

WHO/World Bank Ministerial-level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage 18-19 February 2013, WHO headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland

Interest in universal health coverage (UHC) has increased substantially at both country and global levels. This ministerial-level meeting will provide an opportunity for Ministers of Finance and Health from selected countries and other high-level stakeholders to:

- share experiences of what has and has not worked in country efforts toward universal health coverage, propose innovative solutions, and identify actions the global community can take to support these efforts;
- consider the experiences of other countries moving towards universal health coverage, understanding what actions were required in the health financing system, within the health system more broadly and across other sectors;
- discuss how countries monitor and evaluate progress towards UHC;
- identify intersectoral actions at the country level that support the move towards UHC, and how development partners can support countries at country and global levels, including in discussions about future internationally agreed development goals.

Monday 18 February 2013

WHO Executive Board Room

09:00 – 09:30

Opening and welcome remarks

- Margaret Chan, WHO Director General
- Tamar Manuelyan Atinc, World Bank Vice President for Human Development Network

09:30 – 10:00

Coffee break

10:00 - 12:30

Ministerial-level roundtable: Country experiences with health financing reforms for universal health coverage

This roundtable session will learn from countries about the financing reforms that have been undertaken to progress towards UHC, including decisions countries made to raise and pool revenue, measures undertaken to reduce inequalities and include the poor and the vulnerable, and management of fiscal and macroeconomic policy concerns. The aim of the session is to understand how financing reforms contributed to progress towards UHC.

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch break

14:00 - 15:30

Ministerial-level roundtable: Making and keeping promises when resources are scarce

This roundtable session will learn how countries balance the pursuit of multiple goals to improve population coverage, service coverage and coverage with financial risk protection in the face of scarce resources. It will cover approaches countries use to inform their citizens of what they are covered for and how they can claim these rights.

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30

Ministerial-level roundtable: Delivering on the promise of high quality, efficient health services

This roundtable session will outline what other parts of the health system need to be strengthened to ensure that the population has access to good quality health services promised under UHC: e.g. through increasing: the availability, distribution or motivation of health workers; access to essential medicines; quality of health services etc. It will also cover the use of financial incentives to promote efficiency and quality. The aim of this session is to understand what other changes must accompany modifications to health financing systems on the path to UHC.

17:30 – 19:30

UHC Marketplace and cocktails

WHO foyer/restaurant

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Tuesday 19 February 2013	WHO Executive Board Room
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Ministerial-level roundtable: Monitoring and evaluating progress towards UHC</p> <p>This discussion will highlight the need for monitoring and evaluating progress towards UHC in order to ensure progress and promote accountability at the national and global level. It will focus on understanding different ways that countries integrate UHC policies in national development plans, what evidence is needed to inform such plans, and how they currently monitor progress towards UHC. The aim of this session is to show that progress towards UHC can be evaluated.</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Panel discussion: Rallying support</p> <p>This panel discussion will highlight the role of intersectoral action at country level, and the role of civil society and development partners at both the country and global levels. The aim of this session is to understand the way all development partners do and can contribute to the movement towards UHC.</p>
12:30 – 13:00	<p>Concluding remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Margaret Chan, WHO Director General• Tamar Manuelyan Atinc, World Bank Vice President for Human Development