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## UN-Wide Health Survey 2021

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To: All members

From: Tanya Quinn-Maguire, FICSA President

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Dear Colleagues,

We would to inform you about the launch of the UN-Wide Health Survey.

**As part of our ongoing support for the implementation of the UN System Strategy on Mental Health and Wellbeing FICSA urges you to strongly encourage staff members in your organization to participate in the Survey. If it is not clear whether your organization is participating, please contact the team behind the implementation of the Mental Health Strategy at [mhs@un.org](mailto:mhs@un.org)**

To date, there are 21 organizations from the UN common-system participating in the Survey. From the FICSA membership, CTBTO, IAEA, IMO, UNIDO, UNU and WIPO have already launched the survey to their staff and there are already some 900 responses. WHO will also launch the survey to staff next week (including IARC, UNAIDS and UNICC). Other FICSA members involved include IOM, PAHO, UNRWA, and UNWTO.

The purpose of the survey is primarily to evaluate health and safety risks faced by UN personnel and to fully understand the impact of the pandemic on physical and mental health of the UN workforce.

FICSA is confident that staff participation in this Survey is a critical step to guiding Senior Management's decisions over:

- Future health and safety strategies for the organizations
- Implementation of the UN Mental Health Strategy
- Investments in health and safety preventative programs to facilitate staff post-pandemic recovery
- Personal health & wellness, and mental health & wellbeing resources
- The safety of agencies' work environment after reopening and in the post-pandemic world

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The UN-Wide Health Survey 2021 can be completed anonymously in about 15-20 minutes and not all the questions require a response. You can just answer what you are comfortable with. However, the more information is provided, the better the organization will understand the challenges faced by staff members.

**Please request the link of the survey from your respective organization.**

FAQs are posted on the MHS website: [UN-Wide Health Survey 2021- FAQs.pdf](#)

We remain available for any further information you may need.

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