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# Evidence-based policies for Universal Health Coverage

## 71st World Health Assembly



The Governments of Uganda and Ethiopia invite you to a side event on

### Inclusive formulation of evidence-based policies and programmes for Universal Health Coverage

*All WHO AFRO Member States Ministers are invited to this session*

**Thursday 24 May 2018, 12.30 – 2.00 pm**  
**Palais des Nations Location, Room VII**

*Refreshments will be served*

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### Keynote speakers:



**Dr. Jane Ruth Aceng**  
Cabinet Minister for Health

REPUBLIC OF UGANDA



**Dr. Kedebe Worku**  
State Minister of Health

FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC  
REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA



**Mr. Peter Sørensen**  
Head of the European Union  
Delegation to the United  
Nations Office in Geneva  
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**Dr. Matshidiso Moeti**  
Director of the Regional  
Office for Africa  
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### Session outline:

#### 12.30-12.40 (10 mins)

- Welcome from the Chairs
- Introductory remarks from Dr. Moeti, WHO AFRO Director

#### 12.40-13.00 (20 mins)

##### Keynote speeches:

1. Dr. Aceng, Minister of Health of Uganda
2. Dr. Worku, Minister of Health of Ethiopia
3. Mr. Sørensen, Head of the EU Delegation to the UN in Geneva

#### 13.00-13.30 (30 mins)

- Country Approaches to UHC: sharing experiences and drawing common lessons for policies, programs and implementation arrangements

##### Technical presentations:

4. Prof. Ssengooba, Makerere University, on behalf of Ugandan Ministry of Health
5. Delegate from Ethiopian Ministry

#### 13.30-14.00 (30 mins)

- Critical success factors for Policy development and implementation of UHC
- Plenary discussion and Q&A moderated by WHO AFRO Director

### Session objectives:

The concept of Universal Health Coverage (UHC), endorsed by the UN General Assembly in 2012 and included in the Sustainable Development Goals in 2015, is gaining momentum, as countries have begun defining their own paths towards achieving it by 2030. Translating this important, ambitious goal into practical and feasible policies is a challenge for countries around the world.

During this session, Uganda and Ethiopia will share their experiences on inclusive approaches for formulation of a national roadmaps and strategies for UHC in their countries. They will describe how they activate stakeholders in the process of priority setting, and illustrate the importance of building UHC policies and system changes within the national resource constraints. They will also discuss how they contextualise evidence to advance UHC through national knowledge generation and customisation of international best practices to national capabilities. By mainstreaming development of UHC roadmaps in Government policy development processes, sustainable results will be achieved.

All WHO AFRO Member States Ministers are invited to participate in the discussion about the critical success factors for UHC strategic development, roadmaps and programming.