15th April 2008

8.30-9.00
Welcome, Local Authorities, Emilia-Romagna Region, Ministry of Health, WHO, Cittadinanza

9.00-9.15
Rationale and objectives for the meeting “Strengthening Mental Health Systems in Low and Middle Income Countries”.
Anita Marini

9.15-10.00
Investing in Mental Health.
Benedetto Saraceno

10.00-10.45
WHO-AIMS and preliminary findings from 42 countries.
Shekhar Saxena, Jodi Morris

10.45-11.00
Organisation and logistic of the meeting, WHO and Cittadinanza

Coffee break: 11.00 – 11.30

11.30 – 13.15
Presentation by 5 countries: the country context, strengths and weaknesses of their mental health systems based on WHO-AIMS results; brief outline of their project proposal to strengthen the mental health system.
Azerbaijan: Sevil Asadova
Moldova: Larissa Boderscova
Albania: Devora Kestel
Tunisia: Saida Douki Dedieu
Egypt: Nasser Loza

Lunch 13.15 - 14.45

14.45 – 15.30
Panel discussion
Benedetto Saraceno, Antonio Lora, Devora Kestel, Anita Marini

15.30 - 17.00
5 Parallel Sessions: Azerbaijan, Moldova, Albania, Tunisia, Egypt.
In each parallel session country representatives will present in greater detail their project proposal. Sessions will be facilitated by experts in mental health system development. The working group participants will include: NGOs, Italian Mental Health professionals, other International Agencies and potential donors.

19.30 Welcome Evening
16th April 2008

9.00 – 10.45
Presentation by 5 countries: the country context, strengths and weaknesses of their mental health systems based on WHO-AIMS results; brief outline of their project proposal.
Burundi, Herman Ndayisaba
Benin, G. Gansou
Ghana, Angela Ofori-Atta
Uganda, Joshua Sebunya
Jamaica, Wendel Abel

Coffee break 10.45 – 11.15

11.15-12.00
Panel discussion
Benedetto Saraceno, Chris Underhill, Alan Flisher, Jodi Morris

12.00-12.50
Presentation by an NGO
Presentation by a donor

12.50 – 13.00
Open discussion

Lunch 13.00 – 14.30

14.30-16.30
5 Parallel Working Group Sessions: Burundi, Benin, Ghana, Uganda, Jamaica. In each parallel session country representatives will present in greater detail their project proposal. Sessions will be facilitated by experts in mental health system development. The working group participants will include: NGOs, Italian Mental Health professionals, other International Agencies and potential donors.

Coffee info-market 16.30-17.00
17th April 2008

9.00 – 10.45
Presentation by 5 countries: the country context, strengths and weaknesses of their mental health systems based on WHO-AIMS results; brief outline of their project proposals.
Thailand: Suparat Ekasawin
Bangladesh: Faruk Alam
China-Hunan: Jun Yan
Mongolia: Tsetsegdary Gombodorj
West Bank-Gaza: Basam Ashab

Coffee break: 10.45 - 11:15

11.15 - 12.00
Panel discussion
Shekhar Saxena, Crick Lund, Sudipto Chatterjee

12.00 – 12.50
Presentations by NGOs

12.50 - 13.00
Open discussion

Lunch 13.00 - 14.30

14.30 - 16.30
5 Parallel Sessions: Thailand, Bangladesh, China-Hunan, Mongolia, West Bank-Gaza.
In each parallel session country representatives will present in greater detail their project proposal. Sessions will be facilitated by experts in mental health system development. The working group participants will include: NGOs, Italian Mental Health professionals, other International Agencies and potential donors.

Coffee break info market: 16.30 – 17.00

18th April 2008

9.00 – 11.00
Each country presents the impact of the group sessions and panel discussions on their original project proposals.

Coffee break: 11.00 – 11.30

11.30 – 12.30
Comments and expression of interest from NGOs and Donors about the presented project proposals.

12.30 – 13.30
Closing session: wrap-up by WHO and Cittadinanza
Participating Countries
Albania, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Benin, Burundi, China-Hunan, Egypt, Ghana, Jamaica, Moldova, Mongolia, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, West Bank – Gaza.

Panelists and discussants
Sudipto Chatterjee, The Sangath Society, Goa, India.
Alan Flisher, Director Child and adolescent Mental Health and Psychiatry Department – Researcher and Professor of Psychiatry and Mental Health, University of Cape Town, Groote Schuur Hospital, Cape Town, South Africa.
John Jenkins, Mental Health Project Manager, WHO Country Office West Bank and Gaza.
Devora Kestel, Subregional Advisor Mental Health PAHO – AMRO.
Crick Lund, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Senior Lecturer. Sangath Centre, Porvorim-Goa, India, Professor of International Mental Health.
Anita Marini, Scientific Director Cittadinanza NGO and Project Coordinator.
Jodi Morris, WHO Technical Officer, Mental Health: Evidence and Research, Dept. of Mental Health and Substance Abuse.
Benedetto Saraceno, WHO Director of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Dept. WHO Acting Director of the Chronic Diseases and Health Promotion Dept.
Shekhar Saxena, WHO, Coordinator Mental Health: Evidence and Research, Dept. of Mental Health and Substance Abuse.
Chris Underhill, Basic Needs INGO, founding Director.

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Other Participants: the meeting is open to International and Italian NGOs, Italian mental health services, International Agencies for Health and Development, Research Institutes, donors and mental health specialists.