The African Region of WHO is the Region with the worst UHC indicators globally. Recent estimates show that service coverage on average is at 44% for 16 tracer essential services which compares poorly to the global average of 62%.

Lack of adequate number of health workers as well as the uneven distribution between urban and rural areas undermines the ability to ensure equitable access to health services and requires.

The purpose of this panel discussion is to increase awareness among stakeholders, partners and funders about the gains to be made from integration of Health security and Health systems strengthening through the UHC 2030 agenda, including dividends from integrated approach to HSE & UHC (an investment case) as well as to renew commitment by governments, stakeholders, partners and funders to increased investment in integrated Health systems agenda in the region which takes stock of emergency disease outbreaks in the African region.

### BACKGROUND

**Where?**
- UN Headquarters, 405 East 42nd Street
- Conference room 7
- 10017 New York City, USA

**When?**
- September 24, 2019
- 13:15 – 14:30
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HE Julius Maada Bio, Sierra Leone  
Rt. Hon. PM Dr Ruhakana Rugunda Uganda | Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa |
| 14:00–14:15  | Five minutes statements from special guests | HE Amira El Fadil Mohammed El Fadil (AUC commissioner, Social Affairs)  
Mr. Mohammed Pate (Director HNP, World Bank)  
Dame Sally Claire Davies (CMO England) | |
| 14:15–14:25  | Moderated Plenary Discussion | Dr. Matshidiso Moeti WHO Regional Director for Africa | |
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