



## United Nations Activity Report

“Implementing the Outcome of the 2018 High Level Meeting on NCDs: Focus on Women’s and Children’s Health and Well-Being” was held on Thursday, 8 November 2018.

Report Submitted by Connie Sobon Sensor, Sigma United Nations Liaison

This is the annual event of the Global Mental Health and Non-Communicable Diseases Working Group of the [NGO Committee on Mental Health](#). Dr. Gita Mishra, an honorary member of Sigma, was one of the panelists for this event.

This was a significant opportunity for Sigma as the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO) and other member states were co-sponsors. It was facilitated by Dr. Mishra. This subject matter brought out multiple perspectives about this relevant topic, especially recognizing mental health as a non-communicable disease.

The WHO has recognized mental health as one of the top five non-communicable diseases to target with strategies, interventions, and raising awareness. This will continue to be an area of inclusion along with physical illness due to chronic diseases of the heart or lungs, diabetes, and cancer.

See the below concept note for more information.



## **Implementing the Outcome of the 2018 High Level Meeting on NCDs: Focus on Women's & Children's Health and Well-Being**

### *Co-sponsored by*

Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the United Nations; Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations; WHO Office at the United Nations, New York; NGO Committee on Mental Health; International Council of Women (ICW-CIF) Communications Coordination Committee for the United Nations (CCCUN); Sigma Theta Tau International, International Psychoanalytical Association, American Psychiatric Association; Nightingale Initiative for Global Health, Dianova International; International Association of Medical Women; International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation; Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association (PPSEAWA)

### *Organized by*

Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the United Nations; Global Mental Health and NCDs Working Group of the NGO Committee on Mental Health (CMH) at the UN; International Council of Women (ICW-CIF)

This annual event of the Global Mental Health and NCDs Working Group of the CMH focuses on non-communicable diseases (NCDs), such as heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and respiratory illnesses, which are the greatest burden of disease worldwide. Mental health disorders such as depression, are now recognized as the 5<sup>th</sup> major NCD and are also significant cross-cutting factors for the other NCDs. This event will discuss strategies and successful projects for the implementation of the 2018 UNGA High Level Meeting outcome document, including integrating mental and physical health to prevent and manage NCDs; examining a large Australian government study on prevention and control of diabetes and heart disease in women; discussing a replicable community home health outreach project for the prevention of NCDs related to air pollution and natural disasters; and utilizing embedded mental health services in the treatment of children with cancer and their families. Also announced will be the ABS special issue on Women, Health, and NCDs, a joint effort of the ICW-CIF and the WHO GCM/NCD.

Thursday, November 8, 2018

3:00-5:15 PM

Please arrive by 2:50 PM

United Nations Headquarters

1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, New York City

Conference Room 8

RSVP to [event4040@gmail.com](mailto:event4040@gmail.com)

Individuals requesting a UN grounds pass, RSVP

request by COB November 5th EST

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

**Dr. Elizabeth Carll** - UN Rep. & Focal Pt. Health/Mental Health & NCDs, International Council of Women; Chair, Global Mental Health & NCDs Working Group & Former Chair, NGO Comm. on Mental Health; President, CCCUN

### MODERATOR -INTRODUCTORY and WHO REMARKS

**Dr. Nata Menabde** - Executive Director, WHO Office at the United Nations, World Health Organization UN (WHO/UN), New York

### INTRODUCTORY KEYNOTE REMARKS

**H.E. Mr. Courtenay Rattray** - Ambassador and Permanent Representative  
Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the United Nations

**H.E. Mr. Vitavas Srivihok** - Ambassador and Permanent Representative  
Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations

### PARTICIPANTS

**Dr. Elizabeth Carll** - UN Rep. & Focal Pt. Health/Mental Health & NCDs, International Council of Women; Chair, Global Mental Health & NCDs Working Group & Former Chair, NGO Comm. on Mental Health; President, CCCUN

**Dr. Gita Mishra** – Professor, Biostatistics Division,  
School of Public Health, The University of Queensland, Australia

**Deepa Mankikar, MPH** - Environmental Health Project Coordinator,  
National Nurse-Led Care Consortium; A PHMC Affiliate

**Dr. Marie Barnett** - Assistant Attending Psychologist, Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science,  
Dept. of Pediatrics, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

### GROUP DISCUSSION - AUDIENCE Q & A

