

# First Annual Conference on Child Behavioral Health in Sub-Saharan Africa

Innovative Research and Interdisciplinary Partnerships to Scale Up Evidence-Based Practice in Uganda, Ghana, and Kenya



## DAY 1 SCHEDULE Tuesday, July 12

<b>8-9:00 am</b>	<b>Breakfast/Check in/Registration</b>
<b>9-9:30 am</b>	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> Drs. Mary McKay, Fred Ssewamala, and Ms. Joyce Wanican
<b>9:30-9:45 am</b>	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> Dr. Jane Aceng, Minister of Health
<b>9:45-10:30 am</b>	<b>Keynote #1 – Setting a Child Behavioral Health Agenda for Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA)</b> Speaker: First Lady Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni, Minister of Education and Sports
<b>10:30-10:45am</b>	<b>Break/Networking</b>
<b>10:45-12pm</b>	<b>Breakout Sessions: Establishing Context: Identifying the Opportunities to Support Child Behavioral Health</b>

Breakout sessions will occur simultaneously. Each breakout session will focus on one specific country (Uganda, Kenya, and Ghana). In each session, presenters will include researchers and NGO leaders. The following questions will be addressed:

- What are the pressing child mental health challenges within specific countries?
- What is the current child and adolescent mental health services infrastructure in each of the three countries?
- What are the competing issues children, adolescents and families face (e.g. poverty, HIV, conflict, interpersonal violence, trauma, lack of economic opportunities) that impact child behavioral health?
- How can stigma be effectively addressed within specific country contexts?
- What role can professionals, community, cultural and religious leaders play in creating effective approaches to child behavioral health?

### **Break out Session 1: Uganda**

Speakers: Dr. Edward Kirumira, Makerere University  
Dr. Gertrude Nakigozi, Rakai Health Sciences Program (RHSP)

Mr. Patrick Onyango, TPO  
Dr. Charles Luwaga, Child Fund Uganda

**Break out Session 2: Kenya**

Speakers: Dr. Anne Mbwayo, University of Nairobi  
Dr. Manasi Kumar, University of Nairobi  
Dr. Muthoni Mathai, University of Nairobi

**Break out Session 3: Ghana**

Speakers: Dr. Abdallah Ibrahim, University of Ghana  
Dr. Emmanuel Asampong, University of Ghana  
Dr. Ama Edwin, University of Ghana  
Dr. Mavis Dako-Gyeke, University of Ghana  
Dr. Alice Boateng, University of Ghana

**12:00-12:30pm Break/Transition to Lunch**

**12:30-1:45 pm Lunch Featured Presentations  
Opportunity to Align Child Mental Health Research, Service and  
Policy Partners: Local and NIH Perspectives**  
Speakers: Mr. James Kaboggoza, Assistant Commissioner, Children  
Affairs Ministry of Gender, Labor and Social Development,  
Uganda  
Dr. Beverly Pringle, National Institute of Mental Health, U.S.

**1:45 – 2:30 pm Sub-Saharan Launch of the Lancet Commission on Adolescent  
Health**  
Speakers: Dr. Fred Ssewamala, Columbia University  
Dr. John Santelli, Columbia University

**2:30-3:00 pm Tea Break/Networking Break**

**3:00-4:30 pm Capacity Building for Child Mental Health Services Programming**  
Speakers: Dr. Arvin Bhana, South African Medical Research Council  
Dr. Inge Petersen, University of Kwazulu-Natal

- *Overview of existing programs being taken to scale*
- *Implementation supports needed*
- *Workforce development challenges and successes*
- *Lessons learned*

**4:30 – 5:15 pm Day 1 Wrap up**  
Dr. Mary McKay, University of Washington in St. Louis  
Dr. Edward Kirumira, Makerere University College of Humanities

**5:30-6:30pm Global Fellows and Mentors Initial Meeting and Reception**

**7pm Dinner with Entertainment**  
Featured Speaker: Dr. Theresa Betancourt, Harvard University

**DAY 2 SCHEDULE**  
**Wednesday, July 13**

- 8-9:00 am**                      **Breakfast/Check-in/Registration**
- 9-9:45 am**                      **Welcome Remarks**  
Drs. Mary McKay, Gertrude Nakigozi, and Mr. Abel Mwebembezi
- 9:45-10:45 am**                **Keynote #2 – Sub-Saharan Africa/US Collaborative Research Partnerships**  
Speakers: Dr. Olugbenga Ogedegbe, New York University  
Ms. Joyce Wanican, AfriChild Center
- 10:45-11:00 am**               **Break/Networking**
- 11:00-12:15 pm**               **Designing Effective and Efficient Research in Child Behavioral Health: Implementing Randomized Control Trials in Sub-Saharan Africa**  
Speakers: Mr. Abel Mwebembezi, Reach the Youth-Uganda  
Ms. Joyce Wanican, AfriChild Center  
Dr. Arvin Bhana, South African Medical Research Council  
Dr. Godfrey Kigozi, Rakai Health Sciences Program
- 12:15-1:15 pm**                **Lunch with Featured Speakers**  
Speakers: Dr. Mary McKay, University of Washington in St. Louis  
Mr. Patrick Onyango, TPO
- *Child Mental Health Disruptive Behavior Challenges*
  - *Gaps in Research and Services*
- 1:15-2:15 pm**                **Child Health and Mental Health Issues in Sub-Saharan Africa**  
Speakers: Dr. Fred Ssewamala, Columbia University  
Dr. Njeri Kagotho, Ohio State University
- *Measurement Issues*
  - *Family Economic Strengthening Interventions*
- 2:15-4:30 pm**                **Specialized Plenary Sessions**
- Session 1 (2:15 – 3:15 pm). Disruptions in development: The impact of trauma on children and families and its significance for understanding behavioral health disorders***
- Speakers: Dr. Janet Nakigudde, Makerere University  
Dr. Sarah Meyer, Columbia University
- 3:15 – 3:30 pm**                **Break/Networking**
- Session 2 (3:30– 4:30 pm). Effectiveness, implementation, and scaling-up of mental health EBPs for children***
- Speakers: Dr. Keng-Yen Huang, New York University

Dr. Kimberly Hoagwood, New York University

**4:30 – 5:15 pm**      **Closing Remarks**  
U.S. Ambassador Deborah R. Malac

**5:30 - 7:00pm**      **Global Fellows and Mentors Meeting**