International Highlights at the 2023 APA Convention

Thursday, August 3

8:30-9:20am: Effective International Cross-Cultural Research Collaboration

A. Beckstein, V. Gier, D. Relojo-Howell, B. L. Balakrishnan, N. Hassline Mohamed, K. Sullivan Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1: Room 150A

In an increasingly diverse world and field, psychology can benefit from international collaboration. This interactive, skill-building session will teach attendees how to effectively collaborate on cross-cultural international research. Researchers from multiple countries, career levels, and psychology subdisciplines share their experience and expertise.

11:00-11:50am: Global Mental Health Agenda 2023-2025: Roadmap Actions from the Global Psychology Alliance Summit

D. Ho, M. E. Humphrey, W. Jeremie, A. Padilla

Marriott Marquis: Division 52 Hospitality Suite (Room TBD)

Leaders from national psychology associations comprising the Global Psychology Alliance will introduce and discuss a roadmap emerging from the 2022 International Summit on Psychology and Global Health addressing SDGs 3 (good health and wellbeing), 10 (reduced inequality) and 13 (climate action).

1:00-1:50pm: Moving Forward a Global Perspective: Developing Effective Strategies

S. Walker, A. Clinton, J. Koch, F. de la Mora Salcedo, T. Parr

Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1: Room 150A

International leaders from the UN, USAID, Portugal, and the US convene discussions on global challenges including poverty, limited access to quality mental health care, and equity with an eye toward evidence-based solutions.

1:00-1:50pm: Scholars at Risk: How Psychologists' Institutions Can Help International Colleagues in Need of Aid

J. Ahmadi, Z. Musavi, P. Alpern, J. Baillargeon, G. Twose

Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 2: Room 204B

This session will introduce attendees to the Scholars at Risk and Threatened Scholars Initiative Networks and explain how psychologists and their institutions can support and protect vulnerable colleagues around the world.



Friday, August 4

10:00-10:50am: APA at the United Nations: Taking Psychology Global

I. Feygina, C. Asanbe, M. Bell, R. Flores, A. Gaba, R. Jaipal, N. Quintero, G. Twose, F de la Mora Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 2: Room 207B

APA UN Representatives will be joined by Fernando de la Mora Salcedo, team leader for human rights and humanitarian affairs in the Office of the President of the UN General Assembly, in a wide-ranging discussion on strategies and activities applying psychological science to inform global policies and programs at the United Nations.

10:00-11:50am: Towards New Ways of Understanding and Promoting International Environmental Justice in Psychology

L. Tateo, G. Bacigalupe, N. Greaves, E. Cameron, C. Perez

Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1: Room 146A

This session will question international psychology's concepts, ethics, and methods in relation to environmental justice and cooperation. Participants will engage in a critical discussion about the APA Climate Crisis Action plan beyond the current Global North's framework.

2:00-2:50pm: Facilitating Mental Health Resource Reach Across International and Local Organizations

S. Patel, G. Twose, I. Thomas, C. Whitney, A. Clinton, R. O. de Souza

Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1: Room 146C

Representatives from WHO, IMC, PAHO, and APA describe the development, implementation, evaluation, and widespread dissemination of numerous technical resources for use in international, humanitarian, and local emergency settings.

Saturday, August 5

11:00-11:50am: Decolonizing Trauma Psychology Globally

T. Bryant, A. Clinton, A. Jimenez, G. Nicolas, N. Titi

Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1: East Salon C

The APA President and Senior Director for International Affairs will be joined by scholars from around the world to discuss the importance of decolonizing psychology.

12:00-12:50pm: Reception for International Visitors

Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Level 1: East Salon A

APA's Office of International Affairs and Committee for Global Psychology will host a reception featuring remarks from Fernando de la Mora Salcedo and Thema Bryant.

