

GUIDANCE NOTE - HOW TO JOIN UHC2030 (CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS)

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This guidance note aims at presenting the process for CSOs interested to join the International Health Partnership for UHC2030 (UHC2030) and sign up to the Global Compact to accelerate progress towards UHC.

UHC2030 mission

The inclusion of universal health coverage (UHC) in the SDGs presents an opportunity to promote a comprehensive and coherent approach to health, focusing on health systems strengthening (HSS). UHC is based on the principle that all individuals and communities should have access to quality essential health services without suffering financial hardship. UHC cuts across all health targets and contributes to health security and equity.

UHC2030's mission is to create a movement for accelerating equitable and sustainable progress towards UHC.

The 4 main objectives are to:

1. **Improve coordination** of HSS efforts for UHC at global level, including synergies with related technical networks.
2. **Strengthen multi-stakeholder policy dialogue and coordination of HSS efforts in countries**, including adherence to IHP+ principles and behaviors in countries receiving external assistance.
3. **Facilitate accountability for progress towards HSS and UHC** that contributes to a more integrated approach to accountability for SDG3.
4. **Build political momentum around a shared global vision of HSS for UHC** and advocate for sufficient, appropriate and well-coordinated resource allocation to HSS.

UHC2030 nurtures a shared vision of health systems for UHC which is embedded in the document “Healthy systems for universal health coverage – a joint vision for healthy lives”. This joint vision is intended to be a key reference for UHC2030 partners as well as a resource for the broader global community to inform collaboration on health systems strengthening and the UHC agenda. The vision focuses on the three inter-related pillars of service delivery, health financing and governance and outlines health system performance dimensions, including: equity, quality, responsiveness, efficiency and resilience.

Partners involved

The UHC2030 partnership brings together a [100+ members](#) including:

- Countries (LIC, MIC and HIC)
- Civil society organizations (through the **Civil Society Engagement Mechanism (CSEM)** which has been established to represent the civil society constituency in UHC2030)
- Multilateral organisations and global health initiatives
- Philanthropic organisations
- Private sector (forthcoming)

UHC2030 also brings together the partnerships, alliances and networks referred to as ‘related initiatives’ that focus on strengthening comprehensive or specific areas of health systems:

- [Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research](#)
- [Global Health Workforce Network](#)
- [Global Service Delivery Network](#)
- [Health Data Collaborative](#)
- [Health Systems Global](#)
- [Health Systems Governance Collaborative](#)
- [Inter-agency Pharmaceutical Coordination Group](#)
- [Inter-agency Supply Chain Coordination Group](#)
- [Joint Learning Network for UHC](#)
- [P4H Network for health financing and social health protection](#)
- [Primary Health Care Performance Initiative](#)
- [Universal Health Coverage Partnership](#)

Membership responsibilities

Membership involves signing up to the UHC2030 Global Compact. All partners commit to work together with renewed urgency to accelerate progress towards UHC, through building and expanding equitable, resilient and sustainable health systems, and using the following set of key principles to guide their action:

- **Leaving no one behind:** a commitment to equity, non-discrimination and a rights-based approach
- **Transparency and accountability for results**
- **Evidence-based national health strategies and leadership,** with government stewardship to ensure availability, accessibility, acceptability and quality of service delivery
- **Making health systems everybody’s business** – with engagement of citizens, communities, civil society and private sector
- **International cooperation based on mutual learning across countries,** regardless of development status and progress in achieving and sustaining UHC and development effectiveness principles.

Members of UHC2030 are expected to:

- **Promote UHC and advocate for UHC2030 guiding principles,** as described in the UHC2030 Global Compact.
- **Champion UHC2030 globally, regionally and locally:** Work on promoting and building networks and relationships with partners and consult with them globally, regionally and nationally.

- **Participate in UHC2030's consultations** and requests for information and feedback as required, and to regularly share knowledge and contribute to UHC2030 efforts to disseminate information. **Advocate for increased investment and political will** for health systems strengthening and UHC.
- **Track progress and account for results in country.**
- **Raise CSO voices in UHC2030** to ensure UHC policies are inclusive and equitable, and that systematic attention is given to the most marginalized and vulnerable populations so that no one is left behind.

Membership benefits

By joining UHC2030, organizations can benefit from their membership in several ways:

- Join the UHC movement and engage in a single platform for mutual learning among all relevant stakeholders across regions on what works in health systems strengthening.
- Join hands to improve coordination, advocacy and accountability at all levels to ensure progressive realization of UHC.
- Bring regional, country and constituency perspectives to the global health fore and influence the global agenda on health system strengthening for UHC.
- Promote the value of South-South cooperation and peer learning to support countries on the path to UHC.
- Maintain a strong voice for country ownership in setting the political agenda, formulate and implement policies, and monitor progress towards UHC.
- Through the CSEM, have access to civil society specific resources and tools to promote a strong civil society voice in the UHC movement.

