



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

9 September 2019

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 15 August 2019, I have the honour to enclose herewith an updated provisional program of the High-level meeting on universal health coverage and a concept note of its multi-stakeholder panels. A final programme will be provided in due course.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "MFEspinosa".

María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

09:00 – 09:30
Trusteeship
Council Chamber

Opening Segment

Approval of the Political Declaration on UHC

- **H.E. Mr. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande**, President of the 74th session of the General Assembly
- **Mr. António Guterres**, United Nations Secretary-General
- **Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**, Director-General, World Health Organization
- **Mr. David R. Malpass**, President, World Bank Group
- **Dr. Gro Brundtland**, Eminent High-Level champion of UHC and member of The Elders

09:30 – 13:00
Trusteeship
Council Chamber

Plenary Segment

Statements by Member States

11:00 – 13:00
ECOSOC Chamber

Panel 1: UHC as a driver of equity, inclusive development and prosperity for all

Co-Chairs

- **HE. Ms. Sheikh Hasina**, Prime Minister of Bangladesh
- **H.E. Mr. Pedro Sánchez**, President of the Government of Spain

Panelists

- **Ms. Michelle Bachelet**, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
- **Ms. Maha Taysir Barakat**, Board Chair of the RBM Partnership to End Malaria
- **Ms. Winnie Byanyima**, Executive Director of Oxfam International
- **Mr. Jeffery Sachs**, Professor & Director, Center for Sustainable Development, Columbia University

Interventions from the floor

Conclusions by the panellists and co-chairs

15:00 – 17:30
Trusteeship
Council Chamber

Plenary Segment

Statements by Member States

15:00-17:00
ECOSOC Chamber

Panel 2: Accelerating multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder action and investments for achieving UHC

Co-Chairs (TBA)

Panelists

- **Ms. Helen Clark**, Board Chair of the Partnership for Maternal, Maternal, Newborn & Child Health
- **Mr. Omar Ishrak**, Chairman and CEO of Medtronic
- **Ms. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**, Board Chair of GAVI
- **Mr. Keizo Takemi**, Member of the Japanese House of Councilors, WHO UHC Goodwill Ambassador

Interventions from the floor

Conclusions by the panellists and co-chairs

17:30 – 18:00
Trusteeship
Council Chamber

Closing segment

- **H.E. Mr. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande**, President of the 74th session of the UN General Assembly

High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Universal Health Coverage

Multi-stakeholder Panels Concept Note ECOSOC Chamber, UN Headquarters, New York 23 September 2019

**Panel 1: UHC as a driver of equity, inclusive development and prosperity for all
[11:00 a.m – 1:00 p.m]**

BACKGROUND

This panel emphasizes health as a precondition for and an indicator and outcome of the social, economic, and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, while contextualizing UHC as an umbrella for achieving healthy lives and well-being for all. UHC means implementing health policies and designing health systems, which promote equity, efficiency and effectiveness and ensure financial risk protection, to reach every person and community, particularly the most vulnerable and marginalized, with quality integrated and people-centred health services. UHC is a key driver for social justice and inclusive development and prosperity, delivering not only the fundamental right to health, but also the broader human rights agenda, ensuring no one is left behind.

GUIDING QUESTIONS

To frame the discussion during the panel, participants may wish to consider the following questions:

- What is the role of UHC in contributing to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?
- How can UHC contribute to fulfilling the fundamental right to health and promote the broader human rights agenda, particularly for the most vulnerable and hard to reach populations?
- How can countries operationalize the international commitments at the national level to ensure no one is left behind?
- What are the main obstacles for ensuring UHC is truly universal by 2030?

Panel 2: Accelerating multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder action and investment for achieving UHC [3:00 p.m – 5:00 p.m]

CONTEXT

This panel explores the investment case for UHC. As one of the main sectors of the global economy, the health sector has the potential to produce large returns on investment, both in terms of health gains and for equitable and inclusive economic growth. Countries from all regions and at all levels of income will need to mobilize more domestic resources, increase the equity and efficiency of existing resources, harmonize investments in health, and establish, institutionalize and accelerate multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder action and sustained investment to achieve UHC by 2030.

GUIDING QUESTIONS

To frame the discussion during the panel, participants may wish to consider the following questions:

- How can countries more effectively and efficiently finance UHC strategies, through additional domestic revenue, budgetary reallocation, multi-sectoral policies, and partnerships?
- What is the investment case that governments can promote to justify additional spending on health? How can this be employed to achieve convergent support to health sector financing?
- How can additional funding for primary health care (PHC) help deliver UHC? What are other best buys to improve the efficiency of health spending?
- How can we best align and coordinate actions and investments of stakeholders at all levels, assess progress and ensure accountability for commitments to deliver UHC by 2030?