



## Concept Note (Draft as of 04 July 2017)

### Side Event during the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

*End extreme poverty and share prosperity through achieving UHC by 2030*

Date 17 July 2017, Time 13:15-14:30

Conference Room 6, United Nations Conference Building, New York, NY 10017, USA

#### Co-host member states

- Government of Chile
- Government of France
- Government of Japan
- Government of South Africa
- Government of Thailand
- Government of Uruguay

#### Co-organizers

- The International Health Partnership for UHC2030 (WHO, WB, UN Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation)
- UHC Coalition

#### Background

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide the opportunity for all countries to join hands to work on a more coherent and integrated approach to health, beyond the treatment of specific diseases and populations. UHC is the target that underpins the healthy lives for all (Goal 3) and is also a contributing factor of poverty eradication (Goal 1) and economic growth (Goal 8) beyond health outcomes. Attaining UHC will require a commitment to more efficient and coordinated investment in health systems as well as preparation for sustaining the systems beyond 2030.

The International Health Partnership for UHC 2030 (UHC2030) is established to support a movement for accelerated, equitable and sustainable progress towards universal health coverage (UHC). UHC2030 partners agree to drive the UHC movement to strengthen multi-stakeholder policy dialogue and coordination on health systems, as well as build political momentum and advocate for equitable and sustainable progress towards UHC.

Linking with the theme of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2017, this side event will provide an opportunity for discussion about policy options for countries to achieve UHC by 2030. As an input to the discussion, WHO will be releasing the new global estimates of the costs of attaining SDG3, the expected impact in terms of life expectancy, and the availability of financing to cover these costs. Developed over one full year with inputs from countries, experts, literature, and informed by past and current global price tags, and using the latest disease models, these estimates reflect the broader UHC agenda of SDG3.

#### Objectives

The objectives of this side event are to:

1. Demonstrate how UHC contributes to poverty eradication and economic growth
2. Reaffirm the importance of UHC as a key driver to achieve healthy lives for all
3. Discuss the costs of reaching the health SDG and its health impact, and how countries can afford these to achieve health SDG by 2030

#### Target audience and format of this event

The senior government officials of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Finance and Health attending the HLPF will be the primary target audience for this event. Private sector and civil society constituencies are also priority audiences of this event.

Opening Remarks will provide an opportunity to reemphasize the importance of country-led health system strengthening for UHC as a key driver to achieve SDG 3 by 2030, and in this context also the importance of EDC in aid-dependent countries. Keynote address followed by panel discussion with representatives from government, international agencies, civil society and the private sector. The keynote address will demonstrate country examples of UHC as one of contributing factors of SDG1 and SDG 8, while the discussion will centre on two key themes: i.UHC as a key driver to achieve healthy lives for all; and ii.Resource needs for attaining health related SDGs.

## **Programme**

**Moderator: Dr. Elizabeth Cousens, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, UN Foundation**

### **Part 1:**

**Opening Remarks: Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, WHO (7 min)**

**Keynote Address (7 min per speaker, 14 min in total)**

- **H.E. Dr. Jorge Basso, Minister of Public Health, Uruguay:** Results of 10 years of health reform in Uruguay: How has it achieved UHC, how is it ensuring healthy lives and well-being for all at all ages, how has it reduced poverty. What are the challenges ahead to build resilience?
- **Dr. Takao Toda, UHC2030 Steering Committee Co-Chair 2017-2018:** Introduction of New UHC2030 Global Compact and role of UHC2030 to support countries to achieve UHC by 2030

### **Part2:**

**Presentation (10 min)**

- **Dr. Agnès Soucat, Director of Health System Governance of Financing, WHO:** How much will the Health SDG cost, what is the health impact and how can countries afford it?

**Panel Session (5 min per speaker, 20 min in total)**

- **Dr. Jaime Burrows, Vice-Minister of Public Health, Chile**
- **Dr. Phusit Prakongsai, Director Bureau of International Health, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand**
- **Dr François Gave, Counsellor for Sustainable Development, French Permanent Mission to the United Nations**
- **Ms. Mandana Koojmans, Global Health Policy & Advocacy Advisor, Cordaid, The Netherland**

Questions and comments from the floor (10 min)

### **Part3: (5 min)**

**Closing Remarks: Mr. Hiroshi Minami Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations**

**End of event**