



United Nations High-Level Meeting (UN HLM) on Universal Health Coverage (UHC)

Civil Society Informational Webinar

Presenters

Waiswa Nkwanga, Coordinator CSEM

Smitha Sadasivan, CSEM Advisory Group

Outline

1. Welcome and logistics
2. Context on the UN HLM on UHC
3. Public consultation on the Action Agenda
4. Draft Action Agenda for UHC
5. Open discussion
6. Looking ahead & closing

Context on the UN HLM on UHC

2017: resolution to hold a UN HLM on UHC passed in 2017

2019: a high-level meeting on UHC was held on 23 September 2019

- UHC2030 convened diverse voices to develop UHC Key Asks to feed into the Political Declaration
- CSEM held sessions with civil society and communities at the country level to identify priorities to feed into the Key Asks
- HLM culminated into an ambitious and comprehensive political declaration

2021: decision to organize a high-level meeting on UHC in 2023 to assess progress

2023: UN HLM on UHC is scheduled to be held on 21 September 2023 in New York

- Republic of Guyana and Thailand to co-facilitate

Action Agenda for UHC

What?

- Set of action-oriented policy recommendations and concrete milestones to achieve UHC, which will be presented to the President of the General Assembly and used as advocacy tool

Why?

- To support a strong, comprehensive Political Declaration/UHC HLM outcome by amplifying a set of clear requests for policymakers to take action on UHC

How/who?

- Developed by an inclusive, multi-stakeholder Task Force led by UHC2030
- Representatives from all UHC2030 constituencies and beyond
- Builds on the 2019 Key Asks and 2019 Political Declaration commitment areas
- Based on the latest data to address the challenges of the global health context

Action Agenda Online Consultation

6 January – 6 February

- UHC2030 invites you to participate in an online consultation to inform the Action Agenda from the UHC Movement.
- The consultation is available in English, French and Spanish.
- To provide feedback on the high-level political messages/priorities outlined in each area of the Action Agenda.

<https://www.uhc2030.org/un-hlm-2023/action-agenda/>



Action Agenda Online Consultation

6 January – 6 February

Questions:

- Do the 3 key actions capture the right priorities for countries [to improve each commitment area]?
 - Rank the 3 actions in order of importance.
 - Does this milestone enable countries [to improve each commitment area]?
- <https://www.uhc2030.org/un-hlm-2023/action-agenda/>



8 Action Areas

Action Area 1: Champion Political Leadership for UHC

- Political leaders have experienced how important UHC is to their societies and economies, given their experiences during the pandemic and the ongoing impact of conflicts and the climate crisis. Leadership—including with civil society and partners across health systems—is more crucial than ever to embed UHC as a goal in national health policy frameworks.

Action Area 2: Leave No One Behind

- Health is enshrined as one of the fundamental rights of every human being and it is a duty of governments to protect, promote and fulfil the right to health. Countries will also benefit economically and socially by investing in health because UHC makes a significant contribution to reducing poverty and promoting equity and social cohesion.

Action Area 3: Adopt Enabling Laws and Regulations

- Strengthening implementation towards UHC is critical and parliamentarians and other policymakers have a key role to play. Policies, laws, and regulations that integrate UHC and health security and create an enabling environment for the use of health technologies and innovations, will strengthen future economic and social resilience.

8 Action Areas

Action Area 4: Strengthen the Health and Care Workforce to Deliver Quality Health Care

- The health and care workforce are essential to ensuring healthy people, societies, and economies, and play a crucial role during emergencies, including pandemics, conflicts, natural disasters, and other crises. In all situations, women play a prominent role, delivering most of the frontline essential health and care services. Achieving UHC by 2030 relies on a strong, safeguarded, and protected health workforce delivering quality health and care services.

Action Area 5: Invest more, Invest Better

- Expanding UHC must be prioritized in health budgets, broader national plans, and national financing strategies, and by aligning funding from international partners with national health priorities. Despite the current challenging economic outlook and macro-fiscal context, countries must continue their efforts to expand domestic public finances to invest more and better in their own health systems.

