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# Together

## Against Stigma Conference



Addressing stigma related to child and adolescent mental illness and promoting their mental health

12 to 14 November 2026

AIIMS, New Delhi

The George Institute for Global Health

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WORLD PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

TOGETHER AGAINST STIGMA

# About TAS 2026

The Together Against Stigma (TAS) Conferences are designed to foster multidisciplinary action on mental health stigma by breaking silos between disciplines and driving efforts from theory into practice.

To date, TAS has hosted ten international conferences, with an average participation of around 400 delegates annually. It serves as a global platform for sharing the latest scientific knowledge and practical experiences from researchers, practitioners, and advocates working to reduce stigma, prevent discrimination, and support affected individuals and communities.

TAS 2026 will strengthen the connection between scientific insight and real-world implementation through public-private ownership, helping translate what works into action at international, national, and local levels to promote safe, inclusive, and equitable societies.

For the first time, TAS is being organised in a low- and middle-income country. In India and similar settings, mental health care is often constrained by limited resources, a shortage of trained professionals, and persistent stigma and discrimination.

By bringing together leading experts, researchers, practitioners, and advocates, TAS 2026 aims to directly address these challenges, strengthen dialogue, improve help-seeking behaviour, and support better access to mental health care for those who need it most.

**10**
International Conferences

**400+**
Average Participants per Conference

**Global**
Knowledge & Practice Platform

**TAS 2026 is more than a conference — it is a catalyst for collective action on mental health stigma.**

ORGANISING PARTNERS

# Host & Supporting Organisations

TAS 2026 is delivered through a strong multi-institutional collaboration, bringing together global expertise, policy leadership, and on-ground implementation.

## HOST ORGANISATIONS

The George Institute for Global Health

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All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi

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UNICEF India

## SUPPORTED BY

WORLD PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION
Advance Psychiatry and Mental Health Across the World

World Psychiatric Association (WPA)

World Association of Social Psychiatry

World Association for Social Psychiatry (WASP)

# Organising Committees

Leadership & Governance

## Conference Committees

TAS 2026 is supported by an experienced network of conveners, scientific leaders, and international advisors committed to advancing action on mental health stigma.

### Convening Committee

Core leadership responsible for overall conference direction, coordination, institutional alignment, and delivery.



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## International Advisory Committee

Global leaders providing strategic guidance, scientific perspective, and international insight for the conference.



### Norman Sartorius

Association for the Improvement of Mental Health Programmes



### Graham Thornicroft

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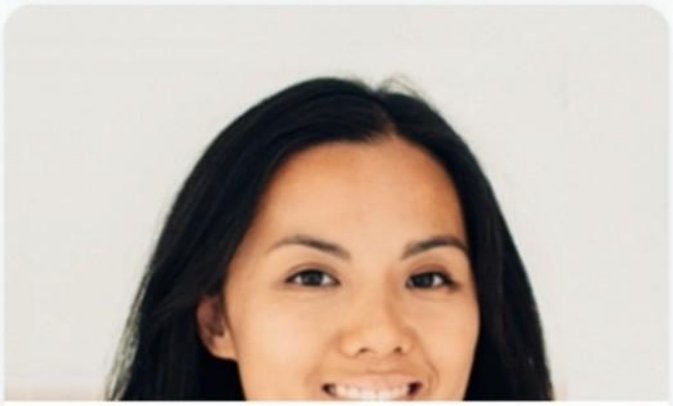
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# CONFERENCE VENUE

## Jawaharlal Nehru Auditorium, AIIMS New Delhi



The Jawaharlal Nehru Auditorium at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, is one of India's most prestigious academic and medical conference venues. Located within the AIIMS campus, it offers a professional and intellectually stimulating environment ideal for high-impact global discussions.

The venue is equipped with modern conferencing infrastructure, advanced audio-visual systems, and a well-designed seating layout that supports large-scale plenary sessions, scientific discussions, and multidisciplinary collaborations.

Being situated within AIIMS — India's leading medical institution — the venue provides direct access to a vibrant ecosystem of healthcare professionals, researchers, and academic excellence, making it highly relevant for a global mental health conference like TAS 2026.

Important Timelines

# Key Dates & Deadlines

Stay aligned with all critical milestones for TAS 2026, including submissions, announcements, and conference dates.



**Conference Dates**

12 – 14 November 2026



**Abstract Submission Opens**

1 May 2026



**Abstract Submission Closes**

15 July 2026



**Results Announcement**

31 July 2026



**GASA & TAS Secretariat Meeting**

14th November 2026

# CONFERENCE TRACKS

TAS 2026 · CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

## Submit Your Work. Shape the Global Conversation.

Explore the proposed conference tracks, abstract requirements, oral presentation formats, and practical submission guidance for TAS 2026.

CONFERENCE STRUCTURE

## Conference Tracks & Themes

Thematic streams shaping dialogue, workshops, innovation, and stigma-related learning across the conference.

