



Informal Briefing of the Group of Friends of Universal Health Coverage and Global Health

Multi-stakeholder “Key Asks” and views for the High-level Meeting on UHC

1 April 2019, 16:00-18:00, ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ

OBJECTIVE

Universal Health Coverage (UHC) can only be achieved and sustained by collective multi-stakeholder efforts. The Key Asks for the UN High-level Meeting on UHC (HLM UHC) in September have been developed by the International Health Partnership for UHC 2030 (UHC2030) to inform the HLM UHC Co-facilitators and the membership of the UN through a series of consultations by various stakeholders, including those within the UN system, parliamentarians, civil society, and public and private sectors. This briefing provides an opportunity to hear about the UHC2030’s consolidated Key Asks for the HLM UHC. Member States may also be updated on the development of the Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All, or the SDG 3+ Global Action Plan (GAP) in the context of the HLM UHC.

BACKGROUND

The HLM UHC will be a critical opportunity to mobilize the highest political support for UHC as a cornerstone to achieving SDG3, and to provide a comprehensive outlook on all health issues under the UHC umbrella. To fully accomplish these objectives, it is crucial to ensure that the Political Declaration of the HLM UHC marks a historic milestone and sets the right direction for all stakeholders to accelerate their progress towards the achievement of UHC by 2030.

UHC2030's mission is to create a movement for accelerating equitable and sustainable progress towards UHC. UHC2030 provides a multi-stakeholder platform that promotes collaboration at the global and country levels on health systems strengthening. UHC2030 advocates for increased political commitment on UHC, as well as accountability and knowledge sharing. UHC2030 has been requested (A/RES/73/131) to support the preparatory process for the HLM UHC, particularly to share “evidence and good practices, challenges and lessons learned”. UHC2030 is supporting the President of the General Assembly to prepare for the interactive multi-stakeholder hearing to be held on 29 April in New York. As part of this process, UHC2030 has developed a set of “Key Asks” which will be discussed at length at this briefing.

GAP is a commitment by leading global health and development agencies to advance collective and coherent action to accelerate progress towards the achievement of SDG 3 and health-related targets of the 2030 Agenda (SDG3+), bringing together 12 agencies: Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance; the Global Financing Facility; The Global Fund; UNAIDS; UNDP; UNFPA; UNICEF; Unitaid; UN Women; the World Bank Group; the World Food Programme; and the World Health Organization. It was initiated by Germany, Ghana, and Norway, and is being developed jointly by the 12 organizations, with World Health Organization playing a coordination role.



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TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

16:00 -16:25 PART I: Opening Segment

Welcome remarks

- H.E. Mr. Koro Bessho, Permanent Representative of Japan to the UN

Expectations for the HLM UHC

- H.E. Mr. Kaha Imnadze, Permanent Representative of Georgia to the UN

Expectations for the Key Asks

- H.E. Mr. Vitavas Srivihok, Permanent Representative of Thailand to the UN

Overview of UN HLM

- Dr Ranieri Guerra, Special Representative for the UN High-Level Meeting on UHC, WHO

SDG3+ Global Action Plan

- Mr. Werner Obermeyer, Deputy Executive Director, WHO Office at the UN

16:25 -17:20 PART II: Multi-stakeholder Engagement: UHC2030 Key Asks & contributions to SDG 3

Overview of the UHC2030 Key Asks

- Dr Githinji Gitahi, Co-Chair, UHC2030
- Key Ask 1: Ensure Political Leadership Beyond Health
- Key Ask 2: Leave No One Behind
- KEY ASK 3: Regulate and Legislate
- KEY ASK 4: Guarantee Quality of Care
- KEY ASK 5: Invest More, Invest Better
- KEY ASK 6: Move Together

Multilateral/UN System Perspectives

- Dr. Magnus Lindelow, Practice Manager for Health, Nutrition and Population for Eastern and Southern Africa, World Bank
- Dr. Mandeep Dhaliwal, Director for HIV, Health & Development Group Bureau for Policy & Programme Support, UNDP
- Mr. Ted Chaiban, Director, Programme Division, UNICEF
- Dr. Benoit Kalasa, Director, Technical Division, UNFPA
- Mr. Simon Bland, Director, New York Liaison Office, UNAIDS (TBC)

Civil Society Perspectives

- Ms. Ariana Childs Graham, Director, Primary Healthcare Initiative, PAI
- Dr. Craig Burgess, Senior Technical Officer, JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc.

Private Sector Perspectives

- Ms. Vanessa Candeias, Head, Shaping the Future of Health and Healthcare, Member of the Executive Committee, World Economic Forum

17:20–18:00 Open dialogue with the Member States



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