Action Area 6: Move Together towards UHC

- Governments alone cannot achieve UHC, and inclusive opportunities should exist for stakeholders to participate in developing, reviewing, and implementing national health policy frameworks, financial protection strategies and essential health benefits packages. The systematic participation and coordination of all stakeholders makes the health system more transparent and accountable, underpins the social contract between a state and its nation, and fosters trust, which can be leveraged in the context of an emergency.

8 Action Areas

Action Area 7: Guarantee Gender Equality

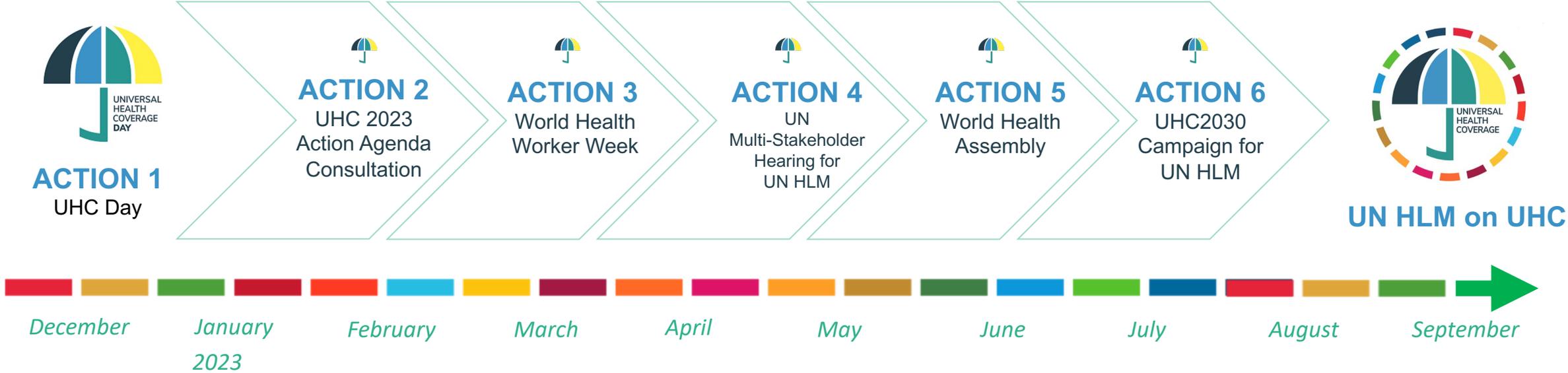
- Gender equality is critical to achieving the ambitions of UHC and leaving no one behind. Equal rights and equal access to services drive health, wellbeing, and socio-economic development across the life course. Proactively addressing gender inequality in health strategies, policies, financing, programmes, and service design will underpin UHC and future health security.

Action Area 8: Connect UHC and Health Security

- UHC and health security are two intertwined goals that have a strong relationship within the health system in every country. It is imperative to integrate the lessons from emergencies and crises, including the lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic. Leaders must act now to design and resource integrated approaches that support both UHC and health security within wider efforts to build equitable and resilient health systems.

Open Discussion

Getting ready for the 2023 UN High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage: Timeline



Getting ready for the 2023 UN High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage: Resources

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying www.uhc2030.org/un-hlm-2023. The page content is organized into several sections:

- Engage, advocate and participate**

There are many ways to engage, advocate, and participate in the run-up to the September 2023 High-level meeting on UHC. Find more information and resources to use here.