TRACK 1

### Stigma Related to Mental Health Conditions, Including Caregiver Stigma

Focused on lived realities, caregiving burden, and associated mental health conditions.

- Caregiver burden and stigma
- Children of caregivers with mental health conditions
- Substance use disorders, dementia, personality disorders, and learning disabilities
- Stigma across lifespans (child, adolescent, adult, elderly )

TRACK 2

### Stigma Related to Workplace Stress, Gender and Sexual Minorities, and GBV Survivors

Addressing structural stigma, exclusion, and social realities across vulnerable groups.

- Gender-based violence related stress and stigma
- Addressing structural stigma
- Marginalized communities, including sexual minorities, and stigma

TRACK 3

### Drawing Lessons from Other Health Conditions to Inform Mental Health Stigma

Learning from other stigmatized conditions to strengthen stigma-related work in mental health.

- Learnings from other stigmatized health conditions such as TB, leprosy, HIV, etc.
- Implications of these learnings for stigma-related work in mental health

TRACK 4

## Workshops – Practical Implementation and Intervention Approaches

Applied methods, lived experience, and implementation-led learning.

- Centering lived experience, including presentations from lived experience groups
- Use of innovative methods for stigma reduction, including art forms, creative industry approaches, performance, music, and novel research methods

TRACK 5

## Role of Digital Technology and Stigma

Exploring digital platforms, online care, and media influence on mental health and stigma.

- Access to care and online care
- Use of digital media among children to promote positive mental health
- Role of media

TRACK 6

## UNICEF-Led Tracks

Focused streams led by UNICEF around children, intersectionality, and digital themes.

- Digital Innovation to Reduce Stigma and Expand Awareness of Mental Health
- Gender-Based Violence, Intersectionality, and Stigma
- Children Living with Non-Communicable Diseases: Lived Experiences

TRACK 7

## WHO led track

- Deinstitutionalisation and its impact on community care
- People with lived experience engagement

# REGISTRATION

### Domestic and International Registration

To ensure correct fee payment and compliance with local regulations, delegates must select the appropriate registration category as defined below.

- **Domestic Registrants:** Delegates who are **currently residing in India**, and who will be making payment through an **Indian bank account in Indian Rupees (₹).**
- **International Registrants:** Any delegate who does not fall into the Domestic Registrant category. The registration fee payment will be in US Dollars (USD).

### Online Registration Portal

Please ensure you select the category correctly since any errors may result in delays, additional verification, or cancellation of the registration.

International Registration Form  Domestic Registration Form

PARTICIPATION

## Registration Fees

Choose your category and secure your participation at TAS 2026. Early bird pricing is available for a limited period.

| Category | Early Bird (Upto 31st August 2026) | On the Spot |
|---|---|---|
| **Delegates from India** | INR 12,000 | INR 15,000 |
| **Delegates from LMICs** | USD 150 | USD 250 |
| **Delegates from HICs** | USD 350 | USD 450 |

| People with Lived Experience | | |
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| **PWLEs Category** | **Early Bird (Upto 31st August 2026)** | **On the Spot** |
| **Delegates from India** | INR 10,000 | INR 12,000 |
| **Delegates from LMICs** | USD 100 | USD 150 |
| **Delegates from HICs** | USD 300 | USD 350 |

| **Students Category** | **Early Bird (Upto 31st August 2026)** | **On the Spot** |
|---|---|---|
| **Indian Students (Non-medical Student & undergraduate medical student) – Per Day Registration**<br>Includes conference access, lunch/tea, and a minimal conference kit.<br>**Note:** Not eligible for the networking dinner. | INR 5,000 | INR 6,000 |
| **Indian Students (Non-medical Student & undergraduate medical student) Full 2-Day Conference** | INR 8,500 | INR 10,000 |
| **Students (Non-medical Student & undergraduate medical student) from LMICs** | USD 100 | USD 150 |
| **Students (Non-medical Student & undergraduate medical student) from HICs** | USD 300 | USD 350 |

**Please note:**
All bank charges, transaction fees, and currency conversion fees must be borne by the payer in addition to the registration fee.

The registration fee does not include accommodation, travel, or airport transfers.

**Inclusions:**
The fee includes lunch on both days and the networking dinner on the first day.

Delegates are requested to arrange their own travel and accommodation.

## Abbreviations

- **HIC:** High-Income Countries
- **LMIC:** Low- and Middle-Income Countries
- **PWLE:** People with Lived Experience
- The World Bank Classification – **Click here**

## Important Notes

- Country classification is based on the World Bank report.
- All fees are per delegate and inclusive of applicable taxes, unless stated otherwise.
- Registration is mandatory for all participants.
- The applicable fee slab will be based on the date of payment credit.
- Transaction/remittance charges must be borne by the registrant.
- Organisers reserve the right to reassign or reject registrations if required.