

BETTER HEALTH TO BUILD BACK BETTER

Building back better from the COVID-19 while advancing the 2030 Agenda

Virtual Side Event of the 2022 High Level Political Forum

Time: 15 July 2022, 07.30-09.00 EDT

Platform: [Zoom](#), livestream on WHO channel

OBJECTIVES AND CONTEXT

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the importance of better health to build back better across all aspects of sustainable development. This session convenes Member States, UN agencies, development partners, Major Groups and Other Stakeholders to share innovations and best practices, and recommit to an inclusive, inspiring vision of Health for All to drive the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

COVID-19 laid bare the inadequacies of global preparedness to health emergencies and exacerbated the inequities within and between countries. We learned that preparedness requires:

- Solidarity: we need to ensure universal rights and equity, if anyone is left behind, we are all left behind;
- Sustainability: we need to innovate and build back better for people, the planet, prosperity and peace;
- Systems: we need systems that are resilient to provide services for health and wellbeing at all times.

With these lessons in mind, it is imperative that the world redefines its strategy through the High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in 2023. Health is a fundamental human right, and governments can realize their obligations by ensuring that UHC is delivered through a national health system that is oriented to primary health care and essential public health functions to withstand shocks, contributes to more equitable and just societies, and collaborates with other sectors for improved health and sustainable development. This approach must be anchored in global solidarity.

AGENDA

Moderator: Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa, UHC Movement Political Advisory Panel, UHC2030

Introduction: Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, World Health Organization, DG

Integration, innovation and Impact: Country best practices to accelerate SDG progress. Facilitator: Dr Peter Singer, Special Advisor to the Director-General WHO

- HE Dr Fawziya Abikar Nur, Federal Minister of Health and Human Services Somalia
- Mr. José Luis Cambronero Miranda, Officer, Planning Unit, Ministry of Health Costa Rica
- Dr Feng Zhao, Practice Manager Health, World Bank, SDG3 GAP Partner Agency
- Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, Co-Chair UHC2030

Vaccine equity: collective action to tackle a global challenge

- Dr Ayoade Alakija - Special Envoy for the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator
- Mr Ted Chaiban - Global lead co-ordinator for the Covid-19 Vaccine Delivery Partnership
- Dr Kate O'Brien - Director, Immunization, Vaccines & Biologicals, WHO

Leaving no one behind in reaching health-related SDGs: a conversation

- Ms. Tlaleng Mofokeng, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health
- Ms Julieta Martinez: Co-founder of Latinas for Climate Movement

UN HLM on UHC 2023: opportunity for a renewed Health for All vision and a fast-track roadmap to 2030

- UHC group of friends, H.E. Mr. Hiroshi. MINAMI, Ambassador for Global Health and Deputy Director-General of the Cabinet Secretariat's Office of Healthcare Policy
- Dr Jim Campbell, Director, Health Workforce, WHO

Concluding remarks

- Dr Carissa Etienne, Director of the Pan American Health Organization and Regional Director for the Americas, WHO