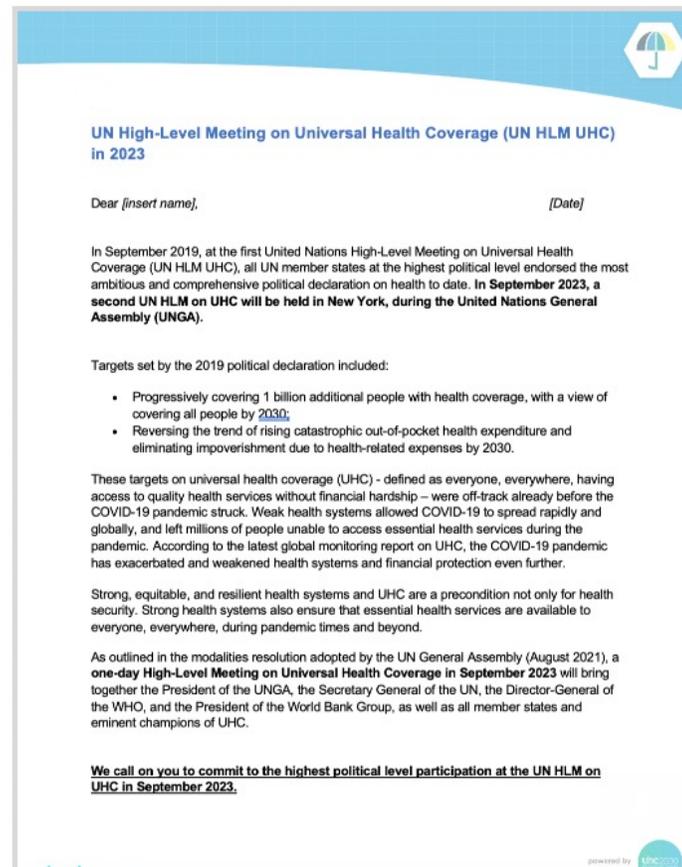
[Learn more](#)
- Participate**
 - [Our Vision and Goals >](#)
 - [Our Contribution >](#)
- Background**
 - [A History of Universal Health Coverage in the UN >](#)
 - [UN HLM FAQs >](#)
- Partners**
 - [Group of Friends of UHC >](#)
 - [Private Sector: Engagement for UN HLM on UHC >](#)
 - [Civil society engagement >](#)
 - [Parliamentarian engagement >](#)

Getting ready for the 2023 UN High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage: Resources

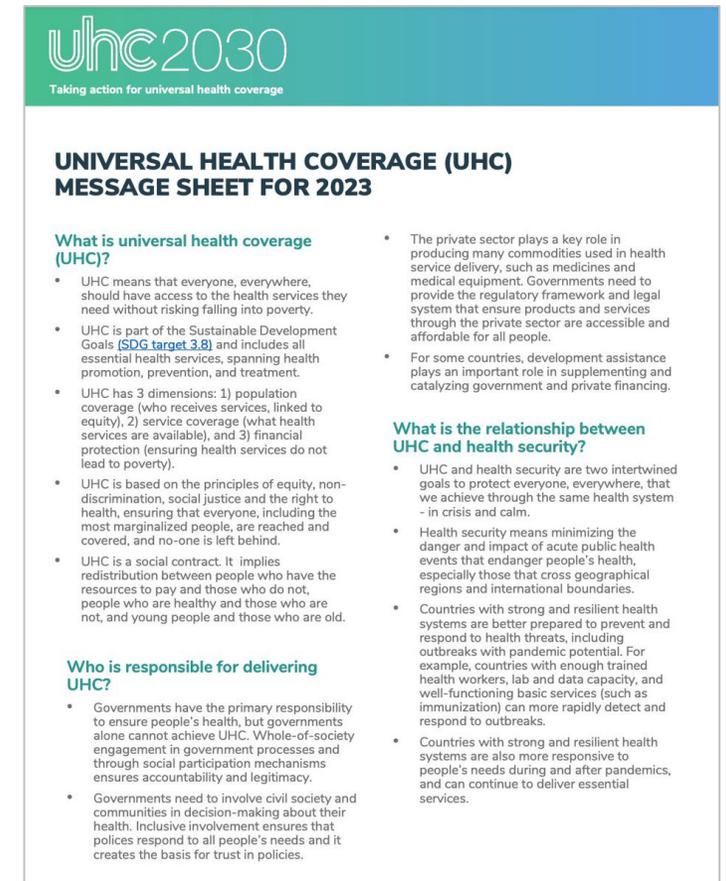
Mobilize stakeholders and raise awareness with the **Health for All Advocacy Toolkit**:



Send this **advocacy letter** to governments to encourage their participation in the HLM:



Align advocacy campaigns by using this **UHC Messaging Sheet**:



Stay in touch!

Join CSEM at www.csemonline.net/join-csem
csem@msh.org

