

UN Panel Discussion: "Treating Parkinson's Disease Psychosis with Cognitive Behavioral Therapy" – June 11 2015, Conf Room 12, UN Headquarters @ 1.15PM

Marc Jourdan - MODERATOR WORDS

1.15PM - Introductory words:

Good afternoon my name is Marc Jourdan, I am the UN Representative for the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development.

On behalf of the Global Foundation I would like to thank you all for being with us today at the United Nations for this side event which is being held in parallel to the 8th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

For those that don't know the Global Foundation, we are a private, non-profit, non-governmental organization created in 2002 by former President of the Dominican Republic, Dr. Leonel Fernández, to complement and advance the work of its sister organization in the Dominican Republic, Funglode. The Foundations are dedicated to promoting research and awareness crucial to the democratic and the sustainable development of the Dominican Republic.

The GFDD Fellows Program, which Henry Montero took part in last year, was developed in 2009 to respond to the desire of GFDD and FUNGLODE to develop a community of scholars that contributes to the Foundations' growing body of research on matters of international concern that directly impact the Dominican Republic, complementing the overall mission of the foundations to promote academic exchange, generate scholarship, and influence the creation of public policy related to economic and social development both at the national and international level. Through The Fellows Program, the foundations seek to generate scholarship on issues at the forefront of the United Nations' agenda in order to give voice to national and regional concerns and offer viable solutions to domestic and international challenges.

Our publication series Research and Ideas includes research papers, articles, speeches, and keynote addresses that discuss critical issues of the contemporary world from national, regional, and global points of view.

This particular event today constitutes the official launch of the Series' latest Health addition, "Treating Parkinson's Disease Psychosis with Cognitive Behavioral Therapy" by GFDD Fellow Henry Montero Research. Henry carried out his research in the Dominican Republic last year, focusing on the question "Can initial treatment using CBT increase the positive quality of life for Parkinson's disease psychosis patients?"

To discuss this issue today, in addition to Mr. Montero, we are delighted to also have with us a distinguished line up of panelists. This includes His Excellency Ambassador Choong-hee Hahn, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the UN (which is the President Elect of this 8th session of the CRPD), as well as several experts from the medical field including Dr. Olga B. Soto-Moise (a Board Certified Geriatric Psychiatrist), Dr. Jayme Albin (an Expert Psychologist in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy), Dr. Casilda M. Balmaceda (an Expert

Neurologist) and Ms. Beatrice Goodwin, a representative from civil society who is the Chair of NGO Health Committee.

You will note that the reverse page of the flyers in front of you contain the biographical information of each of the speakers present here today, so I will dispense (for the sake of time) with reading this out to you!

In a few moments Henry will present to us a brief summary of the findings contained in his publication (SHOW IT). Before he does so however, I would like to hand over the floor to Dr Soto-Moise who is going to formally introduce Mr. Montero.

Dr. Soto-Moise you have the floor.

1.20PM

Remarks by Dr. Soto Moise

1.25PM

Thank *Dr. Soto Moise* and transition to Henry Montero

1.45PM

Thank Henry and transition to H.E. Ambassador Choong-hee Hahn

1.50PM

Thank H.E. Ambassador Choong-hee Hahn and transition to Dr. Jayme Albin

1.55PM

Thank Dr. Jayme Albin and transition to Dr. Balmaceda

2.00PM

Thank Dr. Balmaceda and transition to Ms. Goodwin

2.05PM

Thank panelists and transition to Q&A

2.25PM

Wrap up session: Concluding Remarks by speakers; Thanks to all speakers, sponsors (UNA USA COO, NGO Committee on Mental Health, NGO Health Committee) and attendees; Thank the audience for their questions and then remind them that if they have further questions they can raise these with the panel speakers individually; Remind attendees that they can visit the website if they wish to find out more about the publication.