Membership process

All CSOs active in the UHC movement are welcome to join the CSEM. To do so, you can complete the CSEM registration form available at: (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3N2ZXKC>).

If an organisation wants to formalise its membership in UHC2030, it involves endorsing the UHC2030 Global Compact. For this, a formal letter from the CEO of an Organization, endorsing the UHC2030 global compact, is addressed to Dr Naoko Yamamoto, Assistant Director-General for Universal Health Coverage and Health Systems, WHO and to Dr Tim Evans, Senior Director, Health, Nutrition and Population-Global practice, World Bank Group.

A proposed draft example of a membership letter is included as Annex 2.

As the UHC2030 is co-hosted in WHO and the World Bank, the WHO rules of engaging with non-states actors apply. For an organization already in official relation with WHO, there shall be no need to submit additional documents as the organization is already registered. For organisations not yet in official relation with WHO, a due diligence process for all non-state actors needs to be undertaken in line with the WHO Framework of engagement with non-State actors - FENSA. In this regard, the organization will be asked to provide the following basic information: legal status, composition of its decision-making body (governance), sources of funding, constitution/statutes/by-laws and affiliation (subsidiaries or branches). The organization will be also requested to sign the tobacco/arms disclosure Statement.

Annex 1 - Key sources of information

UHC2030 Global Compact:

https://www.uhc2030.org/fileadmin/uploads/uhc2030/Documents/About_UHC2030/mgt_arrangemts_docs/UHC2030_Official_documents/UHC2030_Global_Compact_WEB.pdf

Healthy systems for universal health coverage – a joint vision for healthy lives:

<https://www.uhc2030.org/our-mission/joint-vision/>

UHC2030 Advocacy Handbook and social media tool-kit (2018):

https://www.uhc2030.org/fileadmin/uploads/uhc2030/Documents/About_UHC2030/mgt_arrangemts_docs/UHC2030_Official_documents/2018_03_22UHC_Advocacy_Guide_ver._March_2018.pdf

CSEM statement “On the road to UHC – Leave no one behind”:

https://www.uhc2030.org/fileadmin/uploads/uhc2030/Documents/Key_Issues/UHC2030_civil_society_engagement/ON_THE_ROAD_TO_UHC_CSEM_2018_1_.pdf

Annual Core Team Report

2018: https://www.uhc2030.org/fileadmin/uploads/uhc2030/Documents/About_UHC2030/mgt_arrangemts_docs/UHC2030_Official_documents/UHC2030_core_team_report_WEB_3_.pdf

UHC2030 flyer:

https://www.uhc2030.org/fileadmin/uploads/uhc2030/Documents/About_UHC2030/mgt_arrangemts_docs/UHC2030_Official_documents/UHC2030_Flyer_2018.pdf

Useful WHO resources

- WHO universal health coverage data portal:
<http://apps.who.int/gho/cabinet/uhc.jsp>
- UHC Global monitoring report:
http://www.who.int/healthinfo/universal_health_coverage/report/2017/en/
- WHO facts on universal health coverage:
<http://webitpreview.who.int/entity/mediacentre/factsheets/fs395/en/index.html>
- Universal health coverage – what does it mean (video):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZHilGFLN8Y>
- SDG price tag: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2017/cost-health-targets/en/>
- New perspectives on global health spending for universal health coverage:
http://www.who.int/health_financing/topics/resource-tracking/new-perspectives/en/

Annex 2. - Proposed draft example of a membership letter

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[Can be sent via e-mail to the UHC2030 Core Team]

Dear Dr Evans and Dr Yamamoto,

On behalf of XXXXX, I have the pleasure to inform you of the decision to endorse the UHC2030 Global Compact and to join the UHC2030 International Health Partnership, the global solidarity initiative led by WHO and the World Bank.

In submission of this letter, XXXXX is committed to be a dynamic partner in helping the global community achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and in supporting the universal health coverall (UHC) movement.

XXXXX is an organization working in the field of international health cooperation and global health. We promote universal access to health and health care as a fundamental human right and support the efforts undertaken in this respect by our members.

XXXXX has been an active partner of the global health community over many years, an outspoken voice of civil society at and a leading civil society actor, networker and convener in fields such health system strengthening and global health governance.

XXXXX considers that being a member of UHC2030 will contribute positively to the development partners' efforts towards achieving SDG 3.8. We look forward to working closely with other committed partners in taking forward the agenda of strengthening health systems and promoting universal access to health care and health services.

Thank you for the opportunity to be part of this important global effort to advance progress towards UHC for all.

Sincerely,

CEO of XXXXX signature