



UNITED NATIONS HIGH-LEVEL MEETING

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is a United Nations High-Level Meeting?

A United Nations High-Level Meeting (UN HLM) is convened by the UN General Assembly (UNGA), the main decision-making body of the UN representing all 193 UN Member States, and governments. Agreement to hold a dedicated UN HLM on a specialized topic is taken in exceptional circumstances through a UN resolution, with the purpose of reaching agreement on cooperation measures and solutions on important global issues among Heads of State and governments.

2. When and where will the United Nations High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage take place?

The United Nations High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage (UN HLM on UHC) will be held during the United Nations General Assembly on September 23, 2019, 09H00-18H00 Coordinated Universal Time at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA. The theme is 'Universal Health Coverage: Moving Together to Build a Healthier World.'

3. Who organizes the UN HLM on UHC?

The meeting will be organized under the direction of the President of the UN General Assembly (PGA), in close consultation with the World Health Organization.

4. Why is the UN HLM on UHC important?

The meeting will aim to garner financial and political commitments from countries. It will focus on accelerating progress towards universal health coverage, including access to essential health services and a skilled health workforce, financial risk protection and access to safe, quality, effective and affordable medicines and vaccines for all. The meeting will result in a political declaration on universal health coverage, negotiated by the Member States and endorsed by Heads of State and Government.

5. Who leads the political declaration negotiations process?

H.E. Mr. Kaha Imnadze, Permanent Representative of Georgia to the UN and H.E. Mr. Vitavas Srivihok, Permanent Representative of Thailand to the UN, have been selected as the meeting co-facilitators. They have a critical role in the meeting preparations and will chair key discussions and negotiations.

6. Who participates in the actual UN HLM?

The meeting will bring together heads of state, political and health leaders, policy-makers, universal health coverage champions, and other relevant stakeholders to advocate for health for all. Non-governmental organizations with consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) can register and attend all UN HLMs. Only one or two members per organization will be allowed to participate in the event.

7. How can I input into the UN HLM on UHC political declaration?

Civil society and other stakeholders can advocate for an effective HLM and political declaration through lobbying with member state delegations both in the capital or through their respective Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York .

8. How can I influence the UN HLM on UHC outcome?

In addition to lobbying with missions, civil society can organize UN HLM on UHC advocacy meetings at the country level to influence their governments to not only attend the HLM but to make specific commitments to advance UHC.

9. Is there any funding to host the country advocacy meeting my country?

No. All of the events are volunteer efforts, organized on a volunteer basis with limited resources contributed by organizing partners. UHC2030 and the CSEM do not have funding available to support meetings.

10. What criteria were used to select the countries for the country advocacy meetings?

As the meetings are strictly voluntary, countries were selected based on interest by organizing partners to facilitate meetings in those areas.