



Briefing for Parliamentarians on Universal Health Coverage (UHC)

In view of the High Level Meeting of the UN on UHC in September 2019
and as part of the UHC2030 Campaign

Conference Room 5, United Nations
22 February 2019, 1:30 – 2:30 PM

Light lunch served outside the room (by the Vienna Café) beginning at 1:15 pm

Interpretation available in English, French and Spanish

Background

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) agreed to hold the UN High-Level Meeting (UN HLM) on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) on 23 September 2019 during the UN General Assembly high-level week. The theme of the UN HLM will be “Universal Health Coverage: Moving Together to Build a Healthier World.” The President of the General Assembly (PGA) will organize a multi-stakeholder hearing, on 29 April, to allow parliamentarians and other stakeholders to formally contribute to the preparation of the UN HLM. This UN HLM will be the last chance to mobilize the highest political support to package the health agenda together under the umbrella of UHC and sustain health investments in a coherent manner. To fully accomplish these objectives, it is critical to identify how the UHC political declaration can add value and set milestones to accelerate progress towards achievement of UHC by 2030.

Objective: informal multi-stakeholder consultation for UHC2030 Asks

UHC2030 is tasked to support the preparatory process and the meeting of UN HLM. Based on the experience with recent UN high-level events, UHC2030, a multi-stakeholder platform to advocate for UHC, is expected to co-convene the multi-stakeholder hearing of UN HLM with the President of the General Assembly before starting the inter-governmental negotiation of the political declaration.

UHC2030 is developing a consolidated set of Asks to feed in to the political declaration and related advocacy materials. UHC2030, therefore, is pleased to take the opportunity of the Annual Parliamentary Hearing at the UN to reach out to the parliamentary community and share information on how to engage in the online consultation process. This will help inform UHC2030's Key Asks for influencing the multi-stakeholder hearing, inter-governmental negotiations and interventions during UN HLM.

- **Participate in the online survey [here](#) (deadline: 10 March 2019)**



- Welcome remarks and moderation (5 min) – UNF (Natalie Africa)
- Opening Remarks (10 min)
 - Background of HLM, WHO agenda in SDG context (5 min) – WHO (Nata/Werner)
 - Expectations for multi-stakeholder inputs (5 min) – Permanent Representative of Thailand (tbc)
 - UHC policy and implementation as a priority for parliamentarians (5 min) – IPU (participant tbc)
- Presentation on UHC2030 consultation for Key Asks (10 - 15 min) – UNICEF/World Bank Group (tbc)
- Q&A Session (30 min)
- Closing remarks (2 min) - UNF