systems in generating and transmitting local knowledge.

Speakers

- **Kristen Hope Burchill** – Child & Youth Participation Specialist; PhD Researcher, University of Bath.
- **Shadi Jaber** – MHPSS Specialist, Tdh Palestine
- **Neziswa Titi**, Ph.D. (DPsy) – transdisciplinary academic working in the Department of African Feminist Studies at the University of Cape Town
- **Ananda Galappatti** – Director of Strategy, MHPSS.net
- **Nancy Baron** – MHPSS Advisor to the Psycho-Social Services and Training Institute in Cairo (PSTIC) a program of Terre des hommes Egypt
- **Patrick Mangen** – Chief Executive Officer / REPSSI

Visit our **LinkedIn page** for the latest speaker news, their Bio and program updates: [Transforming Power Dynamics in MHPSS Localization | LinkedIn](#)

Event Format

- Panel discussions: Hybrid – on-site and online.
- Networking buffet: Following the panel, participants will have the opportunity to network and share insights.

How to Register

To attend, please fill out the [registration form here](#). Indicate whether you will participate online or in person. Due to limited seating, confirmations for in-person attendance will be sent two weeks before the event. Online attendees will receive a link to join the discussion.

Participants

MHPSS practitioners, MHPSS experts, donors, embassies, UN representatives, academia, NGOs, INGOs, governments, and media professionals are encouraged to participate in this pivotal discussion.



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