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The American Psychological Association at the United Nations



Psychology: Using Behavior to Address the Challenges of the 21st Century

The American Psychological Association (APA) is the world's largest association of psychologists. Formed in 1892, the APA now numbers over 150,000 scientists, researchers, educators, practitioners and students across the USA and around the world.

Psychology includes the scientific study of behavior and the application of science-based expertise to behavior. The APA is dedicated to advancing psychology as a science, a profession, and a means of contributing to health, education and human welfare.

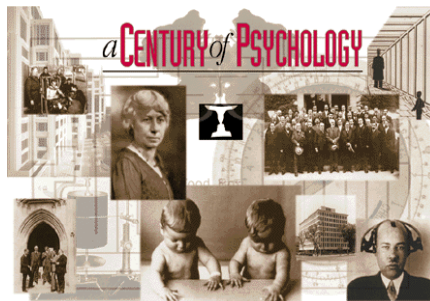
The APA holds special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, is affiliated with the Department of Public Information, and is accredited to the United Nations Children's Fund. APA is a member of CONGO.

APA's accredited representatives and its special project associates work to contribute to psychologically informed global policies by providing policy makers and their staff with research-based psychological information and resources pertinent to the behavioral dimensions of social issues. They also serve as a conduit to APA's members and its central office to provide expertise to the UN for its many initiatives and activities. In addition, the team brings UN and international issues to

APA's membership and staff by disseminating information about the UN through publications and presentations.

APA's team works with other NGOs at the UN, with UN staff, and with representatives of UN member states on a variety of timely global issues including:

- Aging
- Children and Families, including Child Welfare, Violence Prevention, Healthy Families
- Disability Access and Accommodation
- Education from Early Childhood Throughout the Lifespan
- Gender Equality
- Habitat, Environment and Human Settlements
- Health and Mental Health, including Treatment and Prevention
- HIV/AIDS
- Human Rights
- Multiculturalism
- Peace and Conflict Resolution
- Racism and Xenophobia
- Women
- Rural Health



More about APA

APA's four main directorates address the breadth of psychology across Public Interest, Science, Education and Practice. Each Directorate offers resources that can be brought to bear on UN global policy and programs.

The **Public Interest Directorate** works to apply the science and profession of psychology to advance human welfare. Special offices include AIDS, Ageing, Children Youth and Families, Disability Issues, Ethnic Minorities, Lesbian Gay and Bisexual Concerns; Women; Violence prevention.

The **Science Directorate** promotes the science of psychology to funding agencies, policy makers and the public. It serves the needs of psychological scientists by disseminating information and providing opportunities for training, collaboration and public engagement.

The **Practice Directorate** supports practicing psychologists and health consumers. In addition to advocacy, the Directorate works to demonstrate the value of psychological services in the health care marketplace and engages in public education on issues such as resilience, violence prevention and recovery from natural or man-made emergencies.

The **Education Directorate** advances the education and training of psychologists, the teaching of psychology, and the application of psychology to education at all levels.