

## **OEVARU MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE - PRESS RELEASE**

The National Centre for Mental Health (NCMH) at Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital (IGMH) is hosting the Oevaru Mental Health Conference on 15th-16th October 2023 at Villa Nautica. This innovative research conference is the first of its kind in the Maldives. The conference will have contributions from speakers from the Maldives and abroad. It aims to bring mental health to the forefront of public discourse and to bring together various stakeholders in mental health from different disciplines and sectors.

The theme for this year's conference is "changing currents - forming connections."

The conference kicks off with pre-conference workshops today, the 14th of October 2023 held at Meerumaa, in Male' City. On 15th and 16th October 2023 at Villa Nautica, the conference will feature a range of sessions including keynote speeches and academic presentations, panel discussions and related activities. Over a 100 participants have registered to attend the conference.

Oevaru Mental Health Conference is sponsored by WHO Maldives, UNICEF Maldives, USAID, Dhiraagu, MTCC, STO, Transparency Maldives, Villa Nautica and Villa Resorts Maldives.

