Appendix 1: Details of conference sessions

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| Keynote | **Sarah Harrison**<br>Director, The Red Cross Red Crescent Movement MHPSS Hub<br><br>Topic: ***Optimizing MHPSS Coordination in Urban Emergencies Through Global Standards and examples***<br><br>**Sarah Harrison** is the Director of the **Red Cross Red Crescent Movement Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Hub**, the global centre of excellence that advances mental health and psychosocial support across the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. In this role, she provides strategic leadership for the Hub and works closely with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (IFRC), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), National Societies, donors, academic partners, and humanitarian organizations worldwide.<br>Sarah has more than two decades of experience in mental health and psychosocial support and humanitarian action. Before joining the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in 2016, she held positions with United Nations agencies, international NGOs, and the United Kingdom's National Health Service. She served for nearly a decade as the Co-Chair of the **Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Reference Group on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings**, the principal global coordination and technical body for humanitarian MHPSS under the UN system.<br>In addition to her humanitarian leadership, Sarah contributes to the development of the next generation of practitioners through her teaching role at **Trinity College Dublin**, where she supports learning and professional development in mental health and psychosocial support in humanitarian settings. |
| Sharing | **Eliza Cheung**<br>Head of Local Emergency Response, Hong Kong Red Cross;<br>Lead, IFRC Asia Pacific MHPSS Collaborative<br><br>Topic: ***From First Responders to Global Frameworks: Navigating MHPSS from Local Realities to Global Disasters*** |

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| | **Eliza Cheung** is the Head of **Local Emergency Response** in Hong Kong Red Cross and an expert in mental health and psychosocial support. She founded and leads the **IFRC Asia Pacific MHPSS Collaborative**, a regional hub serving National Societies in the Asia Pacific region. As the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Technical Advisor for the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement MHPSS Hub, and Clinical Psychologist at Hong Kong Red Cross, she coordinates local, regional and global initiatives and supervises delegates in overseas emergencies. She was deployed to respond in major crises, including the Ebola outbreak in Liberia, the Nepal earthquake, the Bangladesh population movement, and complex emergencies in Afghanistan. She also serves as Adjunct Assistant Professor at Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care at **The Chinese University of Hong Kong**. |
| Panel 1 | ***Challenges, Successes, and Lessons Learnt in Urban Emergencies around Asia Pacific***<br>MHPSS professionals from the region, including Australia, Japan, Myanmar etc will share their domestic response in various kinds of urban emergencies and their coordinated effort with government and civil society. |
| Panel 2 | ***Protection and Caring for our first responders in Emergencies***<br>Local experts from government, public bodies, NGOs will share their best practice to protect and care for first responders in emergencies and disasters |
| Panel 3 | ***Hong Kong in Focus: Perspectives and Dialogue Among Local Actors and Leaders***<br>Local mental health leaders, professional body, academic will share the coordinated effort and action around the Disaster Management cycle |

*Continuing Education (CE) points from DCP, HKICP, DEP, DCoP, and DIOP are currently pending approval. Further details will be announced once confirmed.*